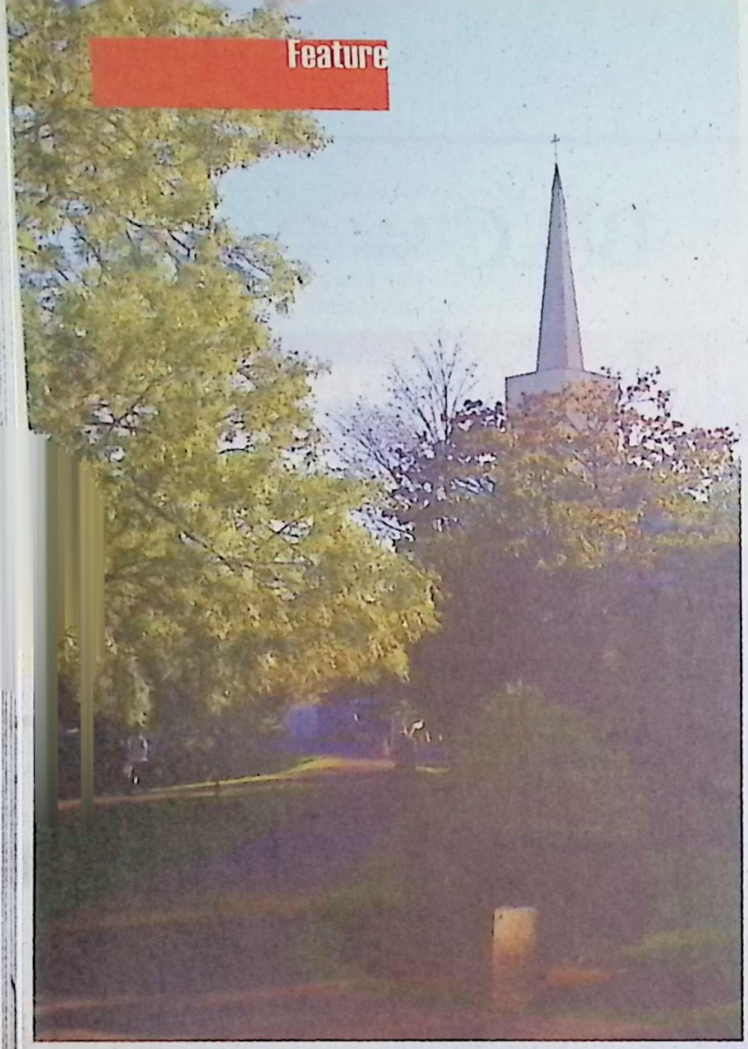


Saint Mary's University
A Friendly Welcome to Canada's East Coast!

LOCATED in Halifax, Nova Scotia a small and friendly capital city along Canada's Eastern Coast (also known as the "Maritime" region) Saint Mary's University was established back in 1802. Halifax itself is also full of history and culture, with a decades-old reputation of being a 'first stop' for overseas immigrants to North America particularly those arriving by boat from countries across Europe back in the 19th and 20th centuries. And just as it welcomed all those newcomers "back in the day", the city continues to welcome international students with open arms.

Dr. V Sastry has been a professor at Saint Mary's since 1986 but has been involved with the school for much, *much* longer. Originally from Hyderabad, India, Dr Sastry first arrived in Halifax back in 1973, as a participant student of the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme, under which he had chosen to do his PhD degree at Saint Mary's. As a former international student (and international newcomer to Canada) himself, Dr Sastry knows all too well of the challenges such individuals can face. And consequently, he holds a special place in his heart for them. In order to helps students make their transitions easier, he and his wife often open their doors and their lives to students from the university.

Student dinners, small get-togethers Dr Sastry says these all a regular fixture at his own home to pull off the newcomers out of boredom and homesickness. And by large, it is also this type of one-on-one attention that really sets Saint Mary's apart as a post-secondary institution both outside the classrooms and within. According to Dr. Sastry, the real bonus with studying at Saint Mary's is the small class size and students excellent accessibility of their professors. Associate Professor of Finance, Information Systems, and Management Science, Dr Mahmoud A. Moh'd,

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