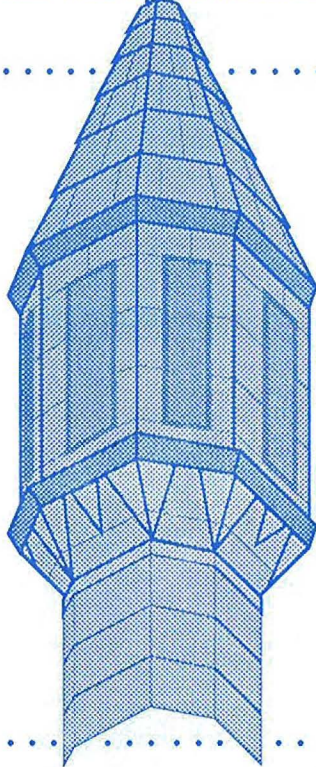


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## Lisgar Senior Orchestra Tour of Britain Well-received

BY MOLLY AND AMANDA BELL

Fifty-one members of Lisgar's senior orchestra travelled overseas March 8th to 23rd, 1990 to perform and tour in England. This exchange was arranged with Rickmansworth Comprehensive School located just north west of London. The first week of our trip was spent billeted with British families in the Rickmansworth area. During that time we performed four concerts for area schools and represented Lisgar well. Our spare time was filled with tours of sights in the area. We visited, by highway coach, such sights as Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral. We went shopping on London's Oxford Street, toured Stratford-Upon-Avon, saw a performance of Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Starlight Express", watched the play "Another Time", toured the London Docklands Redevelopment project and visited Greenwich.

On March 17th we said a sad goodbye to our billets and set out for York. The

second half of our visit was composed of a tour around England by highway coach, stopping at various cities and sights along the way. We visited York and some of us attended a traditional High Anglican Service at Yorkminster Abbey. After spending the night in York we went off to Chester where we viewed some Roman ruins and viewed the city from the high walls that surround it. The next day we were off to Bath to see the incredibly preserved Roman baths. We then continued on to Salisbury to spend the night. The following day brought tours of Stonehenge, Windsor and we arrived at our final destination, London. From our hotel in downtown London, we spent our day-off doing last minute sightseeing. We stopped at Harrod's, Piccadilly Circus, St. James' Park, Trafalgar Square and found our way around on the underground. That evening Canada House, the Canadian High Commission in Britain, hosted a reception for the orchestra and we later attended a performance of

the London Philharmonic at Royal Festival Hall. The next day we packed up and boarded our bus to go to Heathrow. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II was kind enough to pass in front of our buses as she headed to Windsor for the weekend. The orchestra most appreciated Her Majesty's effort to bid us farewell.

We arrived many hours later at Mirabel where we wearily bused back to Lisgar and were warmly welcomed by our families with great enthusiasm, despite the late hour.

On behalf of the orchestra, we would like to thank the staff that accompanied us, Mr. & Mrs. D.I. Macdonald, Mr. & Mrs. B. Laughton, Mr. & Mrs. D. Arrand, Mr. & Mrs. W. Fraser, and most of all our thanks to our fabulous and inspirational conductor, Mrs. T. Bradley.

The orchestra is eagerly awaiting and planning for the return of our billets from Rickmansworth in April 1991.

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## Time for Membership Renewal

The Lisgar Alumni Association would like to remind all members that your membership fees for 1991 are now *due*. Please fill out the enclosed membership renewal form and send us your cheque or money order made out to the Lisgar

Fund for \$10 per membership plus any donation. Consider a gift membership for an old Lisgar friend. Tax receipts for donations will be issued.

We need a much greater renewal rate than the current 20% in order to contin-

ue to mail the newsletter to all Alumni. With mailing costs approaching \$1000 per issue plus printing costs, we need your help. Please send in your renewal form *now!*



**Memorabilia from the 50s**

A long time ago I received a letter from your association in which the following sentence appears: "(Also) we would like to receive items you may wish to donate to Lisgar's Archives." Would you be interested in a much-loved, well-worn (but not in tatters!) sweatshirt from the early 1950's?

The sweatshirt is all white, and emblazoned on the front in blue are the lamp logo and the words "Alere Flammam", "Lisgar Collegiate Institute". I think it would make a great addition to a display of memorabilia—unless you are swamped with similar items.

ANN E. MCJANET (NEE HILL)  
NEPEAN, ONTARIO  
CLASS OF 55

*We are always happy to receive donated items for the Lisgar archives. Ed.*

**From Coast to Coast**

The Alere Flammam gets better and better! Many thanks for sending the Spring 1990 issue. I commend you for its attractive and interesting format.

I look forward to receiving and reading this newsletter with its varied articles about Lisgar 'now' and 'then' (such as "Fifty Years Ago in the Vox").

I still have my "Vox Lycei" year-books (1933 to 1936) and it is fun to look back at them, especially when a familiar name or happening appears in the Lisgar Alumni Association's Newsletter, from those years.

Keep up the good work. I am sorry that I cannot be actively involved in any of your projects, but I wish you well in the 150th Anniversary planning.

MARGARET E HANLON  
Victoria, British Columbia

**Fond Memories of Lisgar**

I have just read through again the 1924 Vox Lycei, of which Marshall Yarrow, Peggy Farnham and I were the joint editors. This was one of my most enjoyed responsibilities as president of the Senior Lyceum. We produced the only edition of Vox Lycei which represented both Lisgar and Glebe.

The Senior Lyceum Dance was the major social event of the year, and I remember being reprimanded by Dr. McDougall the following morning for providing inadequate security—someone had been discovered drinking in an out-of-bounds area, a hitherto unheard of offence.

Herb Beall's memories of the old shooting gallery are different from mine. We used old, inaccurate Ross rifles, firing from the prone position, under Des Burke's instruction. Des and I were given the job of closing and opening the lower Assembly Hall doors every morning, on signal from the Principal: I think we were called monitors: it was a great way to get to know everybody.

Saint John (Canada's oldest incorporated city) has been my home

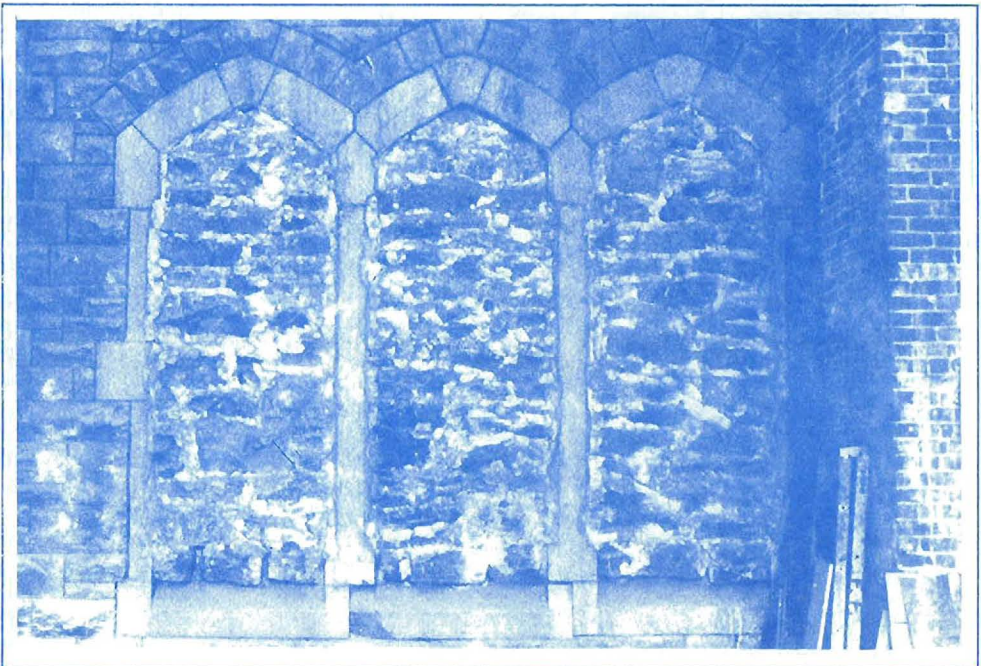
since 1957, but I have many fond memories of work and play at Lisgar.

THE VENERABLE A.F.L. CAULFEILD  
Saint John, New Brunswick

**Rekindled Memories**

I was delighted to receive the Alumni Letter on the day of my 80th birthday. I spent a lovely hour in nostalgic recollection of names on your donor list. Please help me to thank those students of mine who "made my day" memorable through their letters: highly prized tributes which I shall treasure.

WALTER B MANN  
Ottawa, Ontario



Heritage Wall uncovered during the 1976-77 renovations. This wall has since been restored and fitted with stained glass windows and is located in the main school office.

Photo: City of Ottawa Archives

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## FIFTY YEARS AGO N T H E V O X

### On His Majesty's Service

Since the outbreak of the Second Great War many Lisgar graduates have joined the fighting forces of Canada or Great Britain. In the last war too, our boys marched to victory. Today their names are on Lisgar's Honour Roll.

Already the Old Boys have proved themselves to be heroes. With pride we read of the courage displayed by Flight Lieutenant Mervyn Flemming R.A.F., courage which won him the D.F.C. Engineer Lieutenant Hal Bolus, R.C.N. was aboard H.M.S. Warspite in the thrilling Battle of Narvik. Torpedoed British children were rescued by Sub. Lieutenant John McDowell R.C.N. Heroic attempts were made to rescue their trapped seamen by Lieutenant Victor Browne R.C.N.V.R. and by Licut. Harlow Wright R.C.N.V.R., when H.M.C.S. Saguenay was torpedoed. Mike Wood, a lieutenant in the R.C.A.S.C. was mentioned to his senior officers for his gallantry in fighting fires in England.

Lisgar graduates have lost their lives while serving in His Majesty's Service. P.O. Gordon Day R.C.A.F. was killed in a flying accident at Camp Borden. P.O. Clarence Robson R.A.F. was reported missing last September. Flight Lieutenant Bruce McCallum R.A.F. was reported missing by the Near East Command. Sergeant Richard Bradshaw was killed in an air raid in London.

Wherever Lisgar Old Boys serve they will bring honour to our school, whether they fight by sea, by land or in the air. Lisgar will remember with pride all her graduates who serve in His Majesty's Service.

### Lisgar Tennis Club

In the inter-scholastic Tennis Tournament held last fall, the boys' team composed of John Bradley, Bud Morden, Stan Abelson and Ken McCuaig were defeated in the first round at the hands of Ottawa U.

Marian Bruer, May Simpson, Marjorie Cooper and Ruth Freedman, who composed the girls' team, advanced to the final round before they were eliminated by a strong Glebe team.

Bud Morden and May Simpson won the school championships played last fall on the school courts. The runner-up were Stan Abelson and Patricia Wright.

### Boys' Athletics

Our rugby teams had considerable success last fall. The Senior team finished first in the schedule, defeating every team except St. Pats. However our team was beaten in the semi-finals by Tech after sixty thrilling minutes of football.

The ski team this winter proved to be one of the best ever seen at Lisgar. They captured the coveted Ault Trophy and placed well in the cross-country race. Many of our skiers have proved themselves to be in class A, and have represented ski clubs of the city in many meets.

Interform basketball took a new lease on life and has shown what can be accomplished when there is proper organization. Crests will be awarded to the winning teams.

In the McGill track meet last year, two Lisgar boys broke school-boy records. ABE ROBIN won the Junior shot-put while ART MACKEY bettered the old intermediate low hurdles time.

### Girls' Athletics

The tennis courts could not have been in better condition thanks to Mr. Grant. Once again May Simpson carried off the honours by defeating Pat Wright in the finals.

Volleyball got off to a good start, after a hard fought match, class 5A defeated 10BH to become school champions.

In the Inter-scholastic ski meet, Thelma Craft, B. Pasch, Barbara Fenton earned a trip to Lake Placid, by placing in the first ten. Thelma Craft won the first downhill run, while Margaret Duguid who had a bad fall in that race, showed her ability by winning both slalom runs and the other downhill run. In Lake Placid B. Pasch won the D. class event, and Thelma placed seventh. Barbara Fenton was unable to accept her invitation due to illness.

A successful inter-form basketball season has come to an end. In the Inter-scholastic series, the Seniors came second, and the Juniors captured first place. Our Juniors met Smiths Falls in the Junior E.O.S.S.A. semi-final and were defeated. All the players take this opportunity to thank Miss Smith and Miss Bishop for their interest and co-operation throughout the season.

*Taken from 1940-1941 Vox Lycei.*

## LISGAR NOTES

### Students' Council

In September 1990, Lisgar held a leadership camp in the Gatineaus. Approximately 40 students involved with Students' Council, L.A.A., Vox, AVA and Student Enrichment gathered at Camp Kallala for two days of planning, leadership, and a lot of fun.

On October 13th, 1990 the Lisgar Students' Council, in co-operation with the Orchestra, held their second annual Giant Yard and Bake Sale. Despite the rainy weather we earned \$2,300.

Spirit is up! A successful Grade Nine Week and Fall Carnival started the year off on a high note. Students' Council is busy and active, and looking forward to an amazing year!

### Stage Band

The "new" Lisgar Stage Band was formed this fall. The Stage Band has (approximately) 16 players.

- First public performance will be the Awards Assembly.
- Rehearsing at noon hour a group of enthusiastic players from grades 10-13.

### World Affairs Club

- There will be a guest speaker from Indian Affairs to speak about the Oka situation.
- We hope to have Sen. Eugene Forsey in to talk about the constitutional crisis in the Senate.

### Sports Summary

The Boys' Volleyball Team has played very well this fall. Lisgar has ranked consistently in the top 5 of the Ottawa-Carleton Region and will very likely advance to the city of Ottawa finals...

- The downhill ski club will have an organizing meeting in November; skiing begins in January and runs through February and early March (one night per week)...
- For the Fall sports season we have 12 teams operating and at various points in their schedules. Girls touch football may repeat as champions, tennis may lose for the first time in 21 years, XC track, Jr. & Sr. girls basketball, Boys' volleyball, golf, and Jr. & Sr. soccer, badminton, swimming and curling are all enjoying success (thanks to the coaches for much time above and beyond the call).



# BULLETIN

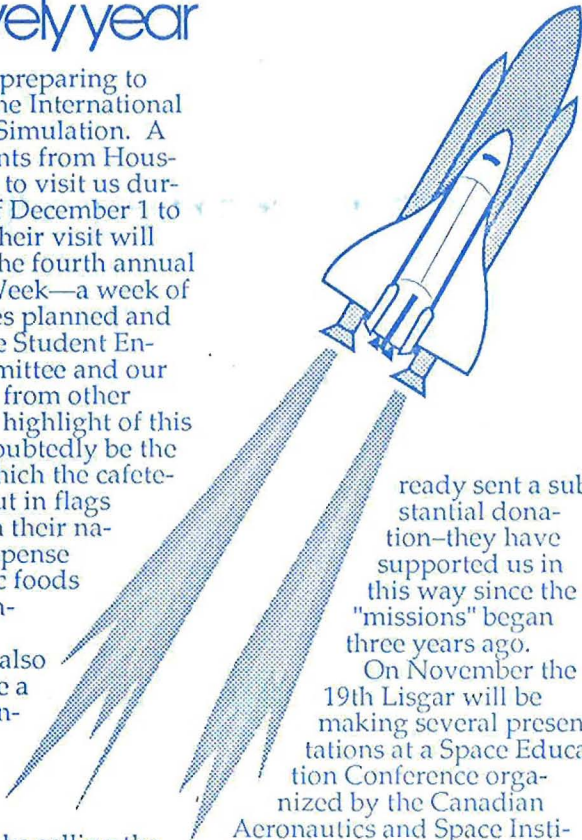
EVENTS AND OTHER ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST HAPPENING AT LISGAR COLLEGIATE

## Enrichment Committee plans lively year

Lisgar is again preparing to participate in the International Student Space Simulation. A group of students from Houston is expected to visit us during the week of December 1 to December 8. Their visit will coincide with the fourth annual International Week—a week of special activities planned and executed by the Student Enrichment Committee and our many students from other countries. The highlight of this week will undoubtedly be the Food Fair in which the cafeteria is decked out in flags and students in their national dress dispense tasty and exotic foods from their countries.

This year we also plan to produce a booklet that contains all the recipes for the foods that the students bring. We will be selling the booklet in the school to help raise money for other enrichment activities. Cost has not yet been decided but will likely be one dollar. If any alumni would like a copy, contact Mr. Prichett and leave your name and address—we'll send you a copy and bill you when you receive it.

In February we hope to send another team to Houston to participate in the Space Simulation—a small Soviet team will also be there. We are currently planning and preparing our contributions to the mission and lining up sponsorships for the trip. Our corporate friends from Spar Aerospace and Telesat Canada have once again shown their commitment to space education and have al-

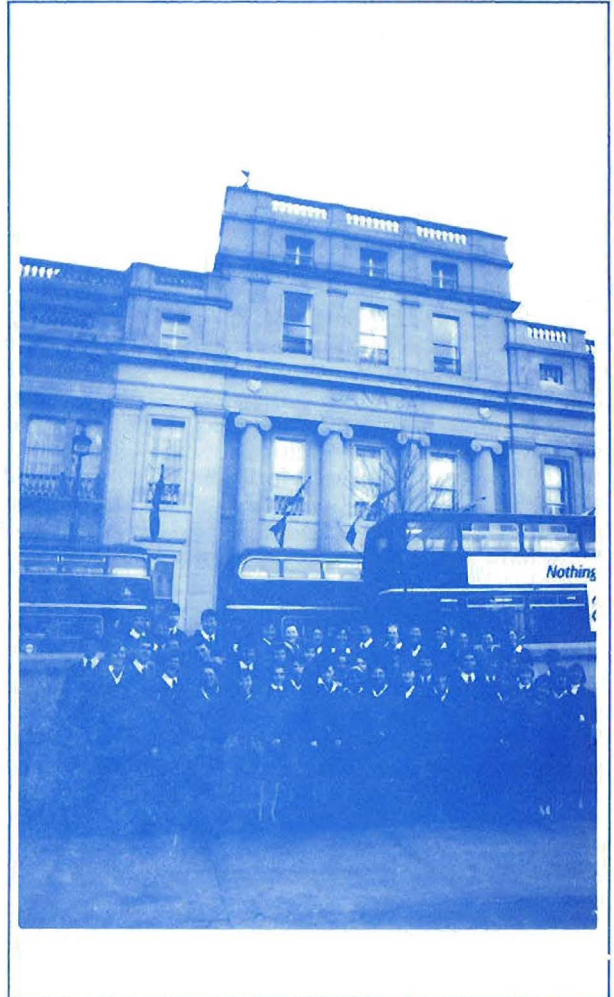


ready sent a substantial donation—they have supported us in this way since the "missions" began three years ago.

On November the 19th Lisgar will be making several presentations at a Space Education Conference organized by the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute.

Several of our student "astronauts" will be participating and other students will be working for the organizers while rubbing shoulders with several of Canada's astronauts.

The Student Enrichment Committee and the Library split the cost of a new computer with hard drive and modem. This computer will be used for student research (e.g. accessing Carleton University's library catalogue), communications with schools across the continent and various databases. Since connection time can be quite expensive we hope to find sponsorships for this endeavour also. If any alumnus has suggestions for making the most of this resource please let us know.



### ORCHESTRA ON TOUR

Lisgar Orchestra in front of Canada House, London, England.

### Alumni since 1930s gather at Pub Night

On May 11, 1990 a number of former graduates and friends gathered in the Lisgar cafeteria to enjoy an evening of fellowship and exchange of reminiscences of their days at Lisgar. Every decade was represented as far back as the 1930's. The Lisgar Alumni Association wishes to thank those who attended as well as Doug Arrand for making all the arrangements for the Alumni in respect to the use of the school facilities, staff, and students.





# Lisgar well-represented at Shad Valley science camp

BY ELIZABETH CASKEY

Shad Valley is a summer program that has an entrepreneurial and scientific emphasis. Four hundred grade 11 and 12 students from all across Canada are accepted to the program and attend one of eight Canadian University campuses for the month of July. The students attend lectures, lab seminars, listen to guest speakers, work on group projects, enjoy some recreational activities, make new friends and have a great time during the four weeks they are in the program.

Lisgar has a tradition of having many students go to the program and annually competes for sending the most students to Shad Valley from a single high school in the country. This year was no exception. Megan Bower, Elizabeth Caskey, Rizwan Haq, Gila Messeri, Andrew Toye, Leonard Tse and Sasha Wait attended programs at the Universities of British Columbia, New Brunswick, Acadia and Waterloo. We all found the experience very worthwhile and an exciting way to spend July.

The University of New Brunswick Shad Valley program, which I attended, provide many tours of the Maritimes on day trips to Saint John, King's Landing, numerous beaches and parks. We were exposed to the realms of marketing and en-

gineering. For our major group project we had to design a product, engineer it from scratch and create a marketing plan for the product. The program's strong emphasis on athletics and the arts allowed the students to escape the mental tasks and relax.

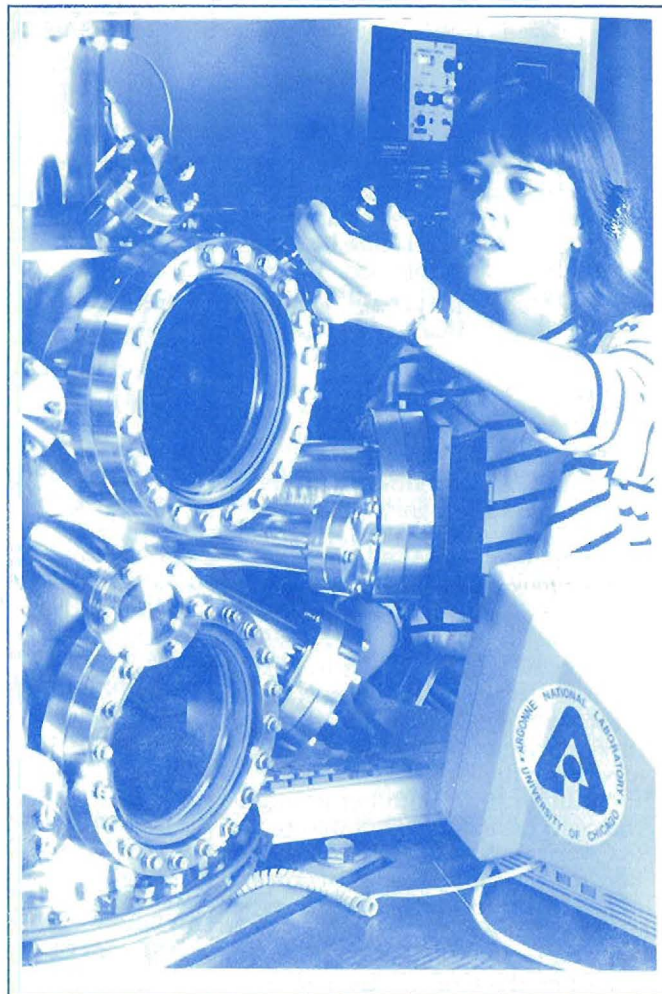
I learned creative problem solving techniques under the direction of a capable faculty, was exposed to many things the conventional school curriculum does not offer, and met students like myself from all over the country. The second half of the summer for sponsored students entails a paid work term in industry during the month of August. For example, I worked for Mitel Corporation, composing a customer newsletter and found my time at the company very valuable.

Shad Valley has been in operation for 8 years and this year received over 1200 applications from students wanting to attend the program.

I would recommend Shad Valley to any student interested in a science, engineering, business or other profession. This program is an opportunity to learn about a wide range of topics and meet many other students with similar interests. While competition is very keen, it is a fun experience if you are fortunate enough to attend.

## Old Photos and Tall Tales needed

The Alumni Association welcomes all donations and contributions to its archives. Please feel free to send any and all materials to Lisgar or to drop them off at the school during the day.



### SUPERSTUDENT

Lisgar student Kristen Coupland works with an ultra-high vacuum chamber that uses a superconducting magnet to study magnetic properties of thin films. She was among 59 high students chosen from all 50 states and some foreign countries (including Canada) to study superconductivity June 18-29 at the Argonne National Laboratory near Chicago. Approximately 400 students in the program will study science at seven US Department of Energy national laboratories.

Photo: Argonne National Laboratory

## ★ IN BRIEF...

### Former football players meet

A group of former Lisgar students who played football together in the early sixties gathered for a reunion at the home of Michael Heenan at MacLaren's Landing on Saturday, September 15th. Old memories were revived and spouses and children introduced at a barbeque that was a great success despite the inclement weather. Among those present were Bill Hamilton, Walter Harris, Dave Stanley, Bob Irvine, Art Schoenner, Mike Burke, Ron Byrnes and Bill Fraser.





The directors of the Lisgar Fund would like to thank all those on the contributor's list who have made donations since the last newsletter was published. Your continuing support is very much appreciated.

## ARCHIVES

The Lisgar Alumni Association would like to thank all Alumni who have made donations of artifacts and memorabilia to the Lisgar Archives. The Association welcomes all gifts of old photos, crests, artifacts and memorabilia that will augment our archives.

A special note of thanks to Helen Ogilvie who donated photos, crests and a class ring from her days at Lisgar. Miss Ogilvie graduated from the Ottawa Collegiate Institute in 1927. Both her grandfather and father also attended the O.C.I. Her grandfather eventually became the Lieutenant-Governor of the Yukon and her father was involved in the construction of the water filtration plant at Lemieux Island on the Ottawa River near Britannia. Ogilvie Road in the City of Gloucester (formerly Gloucester Township) is named after her family.

Through the kindness and generosity of several donors, our archives has recently come into possession of several class pins and a few class rings which date back to the 1920's and 1930's. When these treasures were put on display recently in our new archival showcase in the main hall, they generated a lot of interest from both staff and students.

We have a favour to ask all of you alumni out there wherever you are. Basically, we want to know two things about these pins and rings: (1) When did they start to come into vogue at O.C.I. and (2) when did these items cease to be a tradition at Lisgar? Any light that you can shed on these matters would be very much appreciated. Please direct your remarks to either Doug Arrand or Dave MacGougan care of Lisgar Collegiate Institute.

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