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St. Peter's College Reaches Out to the Globe

New Website Launched

A visit to www.stpeterscollege.ca will take you to the exciting world of our new website. This website, launched July 21, has a brand-new look with lots of photos, news, trivia and a tremendous amount of information. Some of the specific sections in the website are *About St. Peter's*, *Programs*, *Library*, as well as information for students and our alumni and friends. You'll find lots of information and tools to keep you interested.

St. Peter's has alumni, friends, supporters and potential students all over the world. Our website is an effective communication tool that will link the College with you, our local, national and international friends.



We are keen to know what you think about our new website. Although the site is now live, we will continue to maintain and improve the site to ensure that it meets *your* needs. Please let us know if you spot something that needs to be improved or included. We will do our utmost to make this the best website possible. Email us at spc@stpeters.sk.ca to let us know your thoughts.

We're sure you're going to make www.stpeterscollege.ca your home page... check us out today!

Jazz at St. Peter's



Mark Dejong

Mark DeJong, a very accomplished and recognized musician and St. Peter's College faculty member, has had a very busy year.

In 2008, Mark's debut album, "The Unknown," was released in June during the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival. His band, The Outer Bridge Ensemble, was in Saskatoon at that time, for the TD Canada Trust High School Jazz Intensive which he coordinated. They performed live at the Broadway Theatre on June 25. The concert can be heard on CBC Radio 2 on *Concerts on Demand* (<http://www.cbc.ca/radio2/cod/concerts/20080625djong>).

Recorded in Brooklyn, NY, his album features six original tunes, including one called "Men in Black," dedicated to everyone in the St. Pete's community. The album has done extremely well this past year, and spent 13 weeks in the top 10 Canadian campus and community radio jazz charts. Ear-shot jazz charts listed it as #2 in the top 20 for 2008.

In September, Mark and the Metro Jazz Ensemble and the Metro Big Band performed at the St Peter's Key to Success Gala and Awards Night. Following the Gala in November, Mark and Fellow Outer Bridge Ensemble member Steve Hudson embarked on a short tour to Italy. They were joined by NY trumpeter James Zollar and performed in Venice, Florence, Vicenza, and Bologna.

Mark had the opportunity on February 21 to join the Saskatoon Symphony and play with Canadian songwriting icon Ian Tyson. Three days later, Mark joined the legendary Wayne Newton on stage at the new Living Sky Theatre in Swift Current.

Promoting his album has been one of his priorities these past few months. He has had to field requests from radio stations as far away as Australia, Italy, Germany, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Not only does Mark have to fulfill these requests, he also has to actively distribute his music online to more than 400 radio stations across the U.S. Mark jokes "we'll see if my knowledge of 'popular' music helps me find fans for the hopelessly outdated genre of jazz saxophone!"

This summer, Mark once again coordinated the Jazz Intensive for the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival. He has a busy performance schedule, playing in Saskatoon, Vancouver, Victoria, and at the Pender Harbour Jazz Festival on the Sunshine coast in B.C. Of course, Mark also has to find time to keep his little two year-old son Elliott singing "ninko ninko little 'tar."



Mark Dejong, Steve Hudson & James Zoller playing in Venice

Mark teaches *An Introduction to Western Art Music* and the *History of Popular Music* during the university year at St. Peter's College. This year Mark's popular music class had the largest enrollment in 4 years. Mark is able to incorporate his wide variety of music experience into his classes so St. Peter's College students can draw on this and benefit from his dedication to music.

To learn more about Mark, his myspace page is www.myspace.com/jazzmarkdejong



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Alumni Memories

By Fr. Aloysius F. Schmitz, S.J., Class of 1940



SPC Alumnus
Fr. A. F. Schmitz

I grew up at Englefeld, Saskatchewan, the youngest of 11 children of Jacob and Anna Schmitz, who were farmers. I took second year Arts at St. Peter's College 1939-40. In 1946, I entered the Jesuit order in the United States and was ordained in 1959. Since that time, I have been living in many places in the north-central United States as a student and priest.

Over the past 63 years when I visited family, who are principally living in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, I stopped in at St. Peter's on occasion. During the earlier years, the principal person for me to see at St. Peter's was Fr. Matthew Michael, OSB, who was our pastor at Englefeld at the time I entered the Jesuits. Another person with whom I have visited at times is Fr. Roman Schneider, OSB, who was in Grade XII at St. Peter's when I attended with other young men from Lake Lenore, St. Gregor, Avanonlee and Blaine Lake.

My brother Leo Schmitz used to enjoy telling of how they sat on nail kegs when he attended St. Peter's at the time of its opening. My other brothers Florentine, Albert and Bernard are also alumni. Many nephews are, too.

I appreciate the publications that the alumni office at St. Peter's has been sending me over the years, giving news of "the college." I am amazed at all the changes that have been taking place at St. Peter's since I was a student there 69 years ago.

You are carrying on a great mission for the people of the Prairies. It was exciting to read about the fund-raising Gala and the "Key to Success." May it be very successful and enable St. Peter's to expand ever further the good work it has been doing since its inception.

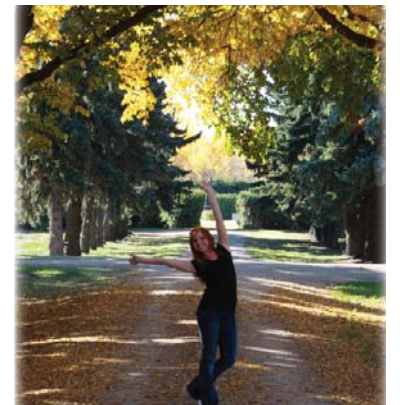
Exciting New Programs Added at St. Peter's College

Kinesiology and Business Programs Launched

Prospective Kinesiology and Business students can now begin their university programs at St. Peter's College in Muenster.

Through a special agreement made with the College of Kinesiology at the University of Saskatchewan, students can now take their first year of Kinesiology at St. Peter's College. "This is an exciting opportunity for students who wish to pursue a Kinesiology Degree," said Val Koroluk, special projects manager at St. Peter's College.

St. Peter's College has also entered into a partnership with the University of Saskatchewan's Edwards School of Business (ESB) to offer several new business programs at the College. Students can apply for direct entry into the Edwards School of Business and take the entire first year of their Commerce degree at St. Peter's College. Also offered is the ESB's Business Administration Certificate. The Business Administration Certificate is a program that is designed for the mature learner who wishes to take business classes on a part-time basis.



SPC Alumna Sarah
Kotyk

"This is an exciting opportunity for post-secondary education in the region," said Rob Harasymchuk, president of St. Peter's College. "These programs will attract students who will benefit from our excellent faculty and supportive learning environment," he added. The programs will showcase educational and business opportunities in east central Saskatchewan and help promote these opportunities to students.

"With these new additions," said Glen Kobussen, special advisor to the board of St. Peter's College, "SPC offers Arts and Science, Business, Agriculture and Kinesiology." "Students are also able to fulfill the entry requirements to colleges such as Medicine, Law, Nutrition, Pharmacy, and Education," Kobussen added. More students will be able to benefit from our small class size, excellent instruction, lower tuition and cost of living and friendly atmosphere.

SPC Student off to Minot



Holly Holtvogt

Holly Holtvogt, a recent St. Peter's College student, will be moving to Minot, North Dakota in the fall to enter the Communications Disorders Degree Program at Minot State University. The classes she took this year at St. Peter's will transfer into the Communications Disorders program.

"I was lucky I could take the first year of my degree so close to home," said Holly. "Since graduating from Anaheim high school last year, SPC's small school set-up is exactly what I was used to. It was so much easier getting used to university life and at SPC I was around a lot of people I already knew." Holly added she was able to live at home and could save a lot of money on living expenses.

Holly enjoyed her year at SPC. She liked the learning experience in the small class setting. "It's been great because it was very easy to contact and talk to your professors if you needed help." Holly not only got closer to people she knew before but she also made new friends. "This is a very friendly place," she said.

When asked why she chose Communications Disorders as a career, Holly said her interest in communication disorders started early in life. Her brother had a speech impediment when he was younger. She saw how it affected him and how speech therapy helped him. "I've always wanted a career that helps people, and it's a job people don't often think of as a rewarding job, but it is," said Holly.

Next year will bring changes for Holly, from moving away from home to another university and another country. "I'll miss being close to home, my family, and the friends I've met."

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