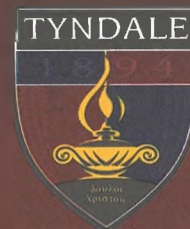


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## Leadership chair first for Tyndale

A scholar known for his commitment to the study and teaching of leadership is the first to occupy the R.J. Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership at Tyndale University College & Seminary. Dr. Jeffrey Greenman was installed to the chair at a ceremony held February 10 at Tyndale's Hooper Chapel. Dr. Greenman is the former Professor of Christian Ethics, Vice President, and Academic Dean of Tyndale Seminary.

**T**he chair, named for Robert J. Bernardo and family, is Tyndale's first fully-endowed chair and the first endowed leadership chair in a seminary in Canada. Robert Bernardo, a Canadian business leader, was a prominent figure at one of Canada's foremost investment management companies and is President of the Charis Foundation, which has funded the chair. The



▲ Robert J. Bernardo (left) with Dr. Greenman.

focus of the chair will be on the development of leadership and mentoring skills in the Canadian Christian community. To help achieve this end, the Tyndale Centre for Leadership Development

will be launched later this year. "It is a great privilege to occupy a position graced by its association with the Bernardo family – a family that is well known and deeply respected in our community for integrity, godliness, and vision formed by an abiding faith in Christ," said Dr. Greenman.

Tyndale President Brian C. Stiller spoke of the need for biblical models of leadership at the installation ceremony. "Trust that emerges out of personal character" is a pivotal characteristic of leadership, he said, and a trait that Dr. Greenman has exhibited in his life and work. In his inaugural address titled "The Shape of Christian Leadership," Dr. Greenman noted, "Leaders are first and foremost disciples. Everything that is true of a disciple is also true of a Christian leader. If we start at the cross and orient our compass by conformity to the pattern of Jesus ... at least we will set off in the right direction as we explore the meaning of Christian leadership in every sphere of life."



### Remembering Dr. Bob Duez

The Tyndale community was saddened by the sudden passing of Dr. Bob Duez, Professor Emeritus of Theology, who died March 29 in hospital. He was 69. Professor Duez spent more than three decades at Tyndale teaching theology and also serving at various times as Academic Dean, Vice President of Extension Education, and Coordinator of Independent Studies. He began teaching at Tyndale University College & Seminary in 1969 (then Ontario Bible College), and maintained a teaching schedule until the end.

"For 35 years his theological acumen and scholarship guided the lives of countless students, many of whom are now providing leadership and ministry across Canada and around the world. Bob Duez's love for biblical theology and Christian witness was contagious," commented Tyndale President Brian C. Stiller. "Even though he had officially retired, his enthusiasm to teach young people was seemingly without limit. While he has gone from us, we know his life will continue to ripple its way through the lives of students here and grads around the world. One cannot think

of a greater way to leave a legacy of faith than that of Bob Duez."

During a memorial service held April 8 at Churchill Heights Baptist Church in Scarborough, ON, Dr. William McRae, President Emeritus of Tyndale, recalled the impact Professor Duez had on students: "I'm overwhelmed by his faithfulness and perseverance as he served God at Tyndale for 35 years. His humility, servant's heart, positive attitude, sense of humour, ability to connect with people, his love for people, and his faithfulness to serve and teach will all be remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him." Dr. McRae presented a scrapbook of memories, compiled by the Tyndale community, to the Duez family at the service. A large contingent from Tyndale, including staff, faculty, students and alumni, attended the service.

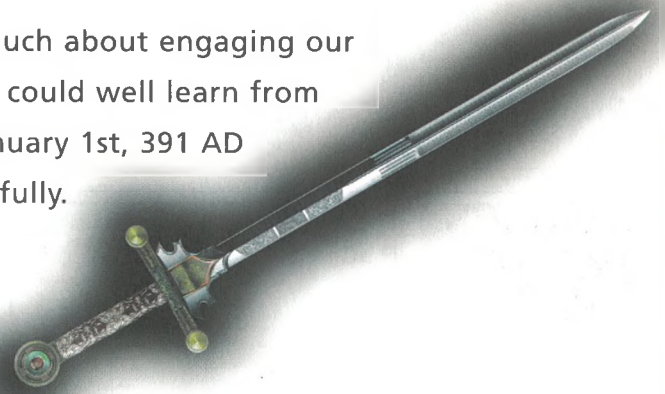
Professor Duez held an M.A. from Wheaton Graduate School, a B.D. from Westminster Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from University of St. Michael's College (Toronto). Prior to coming to Tyndale, he pastored Chestnut Hill Baptist Church in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, their three children, Brian, Lisa and Amy, and three grandchildren.

# The cost of change

—Brian C. Stiller, President



Here at Tyndale we talk much about engaging our world for Jesus Christ. We could well learn from a young monk who on January 1st, 391 AD impacted his world powerfully.



The young priest Telemachus wanted so much to visit the Holy See in Rome. Getting permission from his bishop, he wended his way southward into Rome. When he arrived, surprised that the streets were empty, he called to a lone man walking a side street. “Where is everyone?” he asked.

The shopkeeper, recognizing that the young cleric was from out of town, replied, “At the great gladiator fights at the Coliseum. Follow me.”

As they got closer to the Coliseum, the monk could hear the crescendo of noise as people cheered on their favourite gladiator. But he still did not understand; he had never seen or heard of a gladiator fight before.

As he walked into the Coliseum he saw two men fighting. At last he understood: they were trying to kill each other! Within moments one of the combatants slipped and the other, now obviously the victor, was about to plunge his sword into his adversary. The gladiator stopped, paused, and looked up at the Emperor Honorius, waiting for the sign as to whether his opponent should live or die. The Emperor turned to the bloodthirsty crowd – who cried

for blood – looking for their answer. Emperor Honorius turned to the gladiator with a thumbs-down. Death.

The gladiator plunged his sword into what he thought was his defeated opponent. But, unknown to him, the young monk had slipped in between the two gladiators: he had received the mortal blow.

Tradition tells us that a transfixing silence fell across the bloodthirsty crowd; in one shocking moment, they realized what they were doing and what was going on. They left without a sound from what was to be the last gladiator fight ever waged in the Coliseum in Rome.

At the cost of his life, in a simple and profound way, Telemachus engaged the public life of Rome with the Gospel of the risen Jesus. His personal witness in that public square brought about a public policy reversal: fights were cancelled.

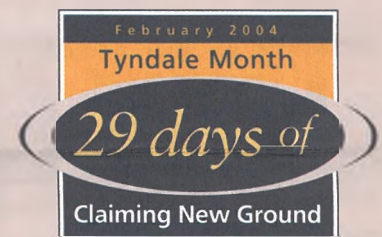
Our personal witness is what ultimately brings about change as we express that witness in the public squares of our land. Engaging our world for Christ inevitably comes with a cost.

**Tyndale's 7th Annual Golf Tournament**  
 Tuesday, September 28, 2004  
 Emerald Hills Golf Club, Stouffville

For information please contact: Maria K. Schindel, The Tyndale Foundation  
 416.226.6620 ext. 6731, mschindel@tyndale.ca, www.tyndale.ca.

## Tyndale Month to become yearly event

This past February marked the launch of an annual event: Tyndale Month. For 29 days the Foundation Office highlighted the life and ministry of Tyndale and connected with alumni, friends, donors, churches and current students. It has been an exciting venture. We discovered new ways to work as a cross-functional team, tell more people about the outstanding plans and opportunities at Tyndale, and reach new homes and families, inviting them to pray, give and attend.



### Tyndale Month 2004 included a wide variety of activities:

- A 30-minute television special aired almost daily in February on the CTS network, a Christian television station. This network reaches most of the Greater Toronto Area and the heavy airplay and frequency showed viewers the essence of Tyndale.
- A special edition of *Connection* emphasized Tyndale Month events and encouraged people to view the TV special.
- A call campaign conducted by Tyndale students reached 5,500 Tyndale supporters and alumni. The calls informed people about Tyndale's expansion plans, asked for prayer requests, and encouraged them to consider a monthly gift.
- A direct mail letter invited people to become monthly donors and contribute to the building of the Student Life Centre. We broke down our construction costs into one "brick" a year at \$300 each. Some people went beyond and invested in two or more bricks.

So how did we do? Pledges and gifts for Tyndale Month 2004 totalled \$165,400. Some 271 donors participated and almost 100 individuals were first-time donors! Put another way, as of late May, we had received just over 550 bricks. So we are one third of the way there! To complete this part of the project, we need people to sign up for another 1,300 bricks. And since the entire cost of this endeavour was underwritten, all money pledged has gone directly to the Tyndale Student Life Centre.

A big thanks goes out to the many students who called our friends and alumni, to those who made a monthly or annual pledge, and for the many who helped by underwriting our costs. We are so grateful for the encouraging response!

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# Professors Carter and Ngien recognized for excellence

**T**yndale's commitment to excellence is highlighted annually when two faculty members – one from the University College and one from the Seminary – are acknowledged for their achievement in leadership and/or scholarship. Dr. Craig Carter, Associate Professor, Religious Studies and former Academic Dean, Tyndale University College and Dr. Dennis Ngien, Research Professor, Theology, Tyndale Seminary, are the recipients of the 2004 Tyndale Faculty Excellence Awards.

The awards, funded by the Maranatha Foundation, are designed to recognize and promote the professional development of Tyndale faculty members. Recipients are selected by their peers and receive their awards at the annual Faculty Awards Banquet. This year's banquet was held at the Sheraton

Parkway Hotel in Richmond Hill, ON.

Dr. Carter received the 2004 Faculty Leadership Award. This award is granted for outstanding service to Tyndale or to the Church and wider community. Dr. Carter was acknowledged for his sterling work in successfully leading the process whereby Tyndale was granted university college status. He was indispensable in the journey leading to this achievement – a feat that greatly enhances Tyndale's ability to equip Christians for service in the world for Christ.

Dr. Ngien accepted the Faculty Scholarship Award for outstanding contribution to the advancement of scholarship through publication and research in any field. He is the author of *The Suffering of God According to Martin Luther's Theologia Crucis* and *Apologetic for Filioque in Medieval*

*Theology*, as well as numerous articles and reviews in both peer-reviewed and popular publications. He is Founder and Director of the Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection, which seeks to integrate the fields of theological reflection, personal formation, and the practice of ministry.



▲ Faculty Leadership Award recipient Dr. Carter (left) and Faculty Scholarship Award recipient Dr. Ngien.

## President's Dinner combines celebration & sharing

**T**his year's President's Dinner was a great success with over 500 friends gathered together to share a meal and celebrate all that God is doing at Tyndale. We were able to meet the remainder of our financial needs for this fiscal year through the generous gifts received that night. President Brian C. Stiller made known our need, and God worked – our need was met!

The words of guest speaker Dr. Haddon Robinson, still ring in our ears: "Let us use our positions and possessions to further the

kingdom of God." Dr. Robinson serves as the Harold J. Ockenga Distinguished Professor of Preaching at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Adding to this message, five of our students and two faculty members shared how God is working in their lives. They offered humorous and surprising insights into the work of Tyndale and its effect on students, faculty, and ultimately our community as a whole.

We are grateful for the evident hand of the Lord on the work of Tyndale.

## Balik new VP of Development

Tyndale President Brian C. Stiller is pleased to welcome C. David Balik to the new position of Vice President of Development. David will lead the activities of The Tyndale Foundation, which manages donations, monthly and planned giving, special events, plus annual and capital campaigns.



David joined Tyndale following six years as Superintendent of Decatur Heritage Christian Academy in Alabama. In that role, fundraising was a key component of his work responsibilities.

David has been a board member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), representing the Eastern

Canada Region since 1995, and an ACSI executive board member since 1996.

Originally from Ottawa, David holds a Masters of Education (Brock University) and is completing a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. His wife Shelley and three sons, Justin, Johnny and Jake, join him in returning to Canada. We are pleased and grateful for the Lord's leading in this appointment.

## Giving to what matters most

As a Christian, moved by Jesus' example, you may have questioned how you can give while meeting your daily needs. Tyndale's Legacy Gifts program offers a variety of ways you can invest in God's work while maintaining your financial goals.

For instance, your retirement requirements might include:

- ongoing income
- care for primary dependants and
- tax sheltering.

As you plan for the future, you can free up your resources for a legacy gift through tools such as annuities and charitable remainder trusts. They allow you to use your funds to invest in what matters most to you, and what best represents your love for God's people and His work.

Your will is your basic tool. By way of your will, you decide where your funds should go. By doing so you can leave a "legacy" that will continue giving for generations to come.

If you are interested in exploring legacy options, please contact Maria Schindel in the Foundation Office at 1.888.213.7641 to arrange for a no-obligation consultation.

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*Do you have an apartment or room for rent in the GTA? Why not have a Tyndale student stay with you?*

Please e-mail [hospitality@tyndale.ca](mailto:hospitality@tyndale.ca) for more information.

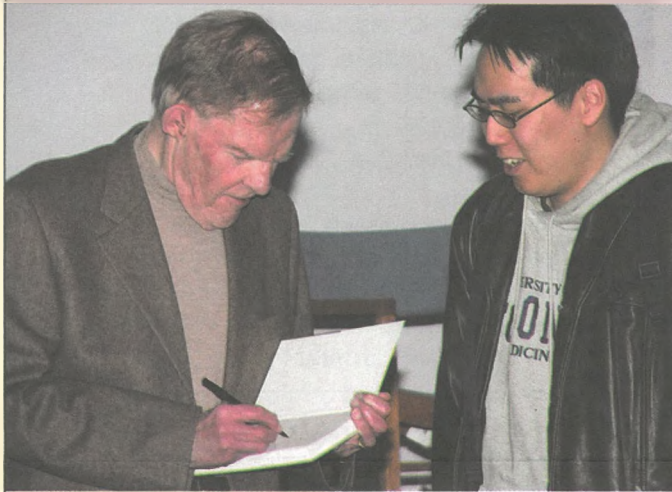
# Lessons in leading + worship

Among the many highlights experienced by the greater Tyndale community is the opportunity to listen to distinguished speakers – luminaries really – who traverse from near and far to share their insights. We spoke to two recent guests – Drs. Haddon Robinson and Robert Webber – to learn about preaching and “ancient-future” evangelism. (See [www.tyndale.ca/articles](http://www.tyndale.ca/articles) for a full version of these conversations.)

## Dr. Haddon Robinson

—interview by Karen Stiller, Contributing Editor

Named one of the top preachers in America, Dr. Robinson teaches preaching at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is author of several books and was guest speaker at this year's President's Dinner.



▲ Dr. Robinson (left) signs a book for a Tyndale Seminary student.

### How can Tyndale alumni hone their preaching craft?

It's a good thing to listen to the sermons of effective preachers. For years I studied one noted preacher every year. If he was dead, I read his sermons, or a biography. If he was alive, I'd either read his sermons, or hear them. If it were possible to get an interview with him, I'd do that. You have to listen to a good sermon three times. The first time for your own benefit. The second time for the flow of thought. And the third time you listen for technique. What does this preacher do to give a good introduction? What does he or she do to engage you? Even when I listen to my own sermons, I listen to the technique. I go back, and as much as I know about preaching, I can say, “I didn't do that well,” or “I had a negative tone that I didn't intend.”

### So preachers shouldn't just tape their sermons for those who missed Sunday morning, but also for themselves?

Yes. It also helps – and we tell our students this – to set up a mechanism at your church for structured feedback, and do it different ways. One way is getting a group of people together ... a good representation of your congregation.

Turn on a tape recorder and have someone ask:

- What did you think the preacher was trying to get across today?
- Do you think the illustrations helped or hindered the message?
- Do you have any idea what you might do differently this week as a result of this sermon today?
- What do you think of the delivery? Was it engaging? Was it interesting? What could the preacher have done differently? Did the preacher engage you?
- Is there anything, good or bad, that you would like to say about this sermon?

It helps if you have someone condense the criticisms for the preacher. You really want anonymity. If I had someone in my church that wanted to serve in this way, I'd have them get the groups together, and filter things out. Because it can be overwhelming. But that person can say, “Look, this thing keeps coming through.” It's a focus group.

### What is the greatest challenge facing preachers today?

Authority. No one takes preachers seriously these days. You don't get the respect you deserve. You get the respect you earn. And you win it every Sunday.

## Dr. Robert Webber

—interview by Dr. Jeff Greenman, R.J. Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership, Tyndale Seminary

Author, speaker and Northern Baptist Seminary professor, Dr. Webber was this year's guest lecturer for the John Honeyman Memorial Lectures held at Tyndale. His lectures were aptly named “Ancient-Future Faith” – the title of one of his recent books.



▲ Dr. Webber chats with an audience member following his lecture in Hooper Chapel.

### You chose to name your lectures “Ancient-Future Faith.” What does this intriguing phrase mean?

Ancient-future describes three longings I find among many Christians today. The longing for roots in the ancient Church, connection to the Church throughout history and globally, and the desire to be authentic in a postmodern world.

### How does “ancient-future” evangelism differ from traditional evangelical ways of sharing the Gospel?

Ancient-future evangelism translates the ancient process that was in full use in the early Church by the third century for today's postmodern world. It assimilated converts into the Church through stages of evangelism, discipleship and spiritual formation. It differs from current forms of evangelism because it embraced the entire process of Christian formation – a process that takes a person beyond conversion.

### You said that evangelicals should aim to “return worship to the people.” Why is this important?

Worship is not something done to us or for us, but by us. Much of today's worship is a concert and a lecture. Biblical worship is participatory and

interactive. We need to recover a worship that involves the whole person engaging mind, heart, body, spirit, and all the senses.

### You've said that many younger evangelicals are expressing a deep desire for “roots” and that many are learning about spiritual practices of the early Church. What are they hungry for? What appeals to them?

In a recent emergent church conference, Brian McLaren moderated a session between an evangelical, a Catholic, and a mainliner. At the end he asked each person to state, “What does your tradition bring to the table?” The answers were “passion,” “concern for truth,” and “mystery.” It was a serendipitous moment. The young people said, “That's it!”

### What resources could you recommend for people to gain access to the “ancient wisdom” of the Church and its practical relevance today?

I am continually surprised at how many new churches, new books, and young people are turning to ancient practices of the faith. There are also a plethora of websites that advocate the old ways. See: [www.theooze.com](http://www.theooze.com), [www.emergentvillage.com](http://www.emergentvillage.com), [www.solomonsporch.com](http://www.solomonsporch.com), and of course, my site [www.ancientfutureworship.com](http://www.ancientfutureworship.com).

# Tyndale celebrates 2004 graduation ceremony

—Dahlia Fraser, Communications Assistant



▲ Charles Price (centre), with wife Hilary, accepts Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

▲ Girma Worku – one of 98 graduating Seminary students – is greeted by President Stiller.

In an event characterized by celebration and reflection, 161 students received degrees, diplomas and certificates at the May 8th graduation ceremony of Tyndale University College & Seminary. Sixty-three students graduated from the University College and 98 from the Seminary at the ceremony held at Queensway Cathedral in Etobicoke, ON.

Ian McLaren and Duncan Reid provided reflections on their time spent at Tyndale. McLaren, speaking on behalf of University College graduates, reminisced about the meaningful relationships between faculty and students and the significant friendships formed: “As we leave, we will go on to quietly pursue God’s will for our lives, and glorify the One who gave us the privilege to be here today.” Duncan Reid, representing Seminary graduates, described Tyndale as a place that “uniquely combines academic learning and spiritual formation.”

This year’s guest speaker was Charles Price, Senior Pastor of The Peoples Church – one of the largest churches in Toronto. Price, who is known for his weekly TV program, “Living Truth,” challenged graduates to “offer your whole bodies to God.” In his address, he reminded them: “God has one strategy for the world and its people. He doesn’t use angels to evangelize, to be missionaries. He sends people – ordinary people – and

He gives you the resources to be everything He wants you to be in that situation.” Price encouraged them to offer their whole bodies to God – their feet, eyes, ears and mouths – to go wherever He sends them, to see as God sees, to hear His Word and to speak truth from the heart of God. Price received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at the ceremony in recognition of his extensive teaching and preaching ministry.

Also honoured were Drs. Paul T.P. Wong and William Fiejte who received the Distinguished Alumni Awards from Tyndale University College & Seminary President Brian C. Stiller (See profiles on page 8.)

President Stiller recognized retiring professors Drs. Erwin Penner and J. Elizabeth Posterski. Dr. Penner, Professor of Religious Studies, has taught at Tyndale for 21 years, having joined Ontario Bible College in 1983. Dr. Posterski, Associate Professor of Christian Ministries, began teaching at Ontario Bible College in 1985. Both will continue to serve at Tyndale as Professors Emeriti.

Saluting the graduates on behalf of the faculty and staff, President Stiller referred to the graduation as a “~~honour~~ **hurray** to God event” – a time for celebration and to give thanks to God for His grace. He urged the class of 2004 to express thanks to family, friends, professors, and financial donors whose support made their achievement possible.

## Appetite for fellowship and giving generates donation

February 27th was a very warm night despite it being the middle of winter. A wonderful dinner was hosted by Dr. Damon and Winnie Tsai, a Tyndale MTS student, in their North York, ON home. Five couples attended this friendship gathering, which included a chat with President Brian C. Stiller on the future direction of the school. These friends generously donated over \$25,000 that evening for the expansion of Tyndale’s library and Student Life and Counselling Centre. Their support is gratefully appreciated.

If you are interested in being a part of a similar Tyndale evening of friends, please call Shauna Crawford in the Foundation Office at 416.226.6620 ext. 6762.



▲ Professor Clarkson paddles around as part of the Rec. Studies program.

## Tyndale announces new BRE Recreation Studies program

If recreation is, as the dictionary says, “a refreshment of the strength and spirit after toil,” and if, as the statistics say, recreation and leisure is one of the fastest growing sectors in our society, then the University College is right on time to offer a new Bachelor of Religious Education (BRE) program in Recreation Studies. Traditional BRE courses will be combined with outstanding opportunities like a three-week wilderness expedition, training in First Aid/CPR skills, and subjects like kinesiology and recreation program development. The result will be a unique academic experience for students vying for a career in the burgeoning field of recreation and leisure.

“We are excited about offering this new program because it combines the benefits of a solid Christian education, spiritual formation studies and recreation essentials,” explained Dana Clarkson, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries. “Leaders will be greatly challenged during the requisite three-week wilderness adventure in Canada’s vast and untamed wild.”

Students will also have the opportunity for supervised field placements within the recreation industry. According to Clarkson, “This program will equip students to be professionals in a number of different contexts. Whether for camps, hospitals, community centres, retirement homes, schools, wilderness endeavours, or sport coaching and training, students will be prepared.”

The program kicks off this fall with a faculty committed to providing a core Christian education with recreation essentials. A program whose time has come.

## Did finding the right university take longer than you thought!?

Don't worry! It's not too late to enroll at Tyndale!



Whether it's university or seminary courses, there is still room in many programs and classes. Tyndale University College is accepting students into its Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Religious Education programs. The Seminary has openings in the MTS and MDiv programs.

**But you will have to hurry...**

Call the enrollment office at 1.800.TYNDALE to find out more.

## Three nights in November with Tony Campolo

Mark your calendar for the Dinner with Tony series coming this November. Special guest speaker is Dr. Tony Campolo, author, professor and media commentator.

**Dates & locations:** Nov. 15 – Barrie: Army Navy & Air Force Club  
Nov. 16 – London: Four Points By Sheraton  
Nov. 17 – Kitchener: Waterloo Inn



**Time:** 6:00 p.m. for all locations. **Tickets:** \$50 each or \$400 per table of eight. **Registration & sponsorship opportunities:** Contact Shauna Crawford at 416.226.6620 ext. 6762 or 1.877.TYNDALE (press 4), scrawford@tyndale.ca.

## When school's out

What occupies the thoughts and time of Tyndale students when they disappear out the doors for summer? *Connection* invites you to meet five students and discover their plans to work, serve, and hang out with a book or two.

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



**Peter John Lee** – *Third year, BA History*

**Plans:** “I will be serving as Assistant Cook and Program

Director for the Ontario Pioneer Camp, in Huntsville, ON. The camp is dedicated to the vision of ‘Knowing Christ and making Him known,’ as they seek to provide a fun environment for kids to experience God in creation. I look forward to mentoring younger leaders and helping them discover their full potential in Christ.”

**Summer lit:** *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis. “I enjoyed reading his series, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, as a child, and I am interested in finding out more about Lewis’ case for Christianity.”



**Beth Ricci** – *Second year, BA Philosophy*

**Plans:** “I will be one of 17 members from The Peoples Church in

Toronto who will travel to Kampala, Uganda on a mission trip. We will work with Watoto Childcare Ministries to build new homes for children orphaned by AIDS. This is a great opportunity to serve Christ in such practical and tangible ways. This isn’t my first mission trip, and I don’t think that it will be my last. For the remainder of the summer I will serve as Children’s Ministries Intern at The Peoples Church.

**Summer lit:** *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis. “These are incredible works of imagination that draw you in – you can’t put them down! I also hope to read *No Logo*, which discusses the influence that corporations and brand names have on our society and *Sophie’s World* by Jostein Gaarder, which tells the history of philosophy in novel form.”

### SEMINARY



**Sonya Cabak** – *First year, MDiv Counselling*

**Plans:** “I will work part-time at Community Living – a group home

for adults with mental and physical disabilities – in Newmarket, ON. I enjoy the group home environment because it is people focused and I am able to build one-on-one relationships. It’s a wonderful opportunity to encourage people who are in difficult situations.”

**Summer lit:** “I plan to read course material for the fall semester, especially the book, *How to Read the Bible for all its Worth* by Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart. I have heard many good things about it, and I know it will be helpful for my courses.”



**Dahlia Fraser** – *First year, MTS Christian Foundations*

**Plans:** “For part of the summer I will work in

Tyndale’s Communications Office. God provided just the right job for me. As an international student, I’m restricted to

on-campus employment. So this is the perfect opportunity. Communications is a field that is of great interest given my past experience and future plans to work in Christian publishing.”

**Summer lit:** *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. “It’s a Christian classic that I really should have read long ago. It has been mentioned in nearly every course I’ve taken, so I think it’s about time I read it. I’ll also start reading some of the texts for the fall courses.”



**Steve Lee** – *Third year, MDiv Pastoral Ministries*

**Plans:** “This summer will be a busy one. I

serve as Interim Youth Pastor at Full Gospel Mission Church in North York, ON. We will start a youth service for Korean and English-speaking youth and take them on retreat. I will also be involved in planning a mission trip to Uganda, which will take place in December. I also need to take some time off to pray about my future. I will be graduating in December and need to know where God wants me to serve.”

**Summer lit:** “There are quite a few books I plan to read this summer. I would single out *Spiritual Leadership* by Oswald Sanders. I used this book in the Leadership Development course and found it very enriching. I want to reread it because I want to incorporate the leadership principles in my personal walk with God.”

### Seminary students minister in Northern Ontario

Some two hours north of Toronto, beyond Peterborough, is Curve Lake Indian Reserve, home of the Ojibwa people. During the March reading week, eight seminary students participated in a mission trip to Curve Lake where, in partnership with Curve Lake Christian Assembly, they led vacation Bible school for the reserve’s young residents. The trip was facilitated by



▲ Craft time with Curve Lake kids.

Larry Forsyth, a Tyndale Seminary student and pastor of Curve Lake Christian Assembly and Reaboro Baptist Church.

Ten children, aged three to eleven, took part in activities centred around the theme of friendship. Bible stories, such as David and Jonathan and the paralyzed man carried to Jesus by his friends, were presented. The children also enjoyed puppet shows, songs, Scripture memorization, crafts, and a bowling outing.

“The trip has had many positive results,” said MDiv student and Student Council mission leader Persida Brasov. “The biggest blessing is that something tangible and lasting happened both for the children and us. The children learned important lessons about God, and some of them have begun to attend church regularly. For the team members, we had the opportunity to experience native culture and hospitality and to have our vision of the body of Christ enlarged. It was a wonderful experience of Christian community.”

# Student travels and ancient treasures

—Denise V. Munroe, MTS Christian Foundations Alumna



A one-day outing in late March to the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa gave students an extraordinary glimpse of ancient copies of the Old Testament and other antiquities. The trip to view the exhibit, "Ancient Treasures and Dead Sea Scrolls," was organized by the Tyndale Seminary Student Council. Forty-two students, spouses and friends from Tyndale University College & Seminary, Trinity College,

and St. Michael's College in Toronto, travelled to see 100 exceptionally rare artifacts from the biblical period in Israel.

The exhibit included three of the original Dead Sea Scrolls discovered in a cave in 1947 plus a minuscule ivory pomegranate from the eighth century BC. It is the only known relic of the splendid first temple built by Solomon and described in the Old Testament. This piece was so tiny that it had to be viewed through a magnifying glass.

"The trip was awesome," said University College student Philips Nethagani. "Not only seeing the Dead Sea Scrolls, but also sharing the wonderful time that we had on the way down — the fellowship, praying and singing."

## Awards and accolades at University College Banquet

—Eva Cullis, BA Student

Dressed in their finest, 250 Tyndale faculty and students packed the Moonlight Ballroom in Toronto for this year's University College Spring Banquet. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal and relished the opportunity to honour outstanding student contributions to community life at Tyndale. Participation on sports teams, student committees, and Student Council activities were acknowledged and applauded. Guests were also introduced to the incoming 2004/2005 Student Council.

Dr. Gordon Heath, Assistant Professor of History, shared how "no

numbers can capture" the school's remarkable impact on his life and career. Heather Stump, representing University College students, described how she has been "uplifted by the supportive community" over the last year.

The highly coveted and humorous Sweetman Awards (named for George Sweetman, Dean of Students at the University College) recognized students in categories such as "King of the Kat" (i.e., ruler of the student lounge) and "Most Likely to Become the Most Sanitary American President."



### Singing for dinner at Seminary Banquet

▲ The annual faculty skit, a favourite highlight of the Seminary Year-end Banquet, was no disappointment this year. Some 150 guests experienced an evening of fun, food, and reflection at Toronto's historic Casa Loma. Faculty members, seminary students, their families and friends also enjoyed a video tribute to faculty prepared by Student Council. The evening was rounded out by Rev. Marie Miller from Foundations Ministries Inc. and her address on discernment. She urged graduating students to "know the voice of God for yourself, and heed the voice of God by yourself."

### The play's the thing at Tyndale

—Eva Cullis, BA Student

Tyndale's first dramatic performance for the University College, Shakespeare's *Henry V*, drew almost 1,000 audience members over its three night, two matinee run. The play — produced and directed by part-time Professor Richard Peters — opened on March 31. Twenty-seven students from the Introduction to Acting class along with another five dramatically minded Tyndale students formed the cast. The three evening performances were open to the public; the two matinees were reserved for the Toronto District Christian High and People's Christian Academy, two secondary schools in the vicinity. The play was produced after only one month of rehearsals. Professor Peters spoke with pride of how each student "stepped up to the challenge" required by their respective roles.

"Henry" more commonly known as Jon Kerr, a third-year English student, says he never thought he would be able to accomplish the vast amount of memorization required for the lead role. Shakespeare's difficult dialogues were daunting at first. "As soon as you understand what you're saying it comes a lot more naturally," reported Kerr. "It was the best part of my year so far. I'd do it again in a heartbeat," says Kimberly Brown, a first-year English student who played Queen Isabel of France.

The University College and Student Council primarily funded the \$5,000 production. Tyndale's *Henry V* was dedicated to the memory Dr. Bob Duez, a beloved faculty member of Tyndale University College & Seminary, who passed away March 29.

### Tyndale's sports teams net triple gold

Tyndale's sports community will remember Spring 2004 for some time. Varsity teams brought home the "Triple Crown" winning three gold medals at the Ontario Christian College Athletic Association (OCCAA) league championships. The women's volleyball team won gold over Redeemer University College; the men's volleyball team brought home gold, also defeating Redeemer University College; and the men's basketball team continued the Redeemer shutout with a score of 62 to 47, also winning gold. Topping this accomplishment, Mike Mackneer and Greg Koobs of the men's basketball team were selected for the all-star team. A number of male and female Tyndale players were also voted Most Valuable Player.

This sports sweep is a "feat rarely accomplished in the

history of the OCCAA," commented Rob Dean, Tyndale's 2003/2004 Sports Coordinator. He calls the teams "ambassadors for Tyndale outside of the school, and solid contributors to the life of the school." Angie Hoover, captain of the women's volleyball team added, "Our coaches instilled in us a Christ-centred attitude to face adversity head on. This helped us to fight strong till the end. The team unity and devotion was a valuable lesson for us." Melissa Wiebe, one of the women's volleyball coaches added, "It was awesome. When we did win it was really a victory we shared together. Redeemer was the team that beat us every game up to the finals. It was that mental game that kept the girls alert." Playing sports, she believes, provides mental training and the opportunity to be part of the body of Christ since "everyone has different strengths."

This spring, those strengths were evident to everyone.



#### ▲ Men's Volleyball Team

Front: Aaron Woodhouse, Jay Dalton, Silas Yamey and Ryan Feeney. Middle: Jon Bushey, Sam Chung, David Hekman, Will Yu, Shawn Vandevisch, Mike Smith, Chris Lewis and Steve Cox. Back: Phil Kingswood (coach) and Nathan Colquhoun.



#### ▲ Women's Volleyball Team

Front: Christie Murray, Terra Leavens (coach), Angie Hoover (captain), Melissa Wiebe (coach), Laurie Ritskes and Jenn Crabe. Back: Myriam Ullah, Elise Deller, Denice Eggink, Kelsey Kingsinger and Ashley Saunders.



#### ▲ Men's Basketball Team

Front: Peter Wu, Justin McCourt, Mike Mackneer, Kyle Pitman and Jonathan Turtle. Middle: Jamie Knight, Marlon Mitchell, Chris Mackneer, Eaton Grant and Rob Dean (coach). Back: Ashley Rice (coach), Matt Lortie, Howard Nanes, Al Hounsell, Will Yu, Chris Pitman and Greg Koobs.



## Alumni interview – Tilman Martin

Great love and great ministry often begin in unexpected ways. For Tyndale alumni Tilman and Janet Martin, both are true. The couple met at Toronto Bible College (TBC), now Tyndale University College & Seminary, in the fall of 1951 on a city bus tour for first-year students. The boys were asked to move up a seat at every stop. Tilman and Janet eventually shared a seat and never looked back. Their love led to a difficult decision. TBC policy at that time did not allow students to marry. However, Tilman and Janet chose to say, “I do” in 1953 and did not return to TBC to complete their studies and graduate with the class of ’54.

In 1956 the Martins began what would become a passionate and sometimes challenging journey to reach the lost in the province of Québec. They were among the first to minister to the Québécois for the Mennonite Church. In the spring of ’58 Tilman knocked on 400 doors to share the gospel in their francophone hometown of Montréal



◀ Janet and Tilman Martin.

Nord. He was invited inside only seven times. Still they persevered.

Tilman and Janet both became fluent in French. They began boys clubs, summer camps and house meetings. Their home was an integral part of their ministry and included a chapel, Christian bookstore and coffeehouse. Tilman also began ministering at the nearby St. Vincent de Paul Prison. When the parents of several inmates asked him to visit their sons, he responded. Tilman and Janet took a special interest in this work and welcomed released prisoners into their home. Many of the men were saved, and ex-prisoners and their families often became involved in the Martin’s ministries.

After 16 years of pioneering service in Montréal Nord, the couple heard the Lord

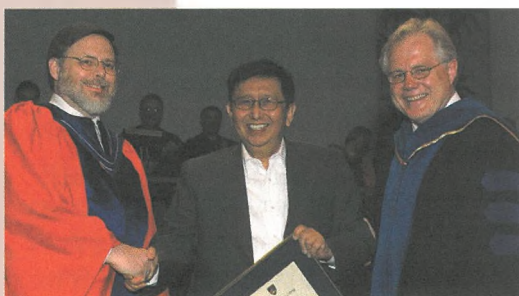
call them to something new. They moved to St. Paul de Joliette and the small farm Tilman and Janet would call home until retirement. Tilman became involved, once again, in prison ministry, serving as official prison Chaplain for the next 18 years at Institut Leclerc in Laval and Archambault Maximum.

Janet, who was a wonderful wife, ministry partner, mother and friend, passed away on July 29, 2003 at the age of 69. She contributed regularly to *l’Aurore*, a Protestant monthly, and served as a liaison between the Ontario and Québec Mennonite churches. Cancer surgery on her ankle began Janet’s battle with the disease that would take her life. She continued to sing and praise her Lord even after cancer had spread to her lungs.

It is difficult to capture the deep impact that Tilman and Janet had on the lives of the people touched by their ministry throughout Québec. Tilman now lives in Ottawa, where he is closer to his children and grandchildren, who speak of the great love and powerful ministry they witnessed between Tilman and Janet Martin. A love and a ministry that began on a bus at Toronto Bible College so many years ago.

## Distinguished alumni 2004

Drs. Paul T.P. Wong and William Fietje are this year’s recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards.



▲ Drs. Carter, Wong (centre) and Stiller.

### Tyndale University College Dr. Paul T.P. Wong, BTh, 1964

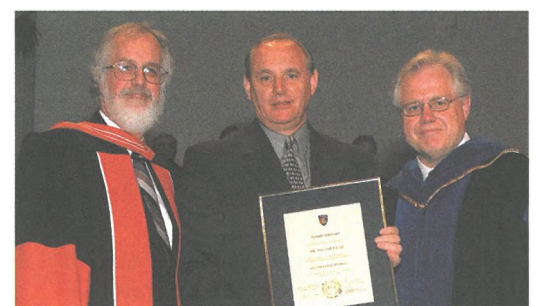
Dr. Paul T.P. Wong was born in China and educated in Canada. He received his theological training at Toronto Bible College and earned the PhD in Psychology from the University of Toronto. As an ordained minister, registered psychologist, and university professor, he is able to integrate psychology with Christian faith in his practice, preaching and teaching. He is founding Pastor of Toronto Gospel

Church, founding Director of the graduate program in Counselling Psychology at Trinity Western University, and founding President of the International Network on Personal Meaning. He is internationally known for his research on the positive psychology of meaning and spirituality. Paul’s wife, Dr. Lilian Wong, is also a full-time faculty member in the graduate program in Counselling Psychology at Trinity Western. Paul and Lilian have two grown children: Austin, a Toronto lawyer, and Wesley who is completing his PhD in Physics at Harvard University.

### Tyndale Seminary Dr. William Fietje, MDiv, 1984

Dr. William Fietje is the Canada East Superintendent for the Associated Gospel Churches – a role in which he ministers as “pastor to the pastor,” among other responsibilities. Prior to this, he served for 11 years as National Director of OMF International – Canada. He and his wife, Lois, also served for two terms with OMF

International in Thailand as church planters and developers. The Fietjes also served as pastors in Cambridge, ON. In 1984, William completed his Master of Divinity degree at Ontario Theological Seminary. In 1999, he earned his Doctor of Ministry degree at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts. His vision and leadership have helped to birth both MissionFest Toronto and MentorLink Canada. William continues to aid leadership development through the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada as well as the training of pastors internationally. The Fietjes reside in Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON and have four adult children and two grandchildren.



▲ Drs. Cunningham, Fietje (centre) and Stiller.

## Golden Milers mark milestone

Each year a new group of Tyndale alumni reach the 50-year anniversary of their graduation and join the ranks of the "Golden Milers." On May 7, the Alumni Office hosted a special day for the class of '54 as alumni from London Bible Institute (LBI) and Toronto Bible College (TBC) gathered at Tyndale.

**F**or some, the reunion marked the first glimpse of old acquaintances in 50 years. Lively conversation and camaraderie made it easy for onlookers to imagine these men and women as college students.

The day consisted of campus tours, class meetings, fellowship, and a lunch banquet with special guests, including President Brian C. Stiller and Provost Earl Davey. The class of '49, who had gathered to celebrate their 55th class reunion, also attended this special banquet. A wealth of experience, wisdom and love filled the Tyndale dining hall.

Jane Cameron and Shirley Steckley, who worked for months to plan the reunion, presented President Stiller with a generous donation to mark the class's Golden Miler year. The gift is designated for The Tyndale Foundation



Capital Campaign and the Alumni Scholarship, presented annually to deserving students.

Following lunch, alumni shared updates on family and friends unable to attend. The day went by too quickly. For some the celebration continued on into the evening and the next day as they joined the Tyndale community at graduation ceremonies. Many found it hard to believe that 50 years had passed

since they had walked across a similar graduation stage. All were thankful for the formative role LBI and TBC played in their lives, their ministry, and, most importantly, in their relationships. It is an unwritten Bible college tradition that students often marry upon graduation. For this reason, some Golden Milers will also be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. May God bless these couples with many more years together!

## RAs – past and present – had a ball

**A**sk Tyndale alumni, students and faculty what their favourite on-campus, extracurricular activity is and they'll likely answer – ball hockey! Each year alumni celebrate their love for this sport by hosting the Residence Assistant (RA) Floor Hockey Challenge. On April 3, RAs from past years returned to Tyndale to face off against current RAs in the 19th annual tournament.

For years ball hockey has been bringing the Tyndale community together and helping to build relationships. When students are on the same team as their professors – or scoring from an opposing team –



everyone gets to know each other better.

This year most of the scoring was done by the alumni RA ladies' team who won their game. The alumni RA men played a good game, but lost to the current RA students. Alumni and students, friends and family, had a wonderful time during the games and later shared a pizza dinner.

The tournament was dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. Bob Duez, beloved professor and mentor to hundreds of Tyndale students. Dr. Duez had attended and cheered on many games – even dropping the ceremonial ball at past tournaments.



### Be part of the Barrie alumni network

Plans are underway to develop a Specialty Alumni Network in the Barrie area. Networks are invaluable groups that provide support, encouragement, and continuing education to Tyndale alumni in the area in which they live. Whether you are in full-time ministry, secular work, or other – we want to connect with you.

To be part of the Barrie Alumni Network or to help with planning ideas, contact Sean Elliott OBC '96 at [sean@barriewordoflife.com](mailto:sean@barriewordoflife.com). Sean is Associate Pastor at Barrie Word of Life Outreach Centre. To learn more about Tyndale's Specialty Alumni Networks, contact Jill Sellitto in the Alumni Office at [alumni@tyndale.ca](mailto:alumni@tyndale.ca) or 1.877.TYNDALE (416.226.6620 ext. 2107).

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# Alumni updates

**Barry TBC '64 & Chris TBC '63 Jones** live in Carlsbad, California, but have an ongoing ministry in Micronesia. Barry was elected President of the World Evangelical Congregational Fellowship at the 7th Triennial Conference in Auckland, New Zealand in February 2004. This is a three-year term.

**Garry E. Milley OTS '85** has written the book, *Prophetic Voices in an Age of Upheaval*, published by Clements Publishing, Toronto. It is available in bookstores and at [www.clementsublishing.com](http://www.clementsublishing.com).

**Jim Dekker OBC '86** successfully defended his dissertation "The operational definition of respect among students and teachers in CSI high schools" in November 2002. After teaching for over eight years in the Christian high school system, Jim worked four years toward a Ph.D. in Educational Studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Jim is Codirector of the Center for Youth Ministry Studies and Assistant Professor of Youth Ministry at North Park University, Chicago. Jim's wife Christine (nee: Hodowanski) and their two girls have settled well into their new community.

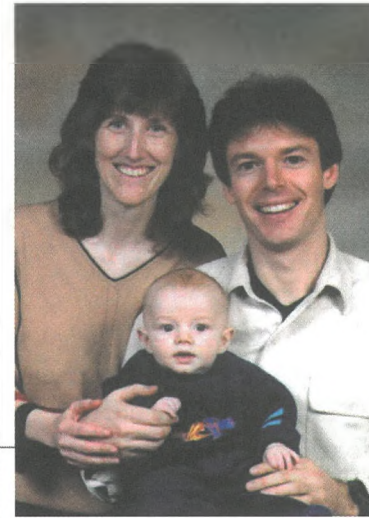
**Mike Greenfield OBC '86** recently accepted the position of President for Christian Camping International Canada after more than 16 years at Muskoka Woods Sports Resort. Mike began his new role in December 2003, working with Christian camp and conference leaders across Canada. Mike and his wife Elaine OBC '84, and their three daughters, Nicole, Carolyn and Melissa, continue to live in Muskoka, ON near Port Sydney. Mike's email is [mike@cci-canada.org](mailto:mike@cci-canada.org).

**John Paeng OBC '90** was ordained as a Christian & Missionary Alliance (USA) minister in February 2002 in Seattle, Washington, where he ministered at All Nations Community Church. John, his wife Kate, and their four-year-old daughter Naomi, now serve as missionaries in Uzbekistan. The Paengs long to serve the unreached nations within the 10/40 window. Their commitment is reaching the Islamic people groups along the Silk Road. They desire to plant a church, train and disciple national leaders, and establish a cultural centre to teach English, computer skills and other outreach ventures. Please pray for their safety. They face real danger daily being in a Muslim country. John shares that the Gospel is moving at breakneck speed throughout all of Uzbekistan and people are readily receiving Christ. Please pray for this revival. To reach them, email [mymoon@u.washington.edu](mailto:mymoon@u.washington.edu) and your message will be forwarded. Their direct coordinates cannot be provided for security reasons.

**Rob Gast OBC '91** recently moved to Waterloo, ON, with his wife Carina and daughter Amanda (nine months) to accept

the position of Director of Worship and the Arts at Community Fellowship Church.

**Tim OBC '98 & Colleen (nee: Lindsay) OBC '97 Stevens** were married in Toronto on September 28, 2002. Tim is an ESL teacher and church planter in Toronto. Their son Christopher was born in November 2003.



**Daniel Kunjumon TC '00** currently serves as pastor of South Asian Church in Scarborough, Full Gospel Assembly of God. Daniel is also Founder/President of International Tribal Ministries, an organization dedicated to reaching the unreached in India. Daniel and his wife visited India recently and had the privilege of conducting 13 baptisms. Daniel has also published a book called *A Christian Response to Islam*. Copies of the book are available through Daniel at [dkunjumon@hotmail.com](mailto:dkunjumon@hotmail.com).

**Sisi Theodorakidis TC '03** is pursuing her graduate work at Wycliffe College and having a wonderful time!

**Dr. Robert B. Strimple** was Professor of Systematic Theology at Toronto Bible College from 1961 to 1969 and Dean of Faculty from 1965 to 1968. Westminster Seminary, California recently established the Robert B. Strimple Chair of Systematic Theology. The first endowed chair in the seminary's history was made possible through a generous, anonymous donation to honour the life and work of Dr. Strimple, the founding Dean and first President of Westminster. His distinguished career over the past 41 years of teaching includes tenure at Westminster in Philadelphia, prior to cofounding and teaching at Westminster, California. He is an ordained Minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

## Reunions

The class of '64 will hold their 40th reunion at Tyndale on October 30, 2004. For more information, please contact the Alumni Office at 1.877.TYNDALE, or e-mail [alumni@tyndale.ca](mailto:alumni@tyndale.ca).

## In memoriam

*The Tyndale University College & Seminary Alumni Association conveys our sincere condolences to the families of the alumni who have gone to be with the Lord.*

**Enid Hunt TBC '27** passed away New Year's day in Toronto at the age of 95. Enid is the wife of the late Lionel Hunt TBC '64. Following her husband's death in 1966, Enid worked in the OBC library on Spadina Avenue until 1971. She resided at Bethany Lodge in Markham, ON for the last several years of her life. Enid is remembered as a great prayer warrior who prayed regularly for the work of Tyndale. Enid's life was full and busy with family and friends. She worshipped at Victoria Chapel and ministered in a nursing home. Enid played piano and studied New Testament Greek and other courses. She participated in the Mary and Martha group, mission events and other volunteering. She drove her own car until she was 88 years old, wrote letters and prayed faithfully. Enid was a faithful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

**Robert M. Bourke TBC '47** passed away Dec. 7, 2003 in Medicine Hat, AB. He was predeceased by his wife in 2001 and is survived by his three children and their families.

**Kathleen Hiebert (nee: Doerksen) TBC '47** passed away on April 20, 2004. Kathleen suffered a stroke in October 2002 and was in a nursing home since December 2002. Her family, and all that knew her, will dearly miss her.

**Beverley Hayes OBC '55** passed away April 13, 2004.

**Wes DeZeeuw OBC '72** passed away suddenly on Jan. 2, 2004 in Vernon, BC, at the age of 55. Wes suffered a massive heart attack. He was pastoring at First Baptist Church in Vernon at the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his wife Fran, of Vernon, and his two children, Stephanie and Michael, both of Calgary. Wes served with the Baptist Union of Western Canada for 30 years.

## Correction

Our graduation story (page 1) in the Winter 2004/Vol. 10-2 issue failed to mention that the University College's roots not only include Toronto Bible College (TBC) but London College of Bible and Missions. We apologize for this oversight. We celebrate these two educational parents and praise God for their vision in creating new and emerging entities to speak into the culture and provide educational services for the evangelical community.

If you have updates, news, or letters you would like to share with the Tyndale community, please call the Alumni Office at 416.226.6620 ext. 2107 or toll free at 1.877.TYNDALE (896.3253). The e-mail address is [alumni@tyndale.ca](mailto:alumni@tyndale.ca). To help ensure accuracy, please submit your contributions in writing. For more news and notes, go to [www.tyndale.ca/alumni](http://www.tyndale.ca/alumni).

# Alumni!

# Tyndale academics take stance on biblical marriage

**T**wo Tyndale faculty members have led the way in support of biblical marriage. The work of Drs. Scott Masson and Victor Shepherd has resulted in a statement affirming the importance of marriage. The document has been endorsed by various Christian academics and published in the Christian media.

The statement, presented below, was prepared in response to the federal government's proposed redefinition of marriage. According to the author, Dr. Masson, Assistant Professor of English Literature at Tyndale University College, "We wanted to provide a relatively brief statement, which was theologically informed but pastorally sensitive, to support our church communities in their struggle, and to demonstrate our continuing belief that the Gospel has the power to heal broken lives."

The statement was circulated to Canadian Christian colleges and universities. It was published in *Christian Week* in late October and subsequently by *Christian Current*.

## On the Proposed Redefinition of Marriage

We are opposed to the proposal to redefine the institution of marriage, and feel a responsibility as scholars and teachers to publish our views on the subject. We sense the profound brokenness of our society, and our Church, over this issue, and appeal for a humble, honest, and compassionate concern to be shown for those who particularly struggle with it. We also believe that true healing can only transpire when people have been restored to a right relationship with God in Christ, and are taught to live in reverence as those who bear his image.

Since the subject relates so

While the state may and, we believe, ought to affirm the importance of marriage, it lies beyond the scope of its sovereignty to define it. That is the prerogative of the Creator.



profoundly to the human condition, we appeal to the Creation text that first lends us insight into it: "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (Genesis 1:27). The relationship of marriage and the "one flesh" it creates out of bodies opposite yet complementary in their sexual nature is part of God's good creation. This text does not explain what it means to be human so much as it tells us that we can only understand that status in our likeness to God. As such, it establishes that the deepest human truths relate us to Him; they are not merely intellectual. Nor can they be gained through autonomous means. Even at this stage, it also suggests how in the relationship of male and female in marriage we discover something profound about the triune nature of God.

The blurring of the boundaries of the marriage relationship has rent deep fissures in the edifice of our society, as has widespread promiscuity. The expression of human sexuality is clearly not merely a private act, but a covenant relationship. It affects the whole of society. While the state may and, we believe, ought to affirm the importance of marriage, it lies beyond the scope of

its sovereignty to define it. That is the prerogative of the Creator. We understand that the relationship of marriage, like all of creation, has been marred by human sinfulness. The idealization of romantic love even in the Christian community has not helped matters. It has placed an unbearable burden of expectation on what remains a relationship of fallen individuals. The contrasting picture of a battle of the sexes is no less a caricature.

More accurate is to say that a faithful union of marriage, and the human sexuality expressed within its confines, possesses great power to nourish and protect. It bears fruit not simply in the procreation of children, but in the mutual support and comfort of husband and wife. Yet like all gifts, it also has disastrous potential when its duties and cares are neglected.

In the New Testament, however, we see an alternative to marriage also being lauded as good: celibate singleness for Christ. Jesus tells us that there will be no marriage in heaven. This is not to denigrate the fundamental goodness of marriage; it clearly remains normative in this world. But it does show that marriage and singleness are both presently and ultimately intended to serve as active parables of God's relationship to his people. Hosea, Ephesians 5 and Revelation 21-22 reveal this clearly, and the latter passage reveals both the personal and corporate nature of this union in its mixed metaphor of a city, clothed as a bride, the counterpart to Christ the heavenly Bridegroom. We believe that any attempt to distort this picture through a redefinition of marriage will prove disastrous not only in relating to our Creator, but also to each other, and thus we add our voices to the Roman Catholic bishops who have opposed it.

# Faculty & staff notes



**Dr. Jim Beverley**, Professor of Apologetics at the Seminary, was on sick leave this past term but is back to work. He has just written the book, *Disarming the Da Vinci Code*, a reply to Dan Brown's famous novel. For information see [www.davincicode.ca](http://www.davincicode.ca). Professor Beverley gave a lecture on the Unification Church at an international conference in Texas in June. He was also interviewed on the Dalai Lama for an article in *The Presbyterian Record*.



**Dr. Craig A. Carter**, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University College, presented a paper at the Wheaton Theology Conference at Wheaton College on April 15. The paper was entitled, "Beyond Theocracy and Individualism: The Significance of John Howard Yoder's Ecclesiology for Evangelicalism." He also prepared a major review of Douglas Harink's book *Paul among the Postliberals*, which appeared in the *Canadian Evangelical Review*, No. 26-27, Spring 2004. His review appeared along with those of Clark Pinnock and Joe Mangina and a response by Douglas Harink. Dr. Carter stepped down as Academic Dean on May 15. He will be on sabbatical for the 2004/05 academic year and will return as Associate Professor of Religious Studies for the 2005/06 year.



**Gladys Chan**, Registrar and Associate Dean of the Seminary, attended the ATS Profiles of Ministry Workshop in Memphis April 1-2. She

also attended the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers (AACRAO) conference in Las Vegas April 20-22.



**Dr. Eric Crouse**, Assistant Professor of History at the University College, received a grant from the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (Aid to Scholarly Publications Programme) for the publication of his book manuscript "Revival in the City: The Impact of American Evangelists in Canada, 1884-1914." On May 1, Eric presented his paper "Religion and McCarthyism: Through the Prism of Senator Margaret Smith" at the Symposium on Religion and Politics, The Henry Institute, Calvin College, Michigan.



**Dr. Brad Faught**, Assistant Professor of History at the University College, was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (F.R. Hist. S.). His book, *The Oxford Movement: A Thematic History of the Tractarians and Their Times* (Penn State Press, 2003), was released in paperback in the spring.



**Rev. Donald Goertz**, Assistant Professor of Church History at the Seminary, authored a chapter about Alexander Maclaren in the recently published volume edited by Michael Haykin, *The British Particular Baptists, 1638-1910*.



**Dr. Gordon Heath**, Assistant Professor of History at the University College, has resigned from Tyndale to become Assistant Professor of Church History at McMaster Divinity College. He will return part-time to teach the new two-semester church history course at Tyndale in 2004/05. Dr. Heath successfully defended his doctoral thesis April 20 at Knox College, University of Toronto.



**Dr. Rebecca Idestrom**, Associate Professor of Old Testament at the Seminary, led a Christian version of the Passover Seder at Good Shepherd Community Church in Scarborough, ON during Holy Week.



**Dr. Barbara M. Leung Lai**, Associate Professor of Old Testament & Chinese Ministry at the Seminary, has spent the remainder of her sabbatical researching and writing at Princeton. She is completing her book on "the First-Person Voice (the "I"-Window) and Internal Profiles in the Hebrew Bible." She is also working on her presentation paper, "Immersing Ourselves in the Visionary Experience of Daniel: Reading, Emotive-Experiencing, Appropriation" for the Society of Biblical Literature annual conference in the fall.



**Dr. Scott Masson**, Assistant Professor of English Literature at the University College, had a monograph *Romanticism, Hermeneutics and the*

*Crisis of the Human Sciences* published by Ashgate Press. It traces and criticizes nineteenth-century Romanticism's shift away from a Word-centred Christian orthodoxy, enshrined in the now virtually uncontested psycho-spiritual method of interpretation we call hermeneutics.



**Dr. Erwin Penner** retired at the end of May. He will return to teach full-time at Tyndale as Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies for the 2004/05 academic year.



**Hugh Rendle**, Library Director, conducted a workshop entitled "Building Reference Collections for Church Libraries," at the spring conference of the Church Library Association of Ontario in Oshawa on May 1.



**Dr. Diana Rice**, Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University College, successfully defended her doctoral thesis on April 30 at the University of Syracuse.



**Patricia Sears**, who has been teaching at the University College for the past two years, has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of English Literature.



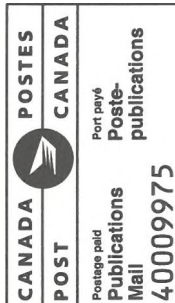
**Dr. David Sherbino**, Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministries at the Seminary, taught a team building course for the Scarborough Mission Society in Toronto on February 3 & 4. He was interviewed on February 12 about preparing for marriage on the CTS television show, "Listen Up." On February 13 he spoke about Christian Spiritual Formation as part of a Scarborough Board of Education PD Day, and on April 3 led a Strategic Planning Seminar for the leadership of St. Giles Presbyterian Church.



**Dr. Daniel Smith**, Assistant Professor of New Testament at the Seminary, has resigned to become Assistant Professor in New Testament Language & Literature at Huron University College in London, ON. Our prayers and best wishes go with him and his family.



**Dr. Daniel Wong**, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries at the University College, had his review of the book, *Preaching to Every Pew: Cross-Cultural Strategies*, published in the Canadian journal *Consensus*. He addressed leaders of English ministry in Chinese churches at the Servant Leader Conference March 12-13 in Michigan City, Indiana, and was the speaker for the annual meeting of the Toronto Area Association of Baptist Churches on April 24.



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