Two Convocation ceremonies in one day

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Welcome to the Guild of the Venerable Bede

This year St. Mark’s Chapel turned 150. For those who have enjoyed the privilege of attending the Chapel, it comes as no surprise that it is a worship centre not only for the students, faculty and staff of the University and Champlain College, but for the community as well. St. Mark’s is more than just a chapel; it has a rich and vibrant history and has been designated as an historical site that is a popular stop for tourist buses operating in the area.

The first in a series of special events organized to mark the 150th Anniversary was a special Eucharist service and reunion of the Guild of the Venerable Bede held June 16-17, 2007. The weekend-long celebration kicked off with an organ concert, featuring Leslie Martin Young, performed on St. Mark’s sublime organ.

On Saturday evening, a reception and dinner were held for the Guild members, their friends, and guests from the University. Sam Purdy, the dinner speaker, spoke about the Venerable Bede and the history of the Guild. His presentation was enlivened with wonderful stories about the antics of Guild members while at Bishop’s.

The Holy Eucharist, celebrated on Sunday morning, was an occasion long to be remembered. The Most Reverend Bruce Stavert, Archbishop of Quebec, was the celebrant and Reverend Canon Dr. John Simons, Principal of the Montreal Diocesan College, served as the preacher. The Chapel choir performed under the direction of Melinda Enns and the organists, Pamela Gill Eby and Simon Abbott, did an outstanding job. The worshippers who filled the Chapel experienced a sample of the high standard of worship that has been at the heart of St. Mark’s throughout its 150 years. That spirit is why the Chapel continues to play an important role in the University, the College and the local community. It is also a tribute to the ministry of Archdeacon Heather Thomson.

Ebert “Bim” Hobbs ’51

Business students win international competition — again!

The final round of the 12th annual NIBS (Network of International Business Schools) case competition was hosted by the Dublin Institute of Technology in March. Eight teams, including the host team, made it to the final round of this international case competition. Other teams were from the US, Guatemala, The Netherlands, Finland and Canada (Concordia and Memorial).

Bishop’s team, who won the event in 2006 (hosted in Norway), was unsure of their standing as they got off to a rocky start, losing to Memorial University. However, the team beat both Guatemala and Finland in the remaining round robin event, advancing to the semifinals against their arch rival, Concordia.

The team was presented with the case of Lenovo, China’s largest PC maker, and its attempt to establish a brand name for itself following its acquisition of IBM’s personal computer division. In a 4 hour period, the team was required to analyze the company, understand its problems, recommend a strategic solution, outline the implementation for this recommended strategy, and prepare a 20 minute power point presentation. Following the presentation, the team fielded questions for ten minutes.

The team was ecstatic when the judges concluded that the Bishop’s analysis and recommendations were superior to those of their rival Concordia. BU then met the team from the Netherlands in the final and went on to enjoy their second consecutive NIBS win!

The Williams School of Business has won this event four times and has placed second four times in the 12 year history of the competition.

The experience is extremely beneficial for the students as they interact with business students from different countries, experience different cultures, and get to use their business knowledge and skills in competitive situations.

Next year’s NIBS final will be hosted by Coventry University in England. We hope to be there!

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