



# Alere Flamman

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## Lisgar Archives

This face will be familiar to thousands of Lisgarites. David MacGougan was Lisgar's music teacher from 1958 to 1963. He served as Lisgar's librarian until 1992, developing the library into one of the finest in a secondary school in the city and the province.

When he decided to retire in 1992, we knew we couldn't let this talent slip away on us. So we asked him to take over the Lisgar Archives, which were quite extensive and constantly growing.

David has recently finished the huge task of cataloguing books, photos, documents and memorabilia, putting it into archival order and storage. Much

of this material has been donated by Alumni. In fact, a recent donation of copies of the *Vox Lycei* arriving from London, Ontario, contained a Spring 1914 issue which was missing from the school's collection.

We encourage everyone with memorabilia or items of archival interest to send them to us. David will catalogue and store them for safekeeping. Throughout the school



David MacGougan and the Lisgar Archives

year, he appears once a week to perform this valuable service toward preserving our school's history.

We couldn't do it without him. Thanks, Mr. MacGougan!

## Lisgar teachers retire

In June 1997, seven very fine teachers retired, some with as much as 34 years of teaching service at Lisgar.

Our dean of teachers at Lisgar, Larry Hale, completed 34 years teaching physical education and history. He coached many teams throughout his career and was head of physical education for the last six years.

Steve Cheung has been teaching mathematics at Lisgar since 1967, having taught in Hawkesbury before that.

Doug Taylor taught at Lisgar for 17 years. His love of Greek and Latin attracted a great

many students to the class. Word is that Lisgar has had the greatest number of students in the province taking Latin courses! He had

taken over the classics department from Robin Wedderspoon.

George Simcoe was assistant head of mathematics for many years, serving Lisgar students since 1974. His quick wit and speedy lesson delivery were legendary. His leadership and coaching of the math contest teams

brought great honour to Lisgar and the team members. Among his many contributions to Lisgar was tremendous leadership in bringing Lisgar into the computer age!

Denise Moenting was a highly visible and energetic member of the guidance department for

seven years. She was a great advocate for her students, a vociferous debater on many issues of interest and staff advisor to the Lisgar Debating Club.

Don Percy was head of social sciences (history and geography) for the two years he was at Lisgar before his retirement. He

taught at a number of Ottawa high schools before bringing his wealth of experience to Lisgar.

Members of the Alumni who wish to send greetings to any of our retirees may address them to the specific teacher, c/o Lisgar Alumni Association, 29 Lisgar Street, Ottawa K2P 0B9.

It's been a pleasure spending two years at Lisgar as a teacher and department head. The students at this school are wonderful in their enthusiasm, spirit and academic ability. From my short experience [here] I can appreciate why there is such a strong feeling toward the school and its Alumni Association.  
~Don Percy

## John McCrae's Medals Come to Guelph

A Toronto businessman, immigrant Arthur Lee, paid \$400,000 for the war medals of Canadian poet John McCrae whose First World War poem "In Flanders Fields" was inspired by the death of a young soldier, Alex Helmer, who perished in the second Battle of Ypres. Helmer graduated from Lisgar in 1909 and went to RMC. The medals were donated to McCrae House in Guelph, Dr. McCrae's home town.

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## Members' Forum

Richard Drolet ('57) from Nepean, Ontario suggests that if space permits, the newsletter should include list of annual renewal members.

David Pinhey ('55) from White Rock, B.C. suggests that we have a "where are they now?" column. Our thanks to David for sending along names and addresses of seven former Lisgarites for the alumni database, only two of which we had on file.

Dear Lisgar Friends: Sorry to have lost touch but glad to be back in the fold. Thanks for all the dedicated work.

P.S. Please pass on warm birthday greetings to Marion Meech and Dorothy Bishop whose classes were the highlights of my Lisgar days.

Gail (Luther, '59) Larose, Ottawa ON

I received my senior matric at Lisgar in 1938 and went to Queen's to graduate in 1942. I was on the Lisgar gym team with Hector Chaput, Len Dickey and others. I won the City Champ in the parallel bars. I donated three trophies to the Junior champs when Hector Chaput was one of the judges. I was there when Mr. Stuart was the principal and Mr. Dunlap was

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# Second Annual Golf Tournament

Lisgar's second annual golf tournament was another great success. 33 golfers enjoyed beautiful weather at the Cedarview Golf Club. Though the weather couldn't have been better, the fun and fellowship was greater. We were delighted that Mr. J. (Mac) Foulds, who graduated in 1943 was able to join us. He was teamed up with Chuck Ducharme, who graduated in 1961. What a formidable pair! Teachers Terry Pritchett, Bill Meldrum and David Lamperd came out for the day. We were so pleased to have their company. Paul Armstrong and Drew Love made it out this year for the first time. We hope it won't be their last! Joe Scanlon, Pat Ferrigan, Peter Rowan-Legg, Rudy Snel, Gord Pranschke, Dave Stanley, Rod Hagglund and Hartman Cheung all seemed to be enjoying themselves. John Barclay even brought out his lovely wife Barbara (a Glebe alumna) to join us. Lyn Thomson

(Levinson) brought along another Glebe alumna and friend, Margaret Nicholds to play. It was so great to have their participation.

After the golf rounds, we shared a tasty meal provided by Cedarview. Hugh

Reed was the emcee for the formal part of the evening. A number of alumni joined us for dinner, including George Toller, Audrey Williams, Margaret Pippy, Dan Kimmel and Milton Shaffer, to name a few. We were really happy that Principal Jack Shapiro and both Lisgar's Vice-Principals, Kit Dinning and Geof Botting, joined us for dinner.

It was a wonderful day, and the Association made a tidy profit of \$500. The number of golfers increased slightly this year, and we hope it will



David Whitfield, Harold Pinhey, Mr. & Mrs John Barclay

increase next year. "We want to thank Alumnus David Whitfield for sponsoring us at Cedarview for the day, and the club itself for making us feel so welcome. We also want to thank Michael Davies (of Michael Davies Plymouth Chrysler Ltd.) for donating a brand new Neon for the first golfer to hit a hole-in-one on the 14th hole. Needless to say, the car was not won, but the possibility certainly added to the fun!

## In Memoriam

**Berezin, Joseph T.** ('43) (an exceptional basketball player), in January 1997; husband of Shirley and father of Alysia Rose and Terri, and grandfather of four.

**Brown, Gavin** ('43) died in June 1997.

**Brownlee, Kenneth H.** ('37), in December 1996, leaving his wife Mildred and son Fraser.

**Davies, Dr. W.F.A. (Fred)** ('35) died February 19, 1997, husband of Barbara (Ross) and father of Ross, Brian and Sheila ((Churchill); grandfather of four; and brother of Phyllis Toothman, Tom Davies, Ann Tyler and the late Andrew K Davies.

**Gault, William Lea** ('22) in late 1996.

**Goldblatt, Sylvia** (née Marcus, '39) died in 1996.

**Gould, Lilian** (née Levine, '22) died February 12, 1997, mother of Ronald Gould ('51).

**Greenway, Donald** ('39) died July 7, 1995 (the Alumni office was informed of his death in January of 1997 by his daughter Gael Godin).

**Harrold, Philip Arthur** ('44), died at Edmonton, January 1997. He leaves his wife Frances, children Robert, Charles and John, and six grandchildren as well as his sisters Sylvia and Julia.

**Higgins, Jennifer** ('93) was killed in an automobile crash in July 1997 near Golden, B.C.

**Hill, Elwood M.** "Woody" ('27) died July 19, 1997. He is survived by children Michael, Brett, Bryan and Kerry and one grandchild.

**McDougall, Margaret Helen** (née Winter) ('15), Red Lake *District News* columnist, at Red Lake in April 1997. She was the widow of Kenneth Hamilton McDougall and is survived by her children Diana, Sheila and Andrew, eight grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, and her sister Francis Clarke of Ottawa.

**Nelles, M.K.** ('39), in 1997.

**Pearlman, Dr. Lyon Nathaniel** ('27), well-known Ottawa pediatrician, died in January 1997. He leaves his wife Naomi, children Elaine, Judy and Daniel, and eight grandchildren.

**Powell, Barry A.** ('41) died in June 1997, husband of Velera, father of Murray and Adam, and brother of Dallas, Shirley, Harvey and "Ace."

**Shoup, Lois E.** (née Pratt, '42), died October 4, 1997, in Squamish, B.C. She was predeceased by her husband and sister Marjorie; and survived by husband, Gordon and son, Murray, daughters Amy and Kris, and brother Bill, and sister Shirley as well as five grandchildren.

**Stoller, David** ('36) died September 6, 1996.

**Todd, Eleanor** (Mathematics Teacher 1956-19710) died at Kingston, January 1997. She leaves her husband Jack and children Jan, Bob and Sue, and two grandchildren as well as a sister, Dorothy.

**Waddell, Donald** (Geography Teacher/Head, 1947 to 1972), died in July 1997, at Perth. He is survived by several nieces and nephews in Toronto and Ottawa.

**Witty, Audrey Elizabeth** ('38), died in June 1997. She is survived by sisters Charlotte and Jane and brother Ralph.

## Scholarship announced

Sirius Consulting Group and Lisgar announced details of a new scholarship in June. The William R. Fraser Scholarship will award \$1,000 each to a graduating man and woman who have both excelled academically and contributed to the senior basketball teams in their final year. The scholarship honours William Fraser, a Lisgar graduate, and teacher and coach for 32 years, for his contribution to academic and athletic excellence. K.C. Parker, who was one of Bill Fraser's students, and his father own Sirius.

## Obituaries

### Don Waddell

Don Waddell taught geography to Lisgarites, beginning in 1947. Students in the 1950s may remember the geography lab in the basement level of the school. As well as teaching, he was the head of geography and, later, administration head before retiring in 1972. He was also the author of a geography textbook used in Ontario schools. He was staff advisor to the AVA and brought Lisgar into the modern age with the modernization of the auditorium from footlights and a rheostat on the wall to a "Strand" system in 1965. He also pioneered the installation of a "Cinemascope" projector in 1968. At the time of his death, he had been living at Lanark Lodge in Perth. He died July 18, 1997, at the age of 88. Interment was in Springhill Cemetery, Metcalfe, Ontario.

### Jennifer Higgins

Adventurer, fashion model, businesswoman. All these and more, but her way. Jennifer Higgins grew up in Skyridge, on the cross-country trails of the Gatineau, with a love for the outdoors, a competitive spirit and a healthy respect for nature's rough edges. First canoeing on the Albany River at the age of six, Jennifer and her family climbed in the Rockies and spent six weeks canoeing the turbulent Nahanni River. Later trips included two months hiking the Silk Route just north of the Chinese border in 1994.

*Afoot and light-hearted  
I Take to the open road,  
Healthy, free, the world before me,  
The long brown path before me  
leading wherever I choose...*  
—Walt Whitman, "Song of the Open Road"

While at Lisgar, Jennifer recruited 30 to 40 novice skiers for the annual 170-kilometre Canadian Ski Marathon, becoming its youngest-ever director for the 1996 event. Following graduation in 1993, she worked in an Ottawa athletic shoe store. She moved to Vancouver in 1996, to a new job as store manager, giving product-knowledge seminars and doing promotion for an international athletic shoe com-

pany, as well as playing goal for a women's soccer team with a lot of hiking, climbing and skiing when she had time. Last year, she was approached the mall by a stranger saying she must be a model. The woman represented a modelling agency, and Jennifer decided to try it. She modelled in New York, Miami, Los Angeles and Vancouver, but gave it up when pressured to lose weight — not that she was overweight, but then she wasn't anorexic either. And there was the time she was late because of a soccer match, and turned up with a few battle scars.

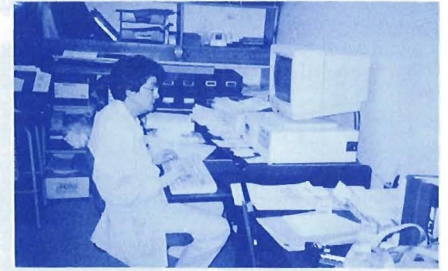
In July, she and a friend were going to a hiking expedition in Yoho National Park when she was killed instantly in a car crash.

She and her family had spent hours planning a fall expedition. On 18 September, her mother, father and sister left for Nepal, taking Jennifer's spirit with them.

—From the *Ottawa Citizen*.

## Overworking Margaret Pippy: a step by step guide

Many of you have received letters and receipts from Margaret Pippy, our Association secretary. Margaret is, in reality, the foundation of our organization. She works in the Alumni office in the basement of Lisgar for two afternoons a week. She also takes work home to keep



our records and service to our members up to date and to a very high standard. She maintains the names and addresses of over 4000 members, which require constant updating as these members move about the world. She also developed the various pro-

grams for our computer systems and, as you can see in the photo, she is very busy all through the year. Needless to say, her office is not palatial, but her service is of royal quality, and we would be poverty stricken without Margaret's loyal and dedicated work.

## Books with a Lisgar connection

Joan Finnegan ('43), who edited the Lisgar 150th history book, has completed a second collection of short stories called *Down the Unmarked Road*, published by General Store Publishers of Burnstown, Ontario. This companion to *Dancing at the Crossroads* is her 27th published book. Watch for it in your local book-sellers.

John Dunfield ('39), a former Alumni executive member, has released the second part of his work on lumbering in the Ottawa Valley. The

book reports on the location of lumbering artifacts and documents throughout the Valley. Part one was released in February 1996.

Robert Tait McKenzie and James Naismith are the subjects of *Almonte's Brothers of the Wind*, written by Frank Cosentino. Tait McKenzie, who did his prep for McGill's pre-med at Lisgar from 1888 to 1885, left a considerable legacy of bronze sculpture, including the War Memorial in Edinburgh, some of which is displayed at his former studio near Almonte, the Mill of Kintail.

## Mini Reunion

On a Wednesday in September of 1997, a few of "Les Girls" held a mini reunion. Liz (Delaute, '59) was the gracious hostess as Marilyn ('60) and Elsa ('60) Horsdal were in town from British Columbia. They looked



so fit and healthy, coming from our country's greatest year-round climate. Also in attendance were Anne (Groves, '60) Gaston from Ottawa, Ann Baxter ('58) from Peterborough, Jane (Wilson, '60) Panet from Ottawa, Suzanne (Panet) MacDougall, Sandra (Booth) Rogan, J.A. (Hare) Mandy and B.J. (Bolduc, '60) Marsh. As we consumed a grand feast prepared by Liz and Jane, we had many chuckles, each one opening a window on our individual lives for those few moments. It was wonderful to see everyone, and a grand time was had by all!

## Laughton Wedding

While weddings are not usually featured in *Alere Flammam*, this one is definitely newsworthy. The photo shows two generations of Lisgarites — teacher Barrie Laughton ('61) and his daughter Jennifer ('90), both of whom are Lisgar graduates.

Barrie, who has taught at Lisgar since 1968, walked his daughter down the aisle at a beautiful open air ceremony in the outdoor chapel at Camp Tawingo, where she married Al Pilcher.



This was really a Lisgar affair, as Jenny's cousins (daughters of our current Alumni Association President Rod Hagglund '65) Andrea ('92) and

Jenny and Al the best for their future happiness and in congratulating Barrie on being recognized for his exemplary service to Camp Tawingo.

Wendy ('96) played the piano and sang.

Jenny is a teacher, just like her father, at Camp Tawingo's new elementary school. Aptly, the new school is named Laughton Hall in honour of Barrie's many years of service to the camp. Many hundreds of Lisgarites who attended this camp will surely join in wishing

## Members' Forum

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the assistant. My unforgettable teachers were Ma Brown (four-year Latin), Eric Nichols (algebra), Cy Rentner (math), Walter Mann (history), Mr. Whittle (gym coach). Enclosed is my cheque for \$120 U.S. for lifetime membership and a special History Book. You folks have been doing a fine job. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely, Robert Kuey Wong '38, Orange CA, USA

P.S. I was known as "Kuey Wong" at Lisgar.

I enjoyed reading *Alere Flammam* for Winter 1997 — especially about Isabel Brown, a wonderful teacher!

Gordon P. Elich '36, Kingston ON

Dear Alumni Executive: I would like to support the Lisgar Fund and enclose a cheque in the amount of \$100 for Lifetime membership. While the majority of my high school time (four years) was spent at Lisgar and while I regard this as my school, I am not a graduate. I was a late bloomer and not a highly motivated student in those days and completed the requirements for my diploma at Tech. However, Lisgar was most valuable in the development of my career. I am grateful for wonderful teachers, among them, Mr. Rentner,

Mr. Meng, Mr. D. Waddell, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Robbie. These people took an inordinate amount of time encouraging me, developing my confidence in my ability and intelligence. While in Grade 11, I was taken by Mr. Robbie into a remedial reading comprehension program that raised my performance from Grade 8 to Grade 13 level. For the completion of my high school, Mr. Waddell set up a private study program, including the marking of tests and assignments for me while I was not a student at Lisgar. After Lisgar, I graduated from EOIT, then Queen's where I was an A-student and finally from the MBA program at York, again with a predominance of As. My time at Lisgar is most important to me and I regret that I am not a graduate; however, I would be grateful if you would consider me a friend and accept my membership.

John G. MacKay '57 London U.K. [John MacKay is Executive Vice-President for Europe of United Dominion Industries]

I came across your publication quite by accident recently and was most interested to read the *Alere Flammam*, and to find one name on your donor list which was familiar from 1949 when I graduated from the school. I still have many fond memories of the place and the staff as both my elder brother Stan and I attended

for four and five years, while living in Rockcliffe, travelling to school by street car along Sussex Street. I am enclosing a small "donor's gift" and a letter to a friend whom I have not connected with in almost 50 years. I hope that you will complete the address and send it on [to him]. Thanks.

Mavis (Bain) Clark ('49), New Westminster, B.C.

I am writing in response to your request in the Winter 1997 issue. After graduating from Lisgar in 1991 and the University of Ottawa in 1996, I realized that I wanted to start my own business. I had no problem finding ideas — the problem was choosing one. Then one day while playing Trivial Pursuit, it dawned on me. I knew more about U.S. presidents than I did about our own prime ministers, and only because of my endless hours playing American-orientated trivia games. Thus began my new business of making a Canadian trivia game. I named the game "The All Canadian Trivia Board Game," and declared it "Canada's 130th anniversary edition" in celebration of our country's impending 130th anniversary. Made for two or more players, the game features 2,000 all-Canadian questions in four categories; geography, history, art and general. You may be interested to note that I managed to mention Lisgar in one of the game's

## C. Robert Craig Memorial Library

Bob Craig ('47) was an enthusiastic model railroader. His large collection of books, magazines and photographs related to rail transportation formed the basis of the Memorial Library, located in the City of Ottawa Archives at 174 Stanley Street. Members and contributors to this library take pride in the fact that they are helping to preserve Canada's rail transportation history and to make it available to anyone who wants to learn about this important part of Ottawa's and Canada's history.

questions. It is as follows:

• *What city's Lisgar Collegiate Institute alumni include Paul Anka, Rich Little and Lorne Greene?* [Answer] Ottawa.

I have included with this letter a sample question sheet from the game. Please feel free to print these questions in the upcoming issue of *Alere Flammam*. I would be glad to provide you with more questions or information if requested.

David Manga '91, Victoria B.C.

I would like to become a Lifetime member of the Lisgar Alumni Association. Doug Burns ('52), my lifetime friend, signed me up for the newsletter last year. I am now hooked. It is fascinating to read about old friends and what they are doing. As for me, I have worked in gold and base metal operations as a geological engineer most of my life. I am now a consulting geologist living in Ottawa and roaming the world on a part time basis — proving that potential Bre-X companies will NOT exist. I fondly remember all the Rockcliffe-ites who took the streetcar to Lisgar. The walk across the Laurier Avenue bridge was a "killa in the winta." I hope that with my Lifetime membership, I can return some part of my learning experience to LCI.

David L. Owen ('53, Ottawa)

## Fabulous donation to Alumni office

Reynold Hu, Hardware Manager of Inly Systems donated a brand spanking new laser printer to the Alumni Association. This will permit the

Association to communicate with you, the members, using the latest technology. More important, it will save many hours of Margaret Pippy's time in preparing letters and tax receipts for our members and donors.

Reynold, an outstanding student, attended Lisgar from 1967 to 1972. He has been a successful businessman for many years, owning or operating a number of businesses before his involvement in Inly.

The Association's appreciation knows no bounds, and we hope all Lisgar alumni who go into Inly's will make a point of saying hello to Reynold and thanking him for his generosity.



## Lifetime memberships

Your Board of Directors appreciates the interest shown by the alumni in the Life Membership program. Since the Winter '97 edition of *Alere Flamman* was published, another 58 alumni have signed up as Life Members, bringing the total to 188, as of October 21st. We welcome the following additional individuals as Life Members, and thank them sincerely for their support.

Roz (Shoihet) Adelberg '47  
 George W. Baker '75  
 Sandra (McCrudden) Black '54  
 Deanna (Pollard) Bones '55  
 Blanche B. Borkovic '53  
 Isabella (Steeds) Brunt-Tompsett '42  
 John C. Burns '37  
 Sharon Cardash '87  
 Sally (Lyons) Cleary '52  
 John E. Colbert '45  
 Cecil Comrie '51  
 Joy (Casey) Davies '36  
 Stephen Day '58  
 Stuart Fenton '40

Frederica (Bull) Fleming '52  
 Gael (Greenway) Godin '65  
 M. Laird Gordon '49  
 Joan (Ashton) Gordon '49  
 Thomas Green '50  
 Elizabeth (MacIntosh) Hale '90  
 Sheila M. Harris (staff) '73  
 Robert Horwitz '63  
 Stephen B. Howlett '40  
 Marie (O'Callaghan) Hutt '35  
 Douglas R. Jones '65  
 Harold M. Jost '39  
 Gail (Luther) Larose '59  
 Elsa Lessard '40  
 Joseph Loeff '35  
 Peter MacArthur '55  
 John MacKay '37  
 Tina Mai '92  
 Cecily (Rankin) Manore '47  
 Richard Matte '49  
 Bernice (Scheuneman) McLaurin '68  
 Keith Mills '44  
 Carol (Donaldson) Misener '55  
 Mary (Watt) Mitchell '59

## Lisgar coat of arms

by George Toller

Have you visited the old Ottawa Grammar School lately? Well, why not? This is your official invitation to do so and make haste to the inner sanctum — the library. Beside the pictures of our distinguished past principals and Lord Lisgar himself, we have a unique donation, a carving of our own Coat of Arms, officially adopted during the 150th reunion celebrations in 1993.

This art work was labouriously hand carved in pine wood by Raymond Willis-O'Connor (1943), more familiarly known as "Hippo" by those of us who knew him well. Since his retirement from Canadian Arsenals and the Canadian Banknote Company, he has honed his skills so that many of his carvings hang in other notable Ottawa locations.

Hippo and his wife Marise "Jacki" Bishop first met in Lisgar's hallowed halls. Both were well known and active at school, with Hippo playing on the senior football team. Following graduation in 1943, both joined the RCAF, with Jacki following

in the footsteps of her illustrious father, Air Marshall Billy Bishop, World War I ace and winner of the Victoria Cross. Hippo served as a turret gunner with 429 Squadron.

After the war, in 1947, they married (celebrating their 50th anniversary recently) and raised a son and two daughters.

We are all indebted to Hippo and Jacki for this very special gift to add to the many treasures Lisgar has received through the years. It sym-



bolizes the true spirit of our Alma Mater and all it has meant to us. Meanwhile, Lord Lisgar beams brightly down and nods approvingly of his new companion piece.

*Alere flamman.*

David L. Owen '53  
 Christine (Cardinal) Ozarko '58  
 Elizabeth Pang '90  
 Helen E. Parson '63  
 Ann (Abraham) Pepper '54  
 Harold Pinhey '50  
 Lois (Morgan) Press '49  
 Jon G. Purcell '63  
 Heather (Ingram) Rath '59  
 Heather (Fowler) Render '66  
 Thomas Rodda '95

Barbara (Telford) Saker '53  
 Mary (Robson) Senior '40  
 Fairlie E. (Dale) Sills '36  
 Kim Slade '69  
 Chris (Murphy) Stirling '69  
 Irving Taylor '48  
 Eric Toller '47  
 Mary (Turner) Trickey '50  
 Robert Kuey Wong '38

## Lisgar Grad Steps Down as Ottawa Mayor

After 15 years in local politics, six as Mayor of Ottawa, Jacqueline Holzman (Wiseman '??) is bowing out. She plans to spend more time with her retired husband. She has played a strong role in the city's dramatic shift from government town to a bustling business city. The key to economic growth, she believes, lies in the three Ts: technology, trade and tourism. She also would like to see a one-tier gov-

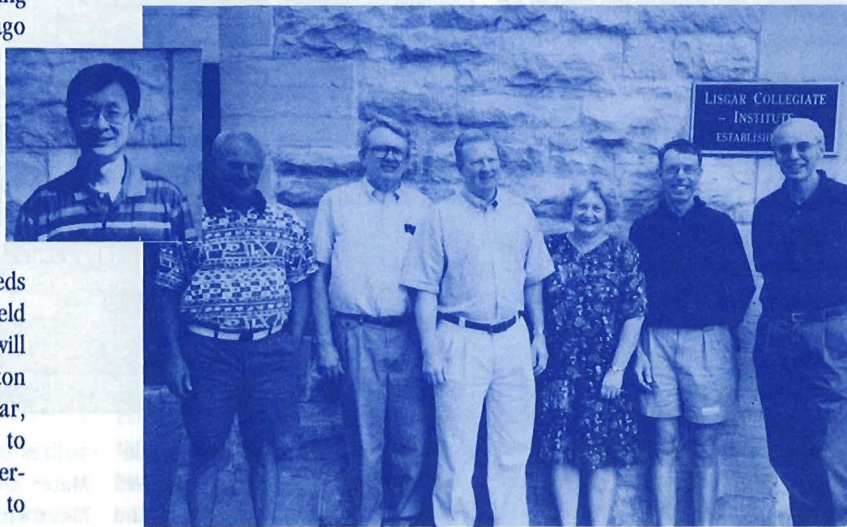
ernment in the region to save taxes, eliminate bureaucratic obstacles to business and make it easier to market the region. Her advice to future politicians? "Don't let power go to your head. Power corrupts. You can't say yes to everybody. You have to know where you're going before you come in with ideas that don't make sense" [from the *Ottawa Business Journal*, October 1997].

## Lisgar Students to Award Scholarship

Yael, 16 and in Grade 10, Guy, 17 and in Grade 13, and Mikhela Jason ('96) at 20 have raised \$75,000 so far in the four years their annual gala dinner and auction have been going on. They began five years ago during Canada 125, holding community baseball games, ball-bouncing contests and bake sales with the proceeds going to CHEO, before beginning the first gala dinner and auction. This year, part of the proceeds of the "Rhapsody in Gold," held at the Westin, 1 November, will go toward the Ottawa-Carleton Gold Scholarship, a one year, non-renewable scholarship to be used at any Canadian university or college. The idea is to

cover tuition, and some books and living expenses. The Jasons hope to award as many scholarships as possible. Both Guy and Yael would like to

see the gala continue, as a hobby at least, and Mikhela would like to host a gala at the turn of the century, featuring 2000 items for the year 2000.



L. Hale, D. Taylor, G. Simcoe, D. Moenting, D. Percy, VP J. Parsons Inset: S. Cheung.

## Lisgar Notes

The Board of Directors of the Lisgar Fund is very pleased to welcome Mr. Arnold Kimmel ('64) to the Board. He will serve as one of our Alumni Association representatives.

The Board's membership consists of parents, alumni and teachers. The Fund raises monies to be spent on scholarships, library books, athletics, music and the arts, to improve academic and cultural opportunities for Lisgar students.

## Musical in April

Lisgar's music department is already preparing for an April run of



"Once Upon a Mattress," a delightful musical which has just come off Broadway. This story of the princess and the pea — with a

twist — will run April 22, 23 and 24. A special invitation is extended to Lisgar Alumni to book April 23 for this intriguing show.

## Take Five

Shelagh Rogers ('75), the former host of *The Arts Tonight* and deputy host of *CBC Radio's Morningside* now hosts the CBC's five-hour, five-days-a-week music program on Radio Two, the FM network. She has attracted a loyal following among listeners who warm to her wide-ranging intelligence and unfailing good humour. Already, there has been a Lisgar connection: Ann McNamee (a contemporary of Shelagh — a violinist at Lisgar) sent a letter requesting a dedication to former music teacher Robert Hursti (1966 to 1992). And at the Thursday morning breakfast for retired teachers, a proud music teacher wore his special T-shirt.

## Canada's Oldest Newspaper Columnist Dies

Red Lake's *District News* has lost a columnist who may have been Canada's and North America's oldest working journalist. Margaret Helen (Winter) McDougall died in April at the age of 99 from pneumonia, only two weeks after her last column appeared. She wrote chatty, fun columns about the life and times of Red Lake's 2000 inhabitants, and remained a lively and enlightened conversationalist and correspondent until her death. She leaves daughters Diana Ballentine and Sheila Case, son Andrew, eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and her sister, Francis Clarke, of Ottawa

As Margaret Winter, she attended the Ottawa Model School and graduated from Lisgar in 1915 and went to the wedding of flying ace Billy Bishop in 1916. [See related story on p. 5.] She graduated from St. Hilda's (Trinity) College, University of Toronto, in 1919 and worked at the Ottawa Public Library. For leisure activities, she skated, skied and acted in the Ottawa Drama League. In 1925 she married Lt-Col Kenneth McDougall, and by 1932 was living in Red Lake. The last surviving original parishioner of the town's Anglican church, Mrs. McDougall was also church and district organist for 50 years.

She was also the first librarian in Red Lake and a founder of the local hospital and its guild. Over 45 years ago, she began writing the Red Lake Report in the *District News*, a weekly paper for Red Lake/Ear Falls, an 80-kilometre radius of 10,000 people. Her grace and charm were uncommon in a mining town, and for years after people left the area, they continued to subscribe to the paper just to read her column.

She was awarded the Ontario Senior Achievement award for her newspaper and community work, and the Ontario Bicentennial Medal