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RMC Cadet Adventure

C by NCdt Leah Friesen
very second year, sailors gather in Victoria, British Columbia, for the race from Victoria to Maui. This international race usually has approximately 20 competing yachts. Every year, the Canadian Forces' HMCS *Oriole* enters the race, and cadets from the Royal Military College have the opportunity to participate.



My friends and I who were soon to be crew members of HMCS *Oriole* had been talking about the big day for months. When we woke up on Tuesday, June 27, we realized the race date had finally come. We secured our kit and prepared to set sail on a voyage that would take just under two weeks.

We knew that the first part of the race would be crucial to our success in the overall standings. The start went beautifully. We crossed the start line and pulled ahead in the race.

When we had got the boat on the right course, we all sat down and dangled our feet off the side of the boat. We sent a wave from the person at the most forward part of the boat to the person most aft. The crew members raised their hands in the air and called out "Aloha" when we passed other boats.

As we pushed ahead, we passed seals in the straits and entered the open ocean where dolphins chased our wake. We encountered a fair bit of wildlife. Some saw whales, and others saw all kinds of birds they had never seen before. Some crew members were dedicated fishermen throughout the race; they hauled in a tuna and three mahi-mahis.

Not only did we see great wildlife, but we also saw some breathtaking skies and some of the most beautiful, brightest rainbows I've ever seen. As we travelled farther south under less cloudy skies, we were able to see some wonderful constellations. My friends and I would lie on deck and wish on the stars. We saw shooting stars at the rate of almost one a minute.

One morning the sunrise was different from any I had seen before. As the sun peeked up over the horizon, it lit up the clouds in a bright pink and left them out-

lined in gold. I looked 360 degrees around the boat and saw that all the clouds around us were reflecting the beautiful sunrise. I called down to the galley and encouraged the people below to come up and see the sky.

What made the trip so interesting was going places we had never been before and seeing all kinds of new sights. Seeing the wildlife that was new to us, witnessing the changing skies and getting to know the rest of the crew made the trip very exciting. When we finally arrived in Lahaina, the race organizers welcomed us with a party. We celebrated *Oriole's* win with a splash when we jumped into the ocean.

[Editor's note: Leah graduated from Lisgar in 1999. In her first year at RMC, she came first in academics and was one of 10 cadets selected for the Victoria-Maui sailing race.]

Remembrance Day

For several years now, Lisgar has asked the Alumni Association for a speaker from our ranks to participate in the school's annual Act of Remembrance. Whenever the call goes out to one of our veterans (WW I, WW II or the Korean Conflict), these special Lisgarites never fail to respond. All have been superb speakers and well received by the students. Most branches

of the services have been represented, by Spitfire and bomber pilots, Army officers, a Wren (WRNS), each with a special message about why he or she remembers on November 11. The students have all been very touched and moved by our speakers' experiences and comments.

This year was no exception. Cy Torontow (1938) answered the call although he professed to being no public speaker. This reporter, having heard his talk, would have to disagree. Cy, who carved out a career in the RCAF from the 1940s until his retirement in 1982 as a Wing Commander, gave a magnificent message to our students: war is stupid. Using a personal experience from Germany sometime after WWII to illustrate, he

emphasized a common humanity all citizens share regardless of what side of a conflict they find themselves on.
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Members' Forum

Frank Vetter, former Lisgarite and now-retired high school teacher, writes from Almonte, where he and his wife Pat run a bed-and-breakfast in their home, Menzies House, an 1853 heritage house on the water.

The item about Mr Felker printed in the last issue jogged my memory. As a student (1947-52) I remember winding my way up the stairs to the smell of coffee which was brewed in Mr Felker's lab each morning. However, it was the sight of Mr Felker dancing with his wife at the Chateau Grill, when my parents occasionally dined there, that caused great surprise to me. Somehow, I never thought that teachers had a life outside of school which was a naive thought, but he certainly was a suave and elegant gentleman.

A note from Gwennyth Randalph with her membership renewal and an obituary notice for Dorothy Crosby, nee Hood, from the Ottawa Citizen of July 1999:

"Crosby, Dorothy (nee Hood): Peacefully at home, Fallowfield, July 21, 1999 following a lengthy illness.

Beloved wife of Boyd Crosby, loving mother of Sandra Langsdale (Phil Langsdale). Dear grandmother of Jennifer and Kevin Langsdale. Sister of Helen Hood of Toronto and Eleanor (Nan) Smith (Bob) of Toronto."

Sorry it has taken so long to send this in. Dorothy graduated from Lisgar in 1941. She was a popular student and served on the Vox staff. Both of her sisters, Helen and Nan, are also Lisgar graduates.

From Eric Toller, in advising us of the death of former Lisgar teacher W.F. (Bill) Mitchell:

He taught lower school (Lisgar) subjects Science, Business Practice, Defence Training, Specialist in Physical Education from 1939-1943. He served in the Royal Canadian Navy after June 1943. He coached championship Senior Football teams. During summers 1940-41-42 he served as Waterfront Director, YMCA camp at Golden Lake.

Also from Eric Toller with enclosure of death notice for Ruth (Hills) Davis:

A beloved, outstanding teacher of French during the war years, 1944-47, when I attended Lisgar. She also attended the 150th Reunion in 1993.

And from Robert G. McMichael, Lisgar teacher 1953-57, Vice principal 1960-64, Principal 1972-76, with death notice for Ruth (Hills) Davis:

In her letter to you, Ruth had mentioned the teachers who had given her a welcome in 1929 and had helped her in adjusting to the new teaching environment. She, in turn, helped numerous others along the way and made me welcome when I arrived at Lisgar in 1952.

Keep up your good work in the publishing of *Alere Flammmam*.

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In Memoriam

↓ **Atkinson**, Lillian E. (Smith) (staff 1931 to 1965) died January 31, 1999 at the age of 94. She taught English and history, and was school librarian, as well as serving as goalie on the Queen's hockey team and in the RCAF during World War II.

↓ **Beach**, Arthur C. (1926) [October mailing returned]

↓ **Beall**, Herbert Wilson (1927), peacefully at home on December 3, 2000, age 92 years. He served in the RCAF in World War II after being commander of the cadet corps at Lisgar [see the History of Lisgar, 1993]. Beloved husband of the late Mary Gertrude Forke, father of Elma and Jim, grandfather of John [English teacher at Lisgar, retired], Beth, James, Michael and Jacqueline, great-grandfather of Andrew, Christopher and Spencer.

↓ **Crosby**, Dorothy (nee Hood, 1941), peacefully at home, Fallowfield, July 21, 1999, after a lengthy illness. Beloved wife of Boyd Crosby, loving mother of Sandra Langsdale (Phil Langsdale); dear grandmother of Jennifer and Kevin Langsdale; sister of Helen Hood of Toronto and Eleanor (Nan) Smith (Bob) of Toronto. [See also Members Forum.]

↓ **Dale**, Douglas Keith (1943), former Lisgar Head Boy, retired professor of mathematics and statistics, Carleton University, died September 4, 2000 in Ottawa. Survived by his wife Elizabeth Thackery, daughters Kathy and Margy, sons Jim and Rick, sisters Verna Tanner and Joy Faraday. Predeceased by son Bill and brothers William, Eric, Cedric and Kenneth.

↓ **Davis**, Ruth (nee Hills) (staff 1929-1954), July 20, 2000 in London, Ontario, at 95. She taught for 33 years at Lisgar. After retiring, she and her husband (Bill) moved first to Kingsville and later to London. [See also Members Forum, two letters.]

↓ **Hewitt** (Ferguson), Helen (nee Latta, 1941) died June 10, 2000 in Kitchener. She is survived by her husband Al Hewitt, children Janet, Alex, Heather Ferguson and Kevin Hewitt., several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her first husband, Bob Ferguson, died in 1978.

↓ **Kniewasser**, A. Vernon (1915), died in Ottawa, September 29, 2000 at the age of 85. He leaves his family Stella Mackenzie, Andrew Graham, Bette Anne (Smith), Barbara Mae

(Oakes), 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by Helen Graham Cooch. He served in the Canadian Army (1915) and graduated from Queen's (Meds, 1921).

↓ **Langford**, Lucille (nee Coupal, 1938), died on November 8, 2000, mother of John, Stuart, Suzanne, Martha and grandmother of nine. Sister to Claire Lalonde, Marie Faram and Jean-Paul Coupal.

↓ **MacDonald**, Beryl (nee Somerville, 1921), died peacefully in her sleep, in Ottawa, on June 21, 2000, age 95, mother of William and Pamela, grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 11.

↓ **Max**, Sol (c. 1924), in Ottawa, on June 7, 2000 at age 93. Husband of Lillian, and father of Ann, Leonard and Mark. Brother of Arthur and the late Sara Dover and the late Rose Goldberg, grandfather of 10, great-grandfather of four.

↓ **Metrick**, Claire, died June 21, 2000 in Toronto. Although she was not a Lisgar graduate, she took out and maintained an Alumni membership after her husband Ted (1932) died.

↓ **Mitchell**, William Frederick (staff 1939-1943), died August 10, 2000 at home in Guelph. Lisgar teacher and former senior football coach, retired Director of Athletics, University of Guelph.

↓ **Moulds**, Godfrey (1936), died in Ottawa on October 24, 2000, at the age of 83, well-known obstetrician (Grace and Civic hospitals). He is survived by his second wife Catherine and children Donald, Marny and Stephen, sister Irene Bennett and six grandchildren. His first wife, Eleanor, died in 1991.

↓ **Plunkett**, Marian (nee Moffatt, 1920), died in Ottawa on February 11, 2000 at the age of 98. A lifelong lover of poetry, literature and music, she also loved to travel. At Unitarian House, where she moved in 1984 because of failing eyesight, she found four Lisgar classmates. She is survived by her daughter Diana Allen and son Tim.

↓ **Whitfield**, Roger (1944), died in Cobourg Ontario, on October 14, 2000. He was the beloved husband of the late Margaret Thomson, stepfather of Carol Potts and Connie Stuckless, grandfather of three and great-grandfather of one. Sadly missed by brother David (Audrey) Whitfield of Kanata.

↓ **Wolstein**, Edward (1925), died in Ottawa on September 23, 2000. Beloved husband of Marion Thompson for 53 years. He trained in ophthalmology in England, served overseas in World War II and practised in Ottawa until his retirement in 1974.

Caveat

Once again I must speak to the many alumni who are getting a free ride, having not paid any dues. You are shortchanging the school and those other "Alums" who have paid their dues or taken out a Life Membership.

The purpose of the Alumni Association is to keep Lisgarites informed of the activities at the school, advise on various projects contemplated to help the school and keep us all in touch with one another. The medium is *Alere Flamman*, your newsletter.

The cost of each newsletter has been escalating and will likely continue to do so. Now the cost per item, comprising printing, postage and envelopes is \$.72 (five years ago it was \$.56) and we send out 4,200 items - you do the math. The

shortfall in membership dues means that we cannot fund many worthwhile school projects which provincial financing does not cover.

Your Executive has gnawed on this bone for several years and is coming ever closer to the conclusion that it is time to lose the "freeloaders" and concentrate on those "Alums" who are really interested.

It is time to ask yourselves if you are satisfied to remain a non-contributing, non-participant in your Alumni Association, or do you want to join the rest of us, to help maintain the quality of education for the next generation of Lisgarites.

It's crunch time, y'all!

John Barclay (1952) Treasurer, Lisgar Alumni Association

Just What Is in the Lisgar Archives?

The collection contains a wide variety of materials, a large part of which is printed material. Our little archives room is fast becoming cramped! This partial list will give you some idea as to the extent of what we maintain.

Print

- Books: old reference books from former teachers' classrooms, memorial collections, books written by Lisgar alumni, histories of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute and Lisgar Collegiate, Collegiate Board of Ottawa.
- Periodicals: some copies of the *Vox Lycei*, copies of *Alere Flamman*, copies of student newspapers.
- Other: clippings from various periodicals about Lisgar student, teachers, events, etc.; old diplomas and certificates; letters; programs of school events; staff lists; old student council minutes.

Visual

- Blueprints and drawings of various renovations of Lisgar's buildings.
- Paintings and prints, some framed.
- Photographs, large and small: some separate, some in scrapbooks.
- Drawings of school events.
- Filmstrips once used in classrooms and the library.
- Slides and videotapes of school events.



1940s Boy's Sweatshirt

Artifacts

- Anne Heggteit's ski poles from the 1960 Olympics.
- Buttons from past reunions.
- Crests: class, club, athletic.
- Cups and trophies.
- Medals: bronze, silver and gold awarded for academic excellence.
- Pins and rings: class, club and athletic.
- Silver spoons and plates awarded for excellence.
- United States flag presented to Lisgar in 1989.

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One could hear a pin drop in the Lisgar gym where more than 1100 students had assembled for the school's Act of Remembrance. To his credit, W/C Torontow was able to reach an audience ranging in age from 13 to 18 years and reflecting Canada's new multicultural face. At least 40 percent of the current students are members of a visible minority, many of whom came from countries not directly involved in WW II or Korea. But they listened to the message as intently as the rest - it was that good!

Following this talk, two Lisgar students who had researched the exploits of three Lisgar Alumni who had served in some extraordinary way, or who had paid the ultimate sacrifice, in one of our historical conflicts spoke. Taking the names from the tablets in Lisgar's Memorial Hall, they spoke of Edward Holland, VC, who served in the Boer War at the turn of the century, of Alexis Helmer whose gruesome death in WW I moved his friend Col John McCrae to write "In Flanders Fields" and of Harry Avery who exemplified great bravery in Burma during WW II. These students make all Lisgarites proud by the quality of their presentation.

Alumni can rest assured that Lisgar has NOT forgotten.

- Pennants from athletic events; banners from past reunions.
- Lisgar Coat of Arms.
- A starting pistol used in track and field.



1950s Girl's Gym Bloomers



Band and Orchestra Jackets

R. Tait McKenzie 1867-1938

Sculptor, medical doctor, sports enthusiast . . . a true renaissance man. Did you know that we at Lisgar can claim a piece of this famous sculptor? Tait McKenzie attended Lisgar following his time at Almonte High School (where scholarships and a gymnasium bear his name). He then went on to McGill University and took charge of physical training after his 1892 graduation in medicine. He began sculpting to illustrate anatomy lectures there. Today his sculpted monuments and memorials stand in many countries, including various capital cities such as Edinburgh, London, Ottawa, Stockholm and Washington. Today you can visit the Mill of Kintail, operated by the Mississippi Conservation Authority, where many of his sculptures are on display. The surrounding natural area boasts a network of trails, including the fitness trail, which stands as testimony to his conviction that healthy exercise benefits all.

Where Have They All Gone?

For several decades, the Lisgar teaching staff has included many Lisgar Alumni who were so inspired by their experiences as a student here that it led them not only into teaching as a profession, but also to choose to teach at their alma mater. This group included Douglas Argue (history), Marg (Herbert) Dawson (science), Bob Green (math), Bev Lowe (English), John Boehmer (history), Barrie Laughton (geography/guidance), Terry Pritchett (physics), Hugh Reid (English), Bill Fraser (English), Earl Sparling (math), Bill McCarthy (vice principal), Jim Beale (English) and Doug Arrand (history/guid-

ance). In 1998, David Love joined the staff after having taught at (dare we say it?) Glebe Collegiate. At the moment, he is the only Lisgar Alumnus currently teaching at the school. As head of the mathematics department, David is maintaining the same wonderful standards that a certain Mr. Rentner established in his 44 years here. We wish David all the best, and we wish that some other very bright and creative Alumnus/Alumnae currently in the teaching profession will join him - so he won't be the only one to carry the burden. Alere flammam, Dave.



Wanted!! Wanted!! Wanted!!

Lisgar Alumni who reside in the Ottawa area are needed for a new program on career education. The school is looking for speakers who could volunteer to discuss their specific career with Lisgar students. It will not involve a great deal of time, and you will be given lots of advance notice. If you would be willing to help, please fill out and send us the form on the back of the membership/memorabilia form included with this newsletter.

Alere Flamman needs a designer/layout volunteer with experience in Quark or another desktop publishing software. Please contact editors Pat Hood at 226-5310 (Fax 226-5747) or Doug Arrand at 837-1208. This is your newsletter, so please help us.

Lisgar Today

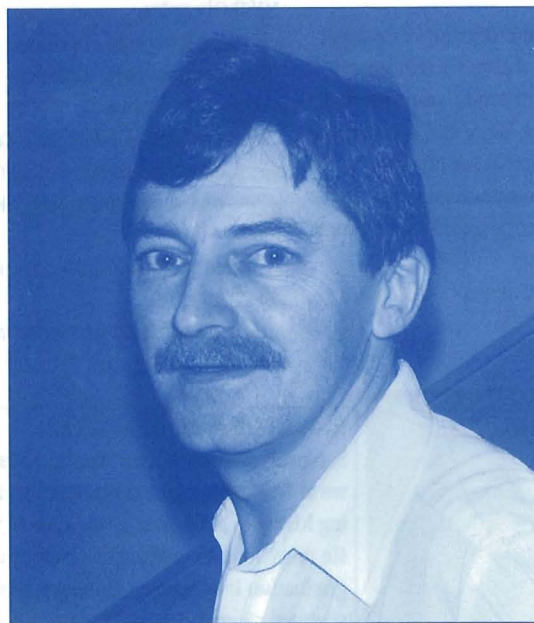
So what are today's students and recent grads up to? Why, they're keeping up the tradition of excellence.

- In June, OAC graduating student Eric Weese received the Governor General's Academic Medal from Lisgar Alumnae (and valedictorian) Adrienne Clarkson (1956). Mr Weese had an average of 98.4 and received four academic medals.

- Matthew Price (2000) received a prestigious Chancellor's Scholarship to Carleton University. A volunteer with Youth Host program (which helps children from Iraq), he will study international business.

- The 13-member Lisgar Jazz Strings under direction of Paul O'Connor won gold at the Capital Regional Music Festival last February and again at the National Music Fest in Toronto in May.

- The Lisgar improv team came first (again! they won last year, too) at the 2000 Canadian Improv Games in April, taking home the Howard Jerome Trophy.



Congratulations to Mr Neil Petrie on his recent appointment to office administrator at Lisgar. Neil first came to Lisgar as the school's audio visual technician in 1974.

Dorothy L. Bishop Prize

Alumnus George Toller received a letter of appreciation from Jean (wife of Rod Bishop), Dorothy Bishop's sister-in-law. George had sent them a copy of the latest *Alere Flammam* with the list of those who made donations to the fund. It was an impressive list, in memory of an impressive teacher.

New Books from Grads

Lisgar Alumnae Susan Burgess Shenstone (1945) has written *So ObstinateLY Loyal* (which Alumni Executive member George Toller suggests might be a good slogan for Lisgar student and Alumni!). It is the biography of James Moody, 1744-1809, a Loyalist who was forced to migrate to Nova Scotia and is published by McGill-Queen's University Press.

Former *Vox Lycei* editor (1972-73), Victoria Freeman (1973) is the author of *Distant Relations: How My Ancestors Colonized North America*. She spent seven years exploring her family's history and uncovered a story that begins in Salisbury, England, in 1588 and concludes in Ontario in the 1920s.

Lisgar Class of 1990 Reunion

This summer marked 10 years since the Class of '90 graduated. An informal reunion was held June 3, 2000 at the Lieutenant's Pump on Elgin Street in Ottawa. Those who were able to attend included Jason Sterne, Steve Morton, Peter Lapner, Jeff Perry, Tom Kawasaki, Chris Ellis, Dean Liu, Eguene Liu, Matt Shaw, Malcolm Symonds, Liam Scott, Jacob Thoppil, Colin Chalmers, John Gray, and Elizabeth (MacIntosh) Hale, plus many respective partners.

It was great to see familiar faces again and catch up on the last 10 years. While it is always daunting to reunite with old friends and see where you have ended up in life, this group was relaxed and sociable. It was as if time had stood still and we were all just catching up after summer holidays. Many of our classmates have become very successful!

Lots of photos were taken and a good time was had by all. In the process of putting this reunion together, I was able to contact many graduates from around the world and compile a list of e-mail addresses. If you would like to contact someone from this class, add your name to the list, or see some of the photos, e-mail me at achale@sprint.ca and I will pass the info along.

Is It Time?

Your executive has been receiving an increasing number of inquiries as to whether a reunion is being planned in the near future. Our response so far has been no. We did organize the 140th in 1983-84 and the 150th in 1993. Both were very successful in terms of your support. The 140th was unusual in that Lisgar in the past held reunions every 25 years, not every 10. A group of alumni, many of whom were concerned they might not make the 140th, approached the school with a request to make an exception from the 25-year tradition. We did respond positively and the rest is history. This raises the question, is it desirable to hold reunions every 10 years instead of 25? We are looking for a response from each and every alum. Please drop us a line to tell us your opinion. If a majority wants a reunion in 2003, then we must get to planning stage very soon.

However, we are looking for more than a simple yea or nay. What kinds of activities would you like to see? Duration: should it cover the whole weekend, or just one day, say a Saturday. You may recall the 150th began on Thursday night and ended on Sunday with a brunch. Do you want an oldtimers athletic competition? pub night? assembly program? banquet? dance? displays? demonstrations of what is going on in the school today? Turn your imagination loose and tell us what you think. And do it now, before you forget those great ideas.

Finally, are you or your friends willing to help? If you live anywhere near the school, this means giving us your organizational skills and physical assistance. If you live at a distance, you can still assist us with your ideas, and by reaching out to all your Lisgar friends to make certain they attend and are involved.

One amazing characteristic of Lisgarites is their loyalty to their old alma mater. We are asking for your help, so even if you have never written to us before, please sit down and write us now. We look forward to everyone's response so the decision becomes an easy one for your executive. And it must be made in a timely fashion, so don't delay.

More History

The Historical Society of Ottawa has an interesting pamphlet on the Reverend Doctor Thomas Wardrope, whom you might remember was appointed as the headmaster of the Dalhousie District Grammar School (later renamed Ottawa Collegiate Institute) at the age of 24 while still finishing his theology course at Queen's College (now University). He arrived via the Rideau Canal from Kingston in 1843 to find that, although he was indeed headmaster at Bytown, there was no school yet! Because he was so active in the organization of the new Free Presbyterian Church of Bytown (later called Knox) at Lisgar and Elgin streets, he resigned from his teaching in 1845 to return to Queen's.

Lisgar Locos

Did you know that we have our very own steam engines? In about 1869, the *Lucy Dalton* (named after a niece of Lord Lisgar) and the *Lady Lisgar* came from the locomotive works in Taunton, Massachusetts to the Ottawa & Prescott (later the St. Laurence & Ottawa Railway). The *Lucy Dalton* worked out of North Bay (pulling the "Mattawa mixed") after the CPR took control of the line in 1882. [From *Ottawa Past and Present* by A.D.H. Ross, Toronto: Musson Book Co, 1927.]

Where Are They Now?

In response to her note written in October of 1997, Marg Pippy received a wonderfully chatty letter from Lisgar alumnus Dave Pinhey, parts of which are excerpted below. Marg and Dave both sang in the choir of St John's Anglican church on Elgin St, where Adrienne Clarkson and her family were parishioners, as were the Pinheys; Dave's brothers Dyson, Hal and Rick are also former Lisgarites.

I guess my *Where are they now?* column didn't interest the editors too much back in 1997, as not too much has been done in three years, in that regard. I mean, we all know what has happened to Adrienne Clarkson, but what about Evelyn Feldman or Mike Rasminsky? Pete Lesaux, I believe, is on Parliament Hill. It's nice to know about Kal Hokkinen. We know Mr Rentner has passed on but how about "Fitz"? Where's Bob Strange? George London, Chris Wells? Heather Yates, Joan Turner, Letty Bam, Pete McArthur and Carol McMehen (I married this one)? People could write in and tell all they know about these people and how their lives have turned out. Better and easier than another reunion. (A lot of us would have to hobble, not dance our way to another reunion, *if* we could afford the airfare!)

Musical activity? - since 1962, I've been very active in Barbershop Quartet singing, in North Bay, Ottawa in '64 and Vancouver since '79. I sing baritone in our *Gentlemen of Fortune* chorus of 80 or so, and also in "A Touch of Grey" seniors' quartet (some of us are a little more touched than others). The chorus is singing a wonderful new arrangement of our National Anthem, *O Canada*, before the BC Lions' games Aug 17 and Sept 16. Yes, I'm kinda active musically. That's why my small Lisgar Fund donation goes to buy music for the orchestra.

A West Coast alumni chapter. Mmmm. I do remember Carol McMehen '55 (Dave Pinhey's former wife) starting to work on something like that after the 150th. I thought it was a future reunion, for the class of '55 era, but [she] hasn't mentioned Lisgar in ages. Adrienne was **most** pleased we went together to a levee held in Burnaby early in her Governor Generalship. She sat with us, at our table, for a good 10 minutes and we got to know John quite well, too. I actually got to know Adrienne at St John's at about age 12. She was the first Chinese girl I ever kissed. We played spin-the-bottle at one of her early birthday parties. And may I brag that I've been one of the very few to get a hug from our Governor General during one of her reception lines! Did **that** make my year!

Let's hope the Newsletter keeps coming and that it's kept interesting by telling us about people. 'Cause there ain't nothin' more interestin' than folks. Dave Pinhey ('55)

[Editor's note: The "where are they now" column is a great idea, but remember that it is you, the reader, who makes this work. So where are they now, readers? Who do you want to track down? Send us your suggestions.

Sadly, Mr. Fitzsimons died in 1998; his passing was noted in the Fall 1998 issue of Alere Flammam.]

Here & There

Heritage Structure

In the City of Ottawa's *Ottawa: A Guide to Heritage Structure*, our alma mater is described in full from its original Gothic Revival building in the 1870s through various additions to the major west wing added in 1908. There is no mention of the 1970s renovations.

Who out there remembers when the east and west entrances of the building (no student used the main centre door!) had "Girls" and "Boys" inscribed on them?

Senate Connections

In June, Lisgar alumnae Betty Kennedy (nee Styran, 1944) was appointed to the Senate of Canada. She is probably best known for her appearance on CBC TV's *Front Page Challenge*.

Shelagh This Morning

Lisgar graduate Shelagh Rogers (1973), who started with CBC Ottawa, broadcast her first show of this season's *This Morning* (CBC Radio One) from the Byward market. She moved over from CBC Radio Two's *Take Five* this past fall.

Bear Dances in Byward

Lisgar Alumni Ottawa businesswoman (and former broadcaster) Sara Jennings (1959) and ABC news anchor Peter Jennings (1957) donated an Inuit sculpture of a dancing bear to Ottawa in memory of their parents. Their father, Charles, was a pioneer of Canadian broadcasting, reporting on the visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (now the Queen Mother) in 1939. The bear stands in the Jeanne d'Arc Courtyard.



Lisgar Boys Hi-Y, 1953-54

Centre: Bernice Thornton, dance instructor

Top row (left to right): Billy Hill, Ron Gibson, Ken Dean, Preston Wilson, Paul Lumsden, "Knobby" Welsh

Bottom row (left to right): Chris Wells, George London, Pete Lesaux, Dave Pinhey

Life Members

Our Life Membership total now stands at 462! Grateful thanks for their support go to the following alumni who have added their names to the list since the last issue.

Anne Acland (1952)	Michael Houghton (1960)
Karin (Szewczyk) Angyal (1969)	P. Sidney Irwin (1939)
Molly (Burnett) Armstrong (1948)	Daniel D. Kekez (1999)
Herbert Beall (1927)	Betty (Dorofi) Komarnisky (1960)
Alan Bennett (1959)	George Leggo (1947)
Chris Bernath (1975)	M. Elizabeth (Gervin) Lunney (1944)
Barbara Bloor (1964)	Howard Mount (1977)
David C. Browne (1990)	Darcy Neal-Croteau (1977)
Grant and Ruth (Gray, 1957) Cawsey (1958)	Maureen (Gershon) Newton (1949)
Joscelyn V.B. Cosh (1944)	Gwenyth (Bradley) Randolph (1940)
Rebecca Danard (1997)	Sharon J. (Day) Rice (1962)
Clinton F. Davis (1992)	Mary Jane (McIntyre) Steele (1978)
S. Brandi Davis (1995)	Mary-Ann (Quick) Stouck (1959)
Kimberly Ellard (1977)	Elspeith (McGregor) Van Agt (1947)
Adrian Elliot (2000)	Frank Vetter (1952)
Betty-Anne (MacLeod) Ellis (1952)	Dorothy (Short) von Cramon (1951)
Katherine (Woodruff) Ewing (1938)	Eric Weese (2000)
William Extence (1947)	Robert Wilson (1968)
Alexandra Fotiou (1984)	Frank Woodruff (1947)
Simon Ming-Wo Fung (1999)	Celeste Yu (2000)
Bill Gervin (1942)	Norman Zagerman (1947)

Lisgar Concert 1953-1954

From the account of the annual concert which appeared in the *Vox Lycei* for 1953-54:

"Then followed the 'Can-Can' from Moron Rouge,'" when 10 Lisgar boys, directed by Bernice Thornton, Lisgar's ballerina par excellence, outdid the can-can girls and themselves... There just had to be an intermission after that."

Guess what - thanks to Dave Pinhey, we have a picture, with names!

Matching Gift Programs

Did you know that your company can match contributions you make to your alma mater? Many businesses (for example, PPG Canada) encourage their employees to make gifts to eligible institutions (and the Lisgar qualifies here) by matching contributions. Ask your human resource department about a matching gift program.

THE LISGAR FUND

The Fund was established by alumni, parents and staff at Lisgar in 1975-76. The purpose of the Fund was to raise money to mount a campaign to save Lisgar from being closed by the Ottawa Board of Education. The building had been condemned by the provincial authorities as unsafe and the Board was not prepared to renovate the school as they had a major decline in student population throughout the city and determined they could accommodate Lisgar students in the remaining Board schools.

Needless to say, the campaign to save Lisgar was extremely successful. The Board was convinced to spend almost five million dollars renovating Lisgar, and we have since celebrated two wonderful reunions: the 140th and the 150th. Once Lisgar's continued existence was assured, the Fund turned its attention to raising money to support Lisgar's academic, extra curricular, athletic and scholarship programs.

Lisgar is coming under pressure again. Under new provincial regulations the new Ottawa Board is reviewing all secondary schools to see which they may have to close. The vastly reduced education budget is strapping Lisgar in its ability to maintain its programs effectively.

The Library, music, athletic and academic budgets have been slashed. The Gifted Program is possibly at risk. Our alma mater needs your help. For some, this may mean helping lobby (if necessary) the Board to keep Lisgar open or to save the Gifted Program when the time comes – stay tuned. For others, it may mean donating to the Lisgar Fund to help purchase necessary equipment and supplies to maintain Lisgar's highly effective programs and to provide finances to mount a successful lobby if and when necessary. This will be done in collaboration with the parents, students and supportive teaching staff.

Over the past years, many alumni have donated generously to the Fund. Some have designated their donations to specific areas such as the Library, where we have our "Honour with Books" program, or to music, science, mathematics, classics and all of the vital scholarships (we all know how expensive post-secondary education is becoming). If you are able to give a small donation, for which you will receive a tax receipt, we assure you it will be wisely spent. For example, last year, the Fund, with assistance of the Alumni Association purchased an expensive but necessary plastic skeleton. It is used to study anatomy in three departments: art, science and physical education. The Directors attempt to apply all donations where the greatest good for the greatest number of students can be achieved.

If any member of the Alumni Association is interested in serving the Fund as a Board Member, please contact the Alumni office at 239-2696 or drop us a line. The Fund Directors meet three times per year to conduct business. Subcommittees such as the Fund Raising, meet more frequently.

List of Scholarships Provided by The Fund

- General bursaries/scholarships - W.B. Mann (English)
- R.F. Charron (French) - D. Bishop (English)
- W. Showman (Classics) - R. MacMillan (Science X)
- L. Wade (Chemistry) - Stephen Messenger (Chemistry XI)
- D. Lamperd (Biology) - Adele Gazal (Community Service)

If you have any questions please contact the Fund at 239-2696 or send a letter of inquiry. We welcome your interest and support.

Career Education Program

Name _____
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Occupation _____
Availability during school hours (8am to 3:30pm) _____