ST JOHN’S COLLEGE
ASSEMBLY
AGENDA

For the meeting of January 22, 2013 @ 2:30 in Room 206 St John’s College

Present: L. Kuffert (Chair), S. Peters (Secretary), B. Peeler, J. Blanchard, B. Beare, D. Punter, C. Trott, E. Jones, I. Froese, J. Bouchard, H. Krieger, R. Clifton, J. Stafford, D. Hoft, A. Wee

1. Opening Prayer

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting on September 18, 2012

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting

5. New Business
   a) Fellows’ Recognition Award Committee
   b) Scholarships – All Saints and Chipman
   c) Budget summary
   d) Updates on College Capital projects
   e) Council decision on Theology
   f) Case for Support – Capital Campaign
   g) Honorary Degrees

6. Other Business

7. Reports
   a) Reports from College Officers

   Warden
   Dean of Studies
   Dean of Theology and Chaplain
   Bursar
   Dean of Residence
   Development Officer
   Librarian
   Registrar

   b) Report from Senior Stick
   c) Reports from College Committees

8. Adjournment
ST JOHN'S COLLEGE
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MINUTES
SPECIAL QUORUM REQUIRED

For the meeting of September 18, 2012 @ 2:30 in Room 206 St John’s College


1. Opening Prayer
J. Stafford opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Approval of the Agenda
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as distributed.
C. Trott/S. Alward
CARRIED

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting on May 15, 2012
MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting on May 15, 2012 be approved as distributed.
C. Trott/W. Norton
CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the May 15, 2012 meeting
None

5. New Business
   a) Membership of committees
   MOTION: That the committee list be approved.
   It was noted that all requested changes have been made, and that Jackie Markstrom/Development Officer will be added to the Archives Committee. Student Council will add members to the committees and pass the names on to the Dean of Studies.
   CARRIED

   b) Membership of the College

   Motion on behalf of Membership Committee:
   That the following be elected as Junior Fellows for 2012-2013: Bryan Peeler, Nicole Goulet, Evan Bowness (for January 1, 2013 – July 1, 2013)
   That the following be elected as Research Fellows for 2012-2013: Robert Coutts, Heather Graham and Susie Fisher Stoesz.
Vanda Fleury for September 15 – December 31, 2012
That the following be elected as Visiting Fellows for 2012 – 2013: Herbert Enns and Jonathan Peyton
CARRIED

c) Motions from the Honorary Degrees Committee
Assembly was moved into closed session.
In closed session it was decided that:
Janet Hoskins would be granted an Honorary Fellowship and Verna Kirkness would
be granted an Honorary Doctor of Canon Law (honoris causa)

d) Motion to appoint Acting Dean of Studies
MOTION: That Esyllt Jones be appointed Acting Dean of Studies from January 1,
2013- July 1, 2013.
The floor was opened up for further nominations, none were made.
CARRIED

6. Other Business
None

7. Reports
a) Reports from College Officers

Warden

St John’s College
Warden’s Report to Assembly
September 18, 2012

It is a long time since we last met with our summer vacations intervening. I will report that I had
a week away at the cottage in June and read 4 novels as well as two weeks at the end of July,
spending time with my grandchildren. Despite this time away, it feels as though the College has
been busy all summer.

1) We had the Opening of the new Art work in the Galleria on May 23.
2) I have worked for a good part of the summer completing our application for AUCC
membership which has now been submitted.
3) I attended 4 of 6 Convocations on behalf of the College as well the Booth University
College Convocation and graduation at St John’s Ravenscourt (as well as my
stepdaughter’s graduation from Chiropractic College and my grandson’s graduation from
Grade 6).
4) I represented the College at the Headstart program for new students and their parents.
5) We hosted the Heads of Anglican Colleges here on June 11 and 12.
6) I chaired the committee to hire the new Dean of Residence.
7) I represented the College at the opening Worship of the National Anglican/Lutheran
Worship Conference held in our facilities.
8) Jackie and I represented the College at Bill Norrie’s funeral on July 11.
9) I have started discussions about involving St John’s in the Children Rising Mentorship
program
10) I spent two weeks at a Leadership Development course.
11) I have had a number of meetings with the students and the faculty/staff participants for the Learning Community
12) I represented the College at the Ordination of Michael Bruce on September 13
13) I attended the Isbister Society Luncheon and the Homecoming Dinner on behalf of the College

**Dean of Studies**

September 18, 2012
Dean of Studies: Report to Assembly
Events at the College for the Fall Term

2. Wednesday, September 12th. Opening of Term Reception in the Senior Common

3. Sunday, September 16th. Homecoming Lunch and Debate in the Cross Common Room. “Be it Resolved that Anglican Colleges Remain a Necessary Part of the Undergraduate University Experience.” Debating the motion is Fellow Lance Roberts and alumnus Harley Shepard. Debating against the motion is Moti Shojaia, Dean of Studies, St. Paul’s College and current student Andrew Prest. Cost is $20 per person.


5. Sunday, September 23rd. Matriculation at 3:00 p.m. New members are welcomed to the college at our annual Matriculation ceremony where they receive a pin and sign a College membership book which dates back until 1866.

6. Thin Air: Winnipeg International Writers Festival. Jess Walter speaking on Tuesday, September 25th from 10:00 – 11:15 a.m. Cross Common Room. Sarah Klassen speaking on Wednesday, September 26th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in room 108 St. John’s College.


8. Sunday, November 4th. Convocation. This is a formal event of the College where we confer honorary degrees, present student scholarships and bursaries and celebrate the achievements of all College members.

9. Soup and Bread lectures will be held every two weeks at lunchtime in the Senior Common Room. Free soup, bread and salad. Details on speakers/times to be circulated.

10. Brown Bag Lunches. The Brown Bag Lunch series will alternate weeks with the Soup and Bread lectures. Rod Clifton is organizing the list of speakers. Free dessert is provided for participants.
11. Muffin Breaks are another opportunity to hear from speakers across campus. In the past we have had 20 minute presentations from the Copyright Officer and from Sustainable Development. Free coffee and muffins. List of dates/times to be circulated.

12. Finally, we have a place to put all of your unwanted books. There is now a “Free” bookcase outside the library on the third floor where people can drop off or pick up books.

Brenda Cantelo, Dean of Studies

Dean of Theology and Chaplain
Bursar
Dean of Residence
Development Officer
Librarian
Registrar

b) Report from Senior Stick
c) Reports from College Committees

8. Adjournment
C. Trott/B. Hallman
CARRIED

The official copy of the minutes is signed by the Chair and Secretary and kept in the Registrar’s Office
ALL SAINTS JAMES BROWN BURSARY
Terms of Reference

Background:
James R. Brown was born in England in 1919. He was ordained to the Anglican priesthood in 1943 and served in churches in England, the United States and Canada, including St Matthew’s, St Peter’s and All Saints in Winnipeg. He served as an Honorary Assistant at All Saints Anglican Church, Winnipeg, from 1989 until his death in 2001. Before joining the College Canon James Brown taught at Nashotah House seminary in Wisconsin and became Warden and Vice-Chancellor of St John's College in 1970 stepping down in 1980. In 1980 he was awarded a Doctor of Canon Law from St John's College. Dr. Brown was particularly interested in Canadian Studies and the Prairies. He died in England in January 2001. Approved by Assembly May 15, 2002.

Initial Endowment:
$5000 plus $2500 from the Manitoba Scholarships and Bursaries Incentive fund

Amount to be awarded annually:
One award as per College policy.

Criteria:
The applicant must:
- be a member of St John’s College;
- have a demonstrated financial need;
- have successfully completed a minimum of 60 credit hours by May of the current year;
- register for a full-time program (minimum 18 credit hours) with an emphasis on Canadian Studies at the University of Manitoba in September of the current year, and;
- have letters of support from one or more professors indicating that the student’s studies at the University contain a significant component pertaining to Prairie studies.
- if a candidate fulfilling the above criteria is not found then the Bursary can be awarded to a student with a minimum of 60 credit hours in any field of study.

Deadline date: April 1.

Process for selecting recipient:
Applications, including letters of support shall be submitted to the Awards Clerk by the deadline date. The Scholarship Committee shall select a recipient and one alternate based on the above criteria. The Scholarship Committee acts in Assembly’s name with respect to final selection of recipients of individual scholarships, bursaries, awards, and prizes, and will report its actions at the following meeting of Assembly.

Method of payment:
The Bursary shall be paid at the College Fall Convocation upon evidence of registration as a St John’s College member in September of the current year, in full-time studies at the University of Manitoba.

Notification:
Mrs. Kathleen Brown (widow) shall be notified, 857 Wilkes Ave Winnipeg MB R33T 2M1 as shall the rector of All Saints Anglican Church, 175 Colony Street, Winnipeg MB R3C 1W2. The recipient will be encouraged to write a letter of thanks to the parishioners of All Saints Church, in care of the rector. 7/2/2002
ARTHUR UNIACKE CHIPMAN GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
Terms of Reference

Background:
The Arthur Uniacke Chipman Graduate Scholarship was created in 1992. Arthur Uniacke Chipman of Winnipeg presented an endowment to St John’s College during the “Founding the Future” campaign. The endowment was matched by the U of M Graduate Fellowship Matching Funds Program. Normally not more than 70% of the interest may be awarded annually, with the rest to be reinvested. The terms and conditions of this scholarship were approved by Assembly on February 24, 1993. Approved by Senate January 5, 1994.

Arthur Uniacke Chipman: the former Chairman of College Council, Doctor of Canon Law, and member of the Advisory Committee, “Founding the Future.”

Amount of Endowment:  $25,000, matched with $25,000 from U of M

Amount to be awarded annually:
The number and amount of awards varies by year. Determine the amount available in accumulated surplus prior to advertising the award.

Date of first award:  1993

Criteria:
The candidate must be a full time student commencing a Master’s or Ph.D. program in the Faculty of Graduate Studies of the University of Manitoba. The recipient will register as a member of St John’s College. A minimum sessional GPA of 3.5 in each of the final two years of the previous program is required. Preference will be given to those studying in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Deadline Date:  April 1

Process for selecting recipient:
A complete application form and two academic references must be supplied to the Awards Clerk by April 1. The Scholarship Committee shall decide annually on the number and amount of awards to be given. The Committee selects the recipient(s) and the alternate(s). The Committee’s decision is forwarded to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, which notifies the recipients and alternates. St John’s does not notify the winners.

The Scholarship Committee acts in Assembly’s name with respect to final selection of recipients of individual scholarships, bursaries, awards, and prizes, and reports its actions at the following meeting of Assembly.

Method of Payment:
The scholarship will be paid out by Graduate Studies.

Special Note:
The recipient will be guaranteed the use of a grad carrel at St John’s College for the academic year in which the scholarship is held, under the terms described by the St John’s College Students’ Association.

Donor Notification:
The name(s) of the recipient(s) shall be supplied to the family of Arthur Chipman.

December 16, 2002
December 16, 2002 – changes to terms:

From the minutes of the December 10, 2002 meeting of the Scholarship Committee: 3. vii) … By consensus, the committee agreed to the following changes in the wording of the criteria, “A minimum sessional GPA of 3.5 in each of the final two years of the previous program…”
St John’s College

Warden’s Report to Assembly

January 22, 2013

It has been a long time since Assembly has met and a lot has happened. I have been working on the proposal surrounding the residence and our case for support for the capital campaign – both of which you will hear about today. We are moving into budget season and so I expect much of my time will be taken up with that until the beginning of March. I continue to teach one course a term.

1) I have been a member of the selection committee for the CRC Chair in Indian Residential Schools.
2) I gave a talk on the history of Cumberland Sound to the Selkirk Senior’s Group on October 5.
3) I represented the College at the Fall Convocations on October 17 and 18. I had been involved in the nomination of Darlene Wight, Curator of Inuit Art at the WAG, for an honourary degree.
4) I attended the Diocese of Rupert’s Land Synod on October 18, 19, 20. At Synod I presented Bernie Beare for the Order of Rupert’s Land since the College had nominated him.
5) I attended the Inuit Studies Conference in Washington D.C. on October 24, 25, 26, 27 just getting out of Washington ahead of the hurricane.
6) I attended the Senior Executive Retreat for the University on October 29 where we discussed the upcoming capital campaign.
7) I attended the Budget and Resource Allocation Workshop in preparation for the upcoming round of Strategic Resource Planning exercises.
8) On November 5 I attended the University 1 Teaching Excellence Awards evening where Lance Roberts was honoured for his first year teaching.
9) I was a guest at Government House for the Revitalizing Reconciliation in Manitoba Conference on October 6.
10) Along with other members of the College I attended the Annual Bishop’s Dinner on October 6.
11) I am now a member of the Outstanding Workplace Initiative Respectful, Equitable and Inclusive Work Environment Advisory Team.
12) I met with Dean Jeff Taylor and Prof. Barry Fergusson to discuss revitalizing the Canadian Studies Program.
13) We welcomed the young people from Skownan First Nation and the Children Rising Mentorship program for a Bar-B-Q on November 17 and January 19.
14) I participated in the President’s Visionary Conversations on “The True North: Canada’s Final Frontier” (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku82guQ2L9s&feature=plcp) on November 21.
15) I was the host for the Opening Dinner for the Elders and Traditional Teachers Conference on November 22.

16) I have had two meetings with St Paul’s and University 1 looking at the Learning Community Program.

17) I hosted the annual College Children’s Christmas Party on December 8.

18) We have had discussions with the VP External, John Kearsey, over our participation in the University capital campaign.

19) I went with Jackie to Toronto to meet alumni and donors from January 17-19.

This is, of course, in addition, to regularly representing the College at Provost’s Council, Senate, and Faculty of Arts Council, and the External Relations Breakfasts.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Trott, Warden and Vice-Chancellor.
Activities During Fall 2012 Term:

**September**

- **Thin Air**: Winnipeg International Writers Festival. Jess Walter, Tuesday, September 25th from 10:00 – 11:15 a.m. Cross Common Room. Sarah Klassen, Wednesday, September 26th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in room 108 St. John’s College.


- Sunday, September 23rd. Matriculation. New members were welcomed to the College at our annual Matriculation ceremony, where they received a pin and signed a College membership book which dates back until 1866.

**October**


**November**

- Sunday, November 4th. Convocation. This year we added a book table, “Celebrating Research at St. John’s College,” at the Convocation reception. Copies of recent publications by College Fellows were available for the public to examine. This was so successful that we hosted a second follow up event at the Library. See below.

- Monday, November 19th. Sally Ito, University of Manitoba Writer in Residence, read from Alert to Glory in the St. John’s College Library.

- Tuesday, November 20th. “Celebrating Research at St. John’s College.” Readings and reception to recognize publications by St. John’s Fellows and staff. The event was jointly sponsored by the College, the University of Manitoba Press, and the St. John’s College Library. Publications included works by: Jim Blanchard, Diana Brydon, Jack Bumsted (U of M Press), Francis Carroll, Rod Clifton, Robert Coutts, Barry Ferguson, Gerald Friesen, Esyllt Jones (U of M Press), Kurt Markstrom, Jeff Masuda, Agnes Pawlowska, Jonathan Peyton, Lance Roberts, Paul Thomas (U of M Press), Robert Thomas and Anthony Waterman.

**December**

- The College end of term reception was held Wednesday, December 5th from 3:00- 4:30 p.m.

- Our Family Christmas party was held Saturday, December 8th.

**Soup and Bread** lectures continued at lunchtime in the Senior Common Room. We wish to thank Robert Thomas, who organized the events in the first term.
Fall Series:

Wednesday, September 19. David Punter, “Wild Mushrooms – to eat or not to eat?”

Tuesday, Oct. 9, Lisa Landrum, "The Dramatic Origins of Architectural Theory"

Wednesday, Oct. 24, Susie Fisher, "High Church Mennonites? The Changing Relationship Between Religion and Ethnicity Among Manitoba Mennonites at an Anglican Church."


Wednesday, Nov. 14, Robert Coutts, “Historic Sites and Community Memory: Redefining a “National History.”

Tuesday, Nov. 27, Barry Ferguson, "In Pursuit of John W. Dafoe"

Brown Bag Lunches. The Brown Bag Lunches alternate with the Soup and Bread lectures. Thank you to Rod Clifton, who organized the events:

October 2: Dr. Paul Dyck, Dean, Humanities and Sciences, CMU, “The story of CMU. Winnipeg’s newest university.”

October 10: Dr. Gabor Csepregi, V. P. Academic & Research, Universite de Saint-Boniface, “Academic life in a small university.”

November 20: Dr. Chris Adams, Rector, St. Paul’s College, “Our community in the larger U of M community.”

December 5: Ms. Deborah Young, Executive Lead, Indigenous Achievement, U of M, “Pathways to Indigenous Achievement.”

Activities During Winter/Spring 2013 Term

The Opening Term Reception was held Thursday, January 17, 2013.

Plans for refurbishing the furniture in the Senior Common Room are ongoing. The chairs and coffee tables are well made but are over forty years old. Design professionals recommend that we re-upholster the couches and chairs since they were custom designed for the College and are of exceptional quality. We are still fundraising for this project.

Upcoming Events and Activities:

**Marjorie Ward Lecture Dinner**, Thursday January 31, 2013. Tickets are $45 per person. Reservations must be made by **Friday, January 25**.

**Student Art Competition.** In keeping with our College’s longstanding commitment to visual art, and especially to local artists, we are sponsoring a Student Art Competition, with modest prizes to be given in March. Some of the student submissions will be displayed in the Daily Bread Café. This project is being overseen by Nicole Goulet – many thanks for all of her efforts.

**Graduate Student Meet and Greet**, Tuesday, March 26, 2013, 2:30-4:30 pm, Senior Common Room. SJC has over 80 graduate student members, from a wide range of disciplines. This is an outreach event, connecting SJC Fellows and Staff with our graduate students. Beer and snacks to be provided.

**Soup and Bread Winter/Spring Series:** (Our thanks to Struan Sinclair for organizing this series, and to all our guest presenters.) Lunch is provided by the Dean of Studies.

- Wednesday, January 23rd Herbert Enns (Architecture): "Madly Off in All Directions: Trans-Disciplinary Teaching, Research and Practice"
- Wednesday, February 13th Bryan Peeler (Political Science): “The Persistence of Reciprocity in the Law of Armed Conflict”
- Wednesday, February 27th Adele Perry (History): “Isbister and Empire”
- Wednesday, March 6th Mary Benbow (Geography): "A Warm Day at the Zoo: Climate Change, Conservation, and Conversations"

**Brown Bag Lunches Winter/Spring Series:** (Our thanks to Rod Clifton for organizing this series, and to all our guest presenters.) Bring your own lunch; dessert is provided by the Dean of Studies

- Tuesday, January 15: Bill Bumstead, Programs Administrator, Neeginan Institute of Applied Technology, Winnipeg. “Aboriginal Education and Training at Neeginan Institute of Applied Technology.”
- Wednesday, February 6: Shawna Dempsey. Co-Executive Director, Mentoring Artists for Women’s Art, Winnipeg. “Mentorship: Transformative Education without Bureaucracy.”
- Tuesday, February 26, Nicole Goulet, Department of Religion, Research Fellow, SJC, “Studying and Teaching Religion in Secular Institutions.”
- Tuesday, March 12: David Watt, Director, Institute for the Humanities, University of Manitoba. “Allusions of Grandeur.”

Esyllt Jones, Acting Dean of Studies
Bursars’ report to Assembly 01-22-13

Building items

Over the past few months, our major focus has been on building improvements and renovations. We have an aging building that requires renewal if we are to maintain our ability to appeal to students, and be an efficient and productive facility. Through donations from our generous alumni, and a significant estate gift, we are undertaking the following projects:

Daily Bread Café
- New concrete floor (complete)
- New vinyl floor in the entrance (complete)
- New track lighting (complete)
- Completely re-painted (complete)

College Residence
- New bed frames/mattresses (complete)
- Re-build main electrical panel (in progress)
- Stair treads (pending)
- Re-paint rooms (in progress)
- New flooring in rooms (in progress)
- New closet doors (in progress)

This work in the residence is greatly needed, and results in a product for the end user (the student) that is significantly improved. We are also working with Shaw to provide the infrastructure that will allow us to give proper wireless service to the students. This is a high value add for the residents, and will be an important recruitment tool moving forward.

I’d like to make special mention of, and say thanks to Ian Park and Justin Bouchard for all of their help and hard work with these important projects.

Upcoming

- Budget planning for 2013-14 will begin soon
- Setting of residence rates for 2013-14
- Various maintenance projects in the academic wing of the College using University funds
- Coordinating with IEP for the upcoming summer conference season
**Dean of Residence Report**

September/October – All of the students settled in and we ran educational events on bed bugs so students could report them to the dons. Infestations were reported by residents immediately after the bed bug presentation and their rooms were treated.

We have had difficulties with the exterminator we have been using and decided to try out a local company. Since changing companies the turnaround time for a treatment is 30 minutes – 120 minutes as opposed to 1-2 weeks. Since the switch, bed bug infestations have been at an all-time low.

**November/December**

In November I attended the Residence Life Professionals Association Conference in Saskatoon. I received tours of their new residences as well as the one they have under construction. I took some notes on their food service system and adopted the tray less system here at our residence. After getting used to the new system it is now providing a much better dining experience and it has been helping to reduce food waste which is a common problem in most tray systems.

The conference was a great experience and I’m going to continue to hold a membership and bring their knowledgeable ideas to St. Johns Residence.

December slowed down and over the holiday break we exchanged all of the beds in the building. I want to thank Aqueline Masuikeni and Jonah Wilde for their outstanding work as winter dons. The housekeepers did not have anything to catch up on when they came back to work in January.

**January**

We have had some vacancies due to academic reasons and we have had success filling the rooms. We continue to work closely with the IEP program and we should be at capacity by the end of the week.

I’m developing a thorough summer contract and I have started taking summer applications. IEP is interested in filling up any space we have available.

Don selections along with the application window for returning students are right around the corner. By mid-April I hope to have enough applications to fill 75% of the residence.

We have a contract to inspect 20 rooms per month for bed bugs. Instead of doing inspections in December we did 40 rooms in January since we were replacing the beds. Out of 40 rooms inspected, there were 0 infestations.
Development Officer Report to Assembly
22nd January, 2013

Fundraising
- Gifts received since April as at today = $126,681.
- There is two $50,000 bequests yet to be received.
- After a slow start the Fall campaign picked up speed and to date over $15,000 in donations have been received.
- Donations to the Senior Common Room amount to just over $8,400; this leaves approximately $1,600 on the table in matching funds with a deadline of 31st March, 2013 to take advantage of the College!
- February will see a special Residence Improvement mailing to upgrade residence rooms.

Alumni/Stewardship
- Continuing to call/visit with donors on a regular basis.
- Chris and I visited with alum and donors in Toronto from the 15th to 19th January, 2013.
- Jill and I will be working on a stewardship plan.

Special Events
- The DO helped with the organization of a donor/alumni’s funeral – Ted Poulter
- The dinner for Ronald McDonald House is being prepared and served today for approximately 15-18 people. This is in lieu of Christmas cards and feedback from our donors has been very positive.
- Curry Cook-Off event will be held this year possibly the third week in March.
- Bach’s Birthday – A Tribute to Retired Fellows will be held towards the end of March and will feature a concert in the Chapel followed by a reception in the Cross Common Room.

Marketing/Communications
- Currently putting together the latest issue of In Lumine
- Suggestions for stories/articles are appreciated.

Staffing
- Jill Stafford started as the Development Coordinator in October 2012. Jill has adapted well to her new surroundings and is a quick study.
- Currently have two volunteers coming in on a regular basis.

Misc
- Continue to attend UofM External Relations and Donor Relations Department meetings.
- Attended the Bishops Dinner.
- Developing the Capital Campaign plan and a feasibility study
- Along with Chris met with John Kearsay, VP External Relations to discuss the College participation in the upcoming UofM Campaign.
- Jill and I will be reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness of the Development Office and putting in place the 2013/2014 Development Office Plan within the next couple of months.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jackie Markstrom
22nd January, 2013
Librarian’s Report to Assembly

January 22, 2013

It has been a busy fall in St. John’s College Library with a steady flow of students using the space for study and receiving help on a wide range of topics from the Library staff. Cathy and Amrit and our casuals are all extremely knowledgeable and very approachable and together they constitute a very important resource for the College community.

This fall we continued our program of holding special events in the Library. The University Writer in Residence, Sally Ito, who is a poet and an Anglican, read from her latest book, Alert to Glory, and responded to questions from the audience. The event attracted 26 people to the Library.

We also hosted “Celebrating Research” a showcase for recent work by St. John’s College Fellows and staff. There was a very good turnout for this event and wine and cheese were served. Several people said we should do it again.

The purpose of these events is to get people into the Library and to give the Library a more central role in the intellectual life of the College.

The book budget has been expended except for a small amount of Canadian Studies money. I changed the French Literature Approval Plan and this has resulted in us receiving more titles by contemporary Quebec authors.

Jim Blanchard

College Librarian
St. John’s College Committees involving students as approved by SJCSA as follows:

Student Affairs: Stephanie Leong (day student), Shin Park (residence student), Dustin Hoft (vice stick), Heather Krieger (senior stick -filling position of student)

Religious Affairs: Stephanie Leong (filling position of student)

Events since last assembly meeting:

**November 16th Coffee House**
Success! We had a variety of acts including musicians, a comedian and a magician. We raised money for Plan Canada and were able to together with a contribution from the SJCSA donations budget raise $840 to go towards providing developing countries with a farmload of animals, clean water for a family, classroom essentials for an entire classroom, school vegetable garden, and a motorcycle ambulance.

**December 4th Exam Relief**
We provided TV shows and snacks to relieve end of term stress.

**Clothing Drive:**
Before holidays we had a clothing drive where the two carrel rooms competed against each other. We were able to collect four boxes and two bags full of clothing for Siloam Mission. Room 105 collected the most clothing so they will get a pizza party to reward their wonderful contribution.

**Other News:**
New TV for lounge to be installed soon.

**Upcoming events:**
Jan. 23 TV Day
Feb 1 Bisons Hockey Game (tentative)
Feb 13 TV Day (tentative)
Feb 15 Bowling Outing at Academy Lanes (tentative)
March 8 Coffee House/Karaoke (tentative)
March 20 TV Day (tentative)
March 23 Grad Dinner & Dance at Bergman’s on Lombard
April 9 Exam Relief & TV Day (tentative)