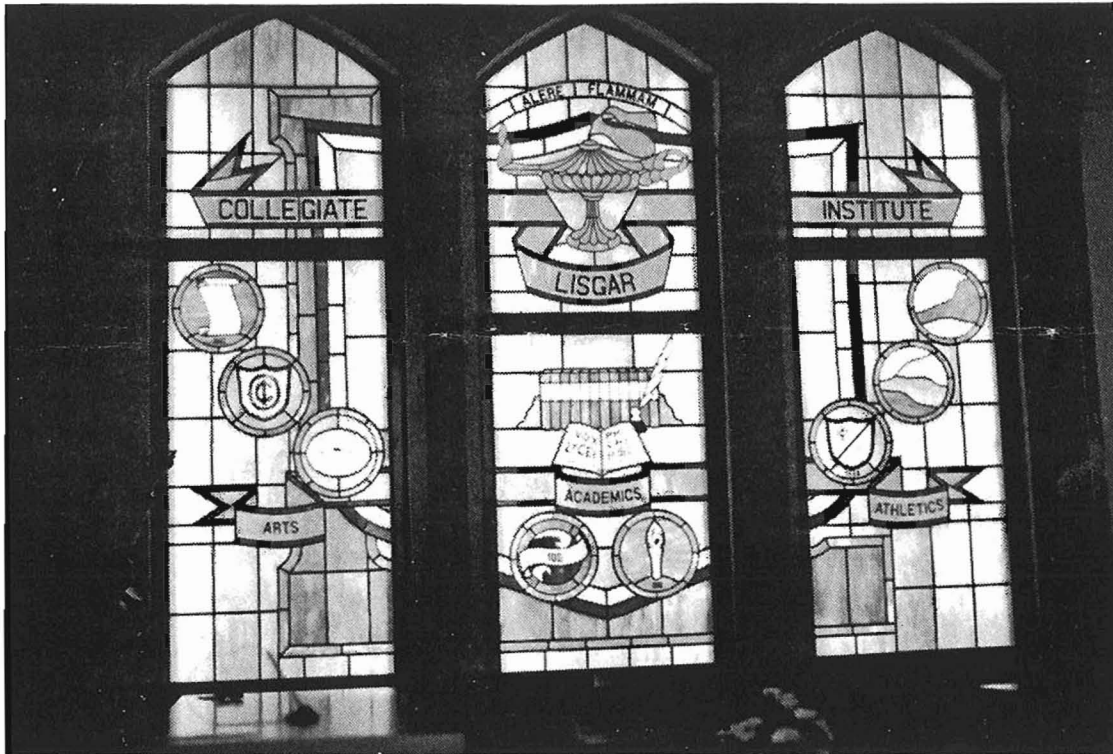


# Lisgar Alumni Association



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1985 FALL NEWSLETTER



Cutting the ribbon to  
unveil the Heritage  
Windows

Mr. Gerry Diamond 31-36

Diana Smallridge 79-83

Mr. S.J. Glavin  
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## LISGAR HERITAGE WINDOWS

On June 1, 1985 the Stained Glass Windows were officially presented and unveiled, thereby completing the Heritage Wall. A small but enthusiastic crowd attended the impressive formal ceremony and reception.

The multi-faceted symbolism depicted in the stained glass truly reflects the loyalty and respect which Lisgar continues to enjoy from its graduates and associates. If you have not already done so, allow yourself an opportunity to view this spectacular memorial of Lisgar's 140th Anniversary Reunion!

### MR. J. WRIGHT NEIL

Last May Mr. J. Wright Neil, who was Principal of Lisgar Collegiate, from 1960 to 1972, died in hospital. In his thirty-three years at the school he made a great contribution to the quality of education at Lisgar. During this period he served as an English teacher, guidance counsellor, vice-principal and principal.

Mr. Neil, as principal, provided excellent leadership for the school. Under his direction great emphasis was placed on promoting good discipline, sound scholarship and concern for the individual student. Mr. Neil was an alert warm and understanding person who took great interest in his students and their activities. He had an extremely retentive memory and could recall names of former students with little difficulty.

Mr. Neil was an exceptional principal who was very highly regarded by both staff members and Lisgar students. We were so pleased that in 1984 he was able to join us and participate in our 140th Anniversary celebrations.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Lisgar graduates are maintaining the excellent academic performance of their predecessors. A number of graduates received awards and scholarships from various universities and institutions throughout the country and U.S.A.

One young lady was accepted at the prestigious General Motors Institute at Flint, Michigan, in Industrial Engineering. "ALL" costs of her education for four years are underwritten by a corporate sponsor. This same sponsor guarantees employment as a manager trainee during holiday periods at a handsome wage rate.

Another student was offered and accepted the prestigious Tricolour Scholarship at Queen's University (maximum value 4,170). This same student was offered a combination of scholarships by the University of Toronto, including one with a strong Lisgar connection. The Hardie Award for Classics is a scholarship which was established in the name of W.H. Hardie, a graduate of University of Toronto and a teacher of Classics at Lisgar, 1905 - 1920.

We are very proud of our senior students who won Lisgar and Ottawa Board of Education awards for graduating students. Ten graduates received O.B.E. Bronze medals for obtaining 90% or over in their year's work. 77 graduates achieved the Ontario Scholar Award for obtaining 80% or over on their year's work.

The long standing Lisgar Awards such as:

The Argue-Muir Memorial Prize in History and French	---- Dominic Leblanc
The Adam Ballantyne Scholarships	---- Alexis Campbell - Jennifer Skidd
The Isaac Couch Prize for English	---- Jennifer Westlake
The James Hope Prize for History	---- Dominic Leblanc
The L.W. Rentner Memorial Award for Mathematics	---- Agnes Chu
The William Aird Ross Scholarship for Mathematics	---- Sarah Capes
The Betty Mae Swerdfager Mount Memorial Prize	----
The Thorburn Prize	---- Sarah Capes
The Thomas Wardrope Scholarship for Classics	---- Sarah Capes

were all awarded to students who are most worthy scholars.

Approximately 230 students graduated from Grade XIII in 1985. About 85% of Lisgar graduates proceed to University studies. This year was no exception and the choices of institutions included Dalhousie, Mount Allison, St. Mary's, St. Francis Xavier, McGill, Concordia, Ryerson, and some western universities, as well as a number of American Universities. We are confident that these most recent grads are well prepared to meet the challenge and we wish them every success.

#### CLASSICS ARE ALIVE AND WELL AT LISGAR

Latin is still being offered from Grades 9 to 13. There are 265 students taking it this year - four grade 9 classes, 3 grade 10, two grade 11, two grade 12 and one grade 13.

Also the class in Greek continues quite well and meets either before school or at lunchtime.

The non-language Classical Civilization class also forms an interesting part of the department.

Lisgar has the largest enrollment of students registered in Latin and Greek courses of any school in the province.

#### EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS RECEIVED

- The Math. Department is to be congratulated on the calibre of students they produce. I always thought that Lisgar was rather special in both staff and the students!
- Isabel Forward.
- I am so happy to feel a part of Lisgar again. Memories are so precious when one looks back on the good years of life. - Daphne Horsey.
- The newsletter was informative and a good communication tool. We look forward to further correspondence and activities. - Ron and Marilyn Kelly.

NOTES AND COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK

- D.W. Brown (1933) is looking for Fred Fortier, Delta Steene and Ted Eligh.
- The Alumni Association welcomes back to Ottawa Dorothy Wall from Calgary and Sheldon Munro from Burlington.
- Is anyone out there interested in starting a branch in any other city? We can supply names and addresses.
- Please send us information to put in our newsletter.
- Grant Buchanan is looking for Mendere Dawit. Anyone who knows his whereabouts, please call Barb O'Erien at 733-3400, or write to the Lisgar Alumni, care of Lisgar Collegiate.
- Costa Pilavachi, a student in the 1960's has been appointed Artistic Music Director to the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Tanglewood. Previously he was Director of the Department of Music at the NAC. - Submitted by Vilma Lackner.
- F.R. (Ted) Edwards, a student at Lisgar in the 1930's was inducted into the R.A. Sports Hall of Fame in December, 1984. Ted and his brother Jake, who spent 41 years in the Athletic and Physical Education life at Queen's, began their sports careers at Lisgar. - Submitted by Eileen Edwards, Welland.
- Maralyn Horsdal (1960) is publishing books, specifically Canadian non-fiction, especially History and Biography. She would love to hear from any Lisgar Alumni working on manuscripts in these fields. - Horsdal and Schubert Publishers Ltd., Box 1, Ganges, British Columbia, V0S 1E0.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION - 140th

- What a happy occasion the 140th was. My congratulations and warm thanks to all those responsible for the organization and labour that made it such a success. Like so many others, I feel that Lisgar has been an important part of my life, and I do have an abiding affection for the school and all those who made it a happy place for me. - Marion Meech.
- Just a note to say what a grand and professional job was done by the Chairman, Committee and army of students for Lisgar's 140th. The souvenir program and hand-books were such pleasant reading, and the speakers on Friday night were each and every one tremendous! - Milton Shaffer.
- I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the staff and students of Lisgar for the many hours of preparation that went into the 140th. - Kathy Yach Trustee, O.B.E.
- It was a splendid event, and we count it a privilege to have had the opportunity to be present. We have some idea of the tremendous amount of planning and work involved in producing three such successful days of celebration. Those responsible are to be highly complimented. - Jean MacMillan.
- Last year's reunion was a terrific affair - well organized, well run and chock full of great memories. - Mike Heenan.
- It was extremely good to be back at Lisgar and see so many familiar faces. It is a grand school, and while they tried to make it look uniform and dull in the modern manner that doesn't really matter, as it is the people who make a school, and Lisgar will always be itself. - Mary Gemmill.

- Just wanted to say a very sincere thank-you for a beautiful weekend reunion. The staff were great and the students were fantastic! Everyone helpful, cheerful and kind! I am already looking forward to the 150th, but the 140th will always be special, so very 'worth it'. - Barbara (St. Pierre) Verhey (53-57).

- I had such a good time at your reunion last year. I thought the Art and Biology Departments so exciting! Best wishes to the Alumni. - Gladys Jost Vessie (25-28).

We cried a little  
and laughed a lot  
For friendships rekindled  
and for friends that were not  
The weekend will long  
be remembered by all  
Whoever walked in  
the hallowed hall  
We hope to do this  
at least once more  
Here's to the reunion  
in 1994

Harriet Horowitz Slone (1945-49)