



## 204 Graduate in June Ceremony

Lisgar held its 1989 Graduation at 3:00 p.m. on June 29th. It was a beautiful day, sunny but not too hot. The commencement ceremony was held outside on the Mall between the North and South buildings. The stage was set up in front of the "boys" entrance so the audience could admire not only our graduates but also the historic architectural backdrop of the old school with the motto *Alere Flammam* in bas-relief on the wall directly above the stage.

The Lisgar graduates (95% of the 204 graduates were in attendance) and the staff marched in the gymnasium. The Lisgar Concert Band played the

Processional March at the appointed hour and the audience stood as the staff and gowned graduates marched to their reserved seats. Special guests including Walter Mann, former head of the English Department, added a unique historic touch to the occasion.

The 1989 graduating class brought tremendous distinction to Lisgar's already well established tradition of academic excellence. There were 109 Ontario Scholars achieving an average of over 80% in their grade thirteen/OAC studies. Our graduates earned entrance to Cambridge University, Harvard, Princeton, William &

Mary and Cornell in addition to all major Canadian universities.

In total dollars, the 1989 graduating class won more major scholarships than any previous class. Whether it was the new \$8,000 Canada Scholarships or major scholarships in the \$12,000 to \$14,000 range, Lisgar was well represented. Entrance scholarships numbered in the dozens and of course one cannot forget Robin Spence's success in winning the prestigious Morehead, whose value is in the \$50,000 range over four years. Lisgarites of all ages can be justifiably proud of the 1989 Lisgar Grads.

## Memorial Hall's Veterans List Updated

The Memorial Hall on Lisgar's first floor main entrance contains two large engraved plaques commemorating those graduates who sacrificed their lives during World War I and II and two walls of engraved brass tablets commemorating those Lisgarites who fought in the defence of Canada.

Last year, a committee of Lisgar Veterans chaired by John Dunfield worked very hard to make sure that the names of all Lisgarites who served are mounted in the Hall. In addition they attempted to get the names of former students who served in the Korean Conflict in order that we could complete the Memorial recognition of all veterans who served in Canada's 3 official wars.

The committee is certain that they haven't identified every Lisgar veteran but they have added several names to the list. Out of the research and related archival documents came the following Lisgar student whose name had not yet appeared— Pilot Officer Hugh Norman McLeod.

Sgt. Air Bomber Hugh Norman McLeod was flying in an

RCAF Halifax bomber over Europe on the night of September 15th on a bombing missions to Kiel. Captured German documents referred to in the archival material indicate that two Halifax bombers were shot down on the 16th September, 1944 at 0105 hours near Oste-



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rholm, Denmark. Apparently the two bombers collided in mid-air and their wreckage was strewn over a large area, making identification difficult. The deceased were buried in a communal grave in Aabenraa Cemetery, Denmark.

The archival documents show that McLeod was commissioned with the rank of Pilot Officer with effect from September 14th, 1944 and that a certification of presumption of death was issued on August 13th, 1945. Identification was made by way of a Canadian Air Bomber's Brevet, the initials McL in

red cotton on the back of the shirt, as well as initials S McL and ML on the back of the shirt and on the handkerchief the initials S McL. McLeod is buried in the Allied Military Plot Aabenraa Cemetery, Denmark, in row 5, grave 12. May he rest in peace.

Even from the dry, unemotional reports from the RCAF casualty section, it is not hard to imagine the grief felt by his family, especially as his loss was difficult to confirm. Such was the sacrifice made countless times through the wars by young Canadians. It is the least we can do to always remember their sacrifices and to celebrate our peace.

The Alumni Association will continue the work of updating the Memorial List to ensure all our graduates who gave so freely are recognized in our own small way in the school's Memorial Hall. We encourage all Lisgar War veterans to complete the veterans form on the back of the membership invoice/renewal page if you have not already done so previously.



## MEMBERS' FORUM

### Order of Canada Recipient Remembers Lisgar Days

"Recently, a friend sent me a page from *Alere Flammam*.... I was at Lisgar from 1917 to 1922. My mother, her brother and two sisters, and one of my daughters were also graduates. My uncle must have graduated nearly a hundred years ago, as he would now be 115 years old, if he were still here."

Eugene Forsey  
*Ottawa, Ontario*

### Keeping in Touch

"While recently visiting a friend from many moons ago I eyed a copy of *Alere Flammam*. As an old Lisgarite I would very much appreciate receiving same. Could you please add my name to your mailing list".

Geoffrey H. Tucker  
*Gander, Newfoundland*

### In Memoriam

Doctor Benjamin A. Levitan, passed away on December 6, 1987. He graduated from Lisgar as an Honours Student in 1938.

### Visit Us!

Since the last newsletter Lisgar has been visited by a number of graduates and former students. The school is always delighted whenever alumni are in town on business or pleasure and they drop in to the school. We ask you to stop at the main office, introduce yourself and sign the guest book. A few alumni who have signed in recent months are Canon Arthur Caulfield, graduate of 1924, who now resides in Saint John; Mrs. Vivian Coates nee Katz who brought her family to visit her alma mater from her present home in Havertown, Pennsylvania; F. Cuthbert Salmon, class of 1933, who resides in Stillwater, Oklahoma where he was Dean of the School of Architecture, Oklahoma State University until his retirement; and Mrs. Ethel Fulford nee Moffet, class of 1947, who has resided in Kingston, Jamaica for the past several years. We certainly enjoyed meeting these folks and wish them all the best.

## Plans Being Made for Lisgar's 150th Anniversary in 1993

Your Alumni Association has discovered that the preferred dates for our 150th celebrations in 1993 are limited with respect to finding a suitable location for our banquet. We are, however, pleased to announce that we have booked The Ottawa Congress Centre for the Thanksgiving weekend of October 9th, 10th and 11th, 1993.

In addition we have booked a block of rooms at Howard Johnson's, The



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Radisson and the Lord Elgin Hotels.

We do hope you will start planning now to attend and to spread the word to all former Lisgarites. Any suggestions that you might have with respect to the activities and displays

that you would like to see during the celebrations would be most welcome. Your Alumni Association would also appreciate any Lisgarites who live in the Ottawa area who feel they could spend a few hours to assist in the planning of the 150th to join your own executive.

For more information, write to your executive, c/o the school or call Mr. D. Arrand at 239-2696 during the day, or Mr. Jim Kerr at 731-6487.



*Jim Beall found on 4th floor. Lisgar students (left to right) Ian Lawson, Jane Franklin and Rainer Uhrenbacher join Mr. Beall (second from left) on a tour of "condemned" 4th floor, circa 1974.*

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If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, we would love receiving any letters, comments, or even requests for whereabouts of your lost friends. Just write us!

# Lisgar Alumnus Wins GMI Travel Award

Jane E. Boon, a management systems student at GMI Engineering & Management Institute, Flint, MI, has been named recipient of a 1989 alumni Association Travelship award for a six-week working visit to West Germany.

Jane, daughter of Dave and Frances Boon of Ottawa, was one of ten GMI students selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, leadership qualities, and community involvement.

Outstanding students are awarded travel expenses and the opportunity, in cooperation with their sponsoring companies, to travel to other parts of North America or abroad for a six week learning and work experience. They also visit other places of cultural, political and economic significance.

Jane's travelship work experience will be with Magna International, Wolfsburg, West Germany. She is sponsored by Magna International,

Markham, Ontario.

GMI Engineering, & Management Institute, with a student enrollment of nearly 3,000, is the United States' only accredited college of engineering and management operating on a five-year cooperative plan of education.

Founded in 1919, GMI was part of General Motors Corporation until 1982, when it became an independent institution and ceased to be known as General Motors Institute.

The college offers bachelor of science degrees in mechanical, industrial, electrical, and manufacturing systems engineering, and management systems. A masters degree is offered in manufacturing management. Students alternate 12-week periods of classroom and laboratory academic studies with work experience at about 300 sponsoring businesses and organizations in the United States and Canada.

## New Prize Given at Commencement Honours Former English Head

Lisgar's newest academic award, The Walter B. Mann-Prize, was presented to David Moon at the June Commencement exercises. This prize, established by the English Department to recognize excellence in writing, is named for the man who served as Head of the department from 1938 to 1968.

The winner is selected by the members of the English Department who base their judgement on the written work of the senior years. Each has his/her name inscribed on a plaque which will be kept in the Trophy Case at Lisgar.

The first presentation was made memorable by the presence of Mr. Mann who expressed his pleasure and pride in having an award named in

his honour. Former students will appreciate naming this award after Mr. Mann since one of his goals as a teacher was to help his students achieve clarity and elegance in their written work.

The English Department would like to increase the value of the cash award and encourages donations from the alumni. If you would like to help keep those traditions of excellence in writing which Walter Mann established so effectively during his tenure at Lisgar, please make a donation to the Lisgar Fund. You may do so using the donation section of the Membership form included in this newsletter and specifying under designated donations—the Walter B. Mann Prize.

## The Vox Lycei Cleans House

Lost your Vox? Want to fill in those missing years? Now's the ideal opportunity. As a part of our "fall cleaning" and to help us reduce our debt, we are offering back copies of the Vox for the low price of \$10 a copy. We have multiple copies for the following years: 67-68, 68-69, 70-71, 71-72, 72-73, 74-75, 75-76, 76-77, 77-78, 78-79, 82-83, 83-84, 84-85, 85-86, 86-87, 87-88, 88-89. We have single copies for most of the other years of the past three decades. The \$10 charge includes shipping and handling. Please contact Mr. L. Peters through the school.

Fifty Years Ago 1939-40

The following are excerpts from the 1939-40 Vox Lycei.

"The successful conduct of the war is of course the chief concern of Canadians at this time. This is none the less true of us Canadian High School students. Although we cannot yet be of great service to the Empire in its war effort we can at least carry on by diligently acquiring that education which will be so useful and so necessary when the "star of peace returns".

"In the educational, as well as on the battle field there has been marked local activity. Among the number of our recent acquisitions we count a new principal, seven new teachers, and two new departments (Domestic Science and Manual Training)."

"Hence, we of the fifth form leave Lisgar with the sincere conviction that the O.C.I. (Lisgar) will continue to lead in Secondary Schooling in Ottawa as it has done for the past 97 years. If our confidence is justified, Lisgar will celebrate a proud centennial in 1943. To commemorate this great event the student council plans a Centennial Issue of the Vox Lycei in that year."

"Lisgarites of past and present are therefore invited to contribute to this record that Lisgar's first century may be fittingly celebrated. The season is now open."

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"After 14 years of undisputed possession of the Senior Interscholastic City championship, R.D. Campbell's Glebe seniors fell before a fighting Blue and Grey Squad. Never before has Lisgar produced such a high-scoring team, averaging 49.5 points a game." Team members included J. Seed (Mgr.), G. Mackey, D. McLean, A. Mackey, K. Checkland, Mr. Rothwell (Coach), D. Merkley, K. Fee, B. Avery, J. Leggett, R. Canning.

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"It was snowing and raining for this year's meet in Cornwall, but a team of nine Lisgar girls captured the E.O.S.S.A. cup. They finished with a score of 30 points, while Smith's Falls in second placed gained only 16." Team members included V. Brampton, B. Carey, I. Duguid, M. Shea, E. Holmes, B. Fenton, G. Ketchum.

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News, events and other items of special interest happening at Lisgar Collegiate Institute

## Lisgar Space Mission Blasts Off Once Again

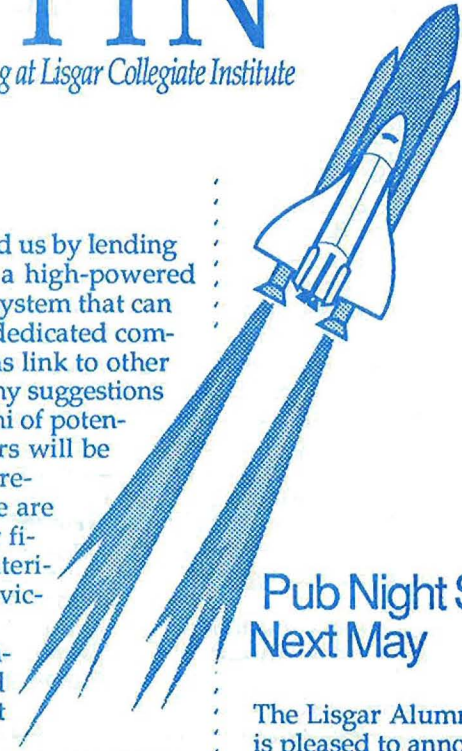
Plans are underway for an even more ambitious International Student Space Simulation this year. Building on last year's extremely successful mission, simultaneous simulated missions will take place around the world on January 29, 1990. As a charter member of the project, Lisgar will again contribute to the Houston mission in many subject areas. Students are planning science experiments, technological components, art work, computer projects, music videos and a variety of other endeavours related to space or as contributions to an international exchange.

We will be hosting a group of Texas students at the end of October and

again hope to send a small group to be part of the mission team in Houston. For many students, space is a highly motivating topic and the quality of the students' efforts has been outstanding. There is almost no subject area that cannot be related to this simulation/exchange.

We again hope to obtain sponsorship to defray transportation costs, so that finances will not be a factor if a student wishes to participate, and to provide a fund that can be used to provide materials for student projects. (Last year, an excellent space suit was produced and used on the mission, but it cost about \$300.). Our first sponsor, Computer Business Centre Inc., has al-

ready joined us by lending the school a high-powered computer system that can serve as a dedicated communications link to other schools. Any suggestions from alumni of potential sponsors will be gratefully received. We are looking for finances, materials and services. Last year's sponsors seemed to feel that the high profile of the event (Television and Radio) and the "access" to a school full of bright and motivated youngsters was worth their "investment".



## Pub Night Set for Next May

The Lisgar Alumni Association is pleased to announce that we have scheduled an Alumni PUB NIGHT to the second Friday in May 1990. We encourage all alumni to spread the word and mark their calendar for this evening of meeting old friends and sharing reminiscences and tall tales. We look forward to seeing a large crowd of Lisgar alumni at the school next May 11th.

## Publishing History

The Lisgar Alumni Association is pleased to announce that former Vox Editor (1940) Joan Finnigan will be the author of a history of the last 50 years at Lisgar. This book will be published for the 150th anniversary celebration in the fall of 1993. Funding and research plans are in the planning stage and we encourage all Lisgar alumni to make contributions, both financial and historical. Joan Finnigan, subject of an alumni profile in the Winter 1989 *Alere Flamman*, is a well respected Ottawa Valley author whose works include screenplays, poetry collections and other works.



Lisgar Octet performs in Room 200, West Block, Parliament Hill under baton of Mrs. Trudy Bradley.

## Lisgar Bids Farewell to Teachers

Lisgar Collegiate said goodbye to a number of staff members whose contributions to the school will long be remembered. They were honoured in a very special fashion at a banquet held in the magnificent Room 200 in the West Block of the Parliament Buildings. The evening was a very pleasant affair with a number of former Lisgar teachers and retirees in attendance to welcome the newcomers into their ranks of superannuation.

These special guests included former principals Mr. R. J. McMichael and Mr. S. J. Glavin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Rule, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leggett and Mr. George Morrison.

The program consisted of a fabulous dinner, music courtesy of the Lisgar Octet under the baton of Mrs. Trudy Bradley, and very appropriate speeches and gifts. Each staff member being honoured was introduced with a speech, presented a gift and offered an opportunity to say a few words *in rebuttal*.

So with a great deal of mixed emotions Lisgar said goodbye and good luck to: Mr. Rene Charron, who taught at Lisgar for 30 years; Mr. Robin Wedderspoon, Classic Department Head for 23 years; Mr. Sam Saunders, Art teacher for 15 years; and to Sister Marie Meilleur, French; Mr. Fern Routhier, History; Mrs. Merka Richards, Home Economics; Mr. Dennis Poupore, French and Latin; and Mrs. Joan Vezina, who was Lisgar's most senior secretary with 20 years of service in the main office.



Retirees (from left) Mr. Wedderspoon, Mr. Routhier, Sister Meilleur, Mrs. Vezina, Mrs. Richards, Mr. Poupore, Mr. Charron and Mr. Saunders.

## Lisgarwrite Best School Paper in Region

Alere Flammam would like to congratulate staff of *Lisgarwrite*, Lisgar's school newspaper, for their first place in the Ottawa Citizen's 25th annual High School Yearbook and Newspaper Awards. This contest featured 39 yearbook and 20 newspaper entrants from Eastern Ontario high schools. Lisgar's yearbook, the *Vox Lycei*, won third place.



## Berlin Exchange

Stage one of the second two-week student exchange between Ottawa and West Berlin, based on billeting, was completed September 27th, 1989. Stage two will take place April 27 - May 11 of next year when nineteen Lisgarites and five students from Nepean High School will meet their respective billets in West Berlin. The exchange in Canada included trips to Niagara Falls and an overnight trip to Camp Kalalla, Quebec. The picture shows the two organizers of the exchange, Mr. Paryas, Dept. of Modern Languages, to the right. Mr. Woods, Director of Physical Education is standing behind the West German flag. The students represent a mixture of Berliners and Ottawans enjoying a fine fall day at Camp Kalalla.

Fifty Years Ago 1939-40

## Lisgar Line-Up

"Of all the teachers of our school,  
Play do not be insulted,  
I tried to think of Jest and rhyme  
And here is what resulted

"Our principal in J.J.D.  
Both well loved and respected,  
But we all know that he's no lamb  
When hooky is detected.

"Now comes the one who writes the slip  
Should we perhaps be late,  
And after school we make a trip  
To keep with Mike our date.

"And next in line comes Walter Mann  
Our specialist in history,  
And though his jokes are never dry  
They sometimes smell (of mystery).

"And Mr. Hayden we can't miss,  
Nor Ade, Lalande or Fallis,  
And towards our well beloved staff  
For slams we feel no malice.

"And Mr. Felker you know him,  
From chemistry and such  
And though experiments run high,  
Our marks don't run to much.

"Then Thompson, Bishop, Hills and Smith,  
All form the ladies section;  
From them we learn out lessons of  
Department and correction.

"Bill Mitchell has the rugby team  
To highest peaks it reaches;  
When he's not occupied with sports  
In his spare time, he teaches.

"Now teachers please excuse this verse,  
I'd better stop, I fear,  
Before it goes from bad to worse;  
I'd like to pass this year."

*Written by V. Brampton*

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## Fund Lottery Fails to Dress Musicians

On March 9, 1989 a draw was held to pick the three winners of the Lisgar Fund Lottery. The Lottery was held to raise money to purchase much needed jackets and ties for the Lisgar Concert Band and Lisgar Orchestra. The Lottery's objective was \$12,000. but the lottery fell short of this goal by approximately \$5,000. The fund continues to accept donations in its quest to dress Lisgar's musi-



cians. The Directors of the the Fund wish to thank all alumni who purchased tickets or made donations. Your assistance is indispensable to the work of the Fund. Below is a list of contributors to the Fund since the last newsletter.

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