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## Bill Pratt—Lisgar to Olympics

When the Olympic flame was extinguished this past winter and Canada and the world applauded Calgary and the Games' organizers for the 'best-ever' Winter Olympics, much of the thanks went to Lisgar alumnus Bill Pratt, President of OCO, the Calgary Olympic Organizing Committee.

Alberta, Calgary and the XV Olympic Winter Games owe much to Big Bill Pratt who began his amazing career at Lisgar Collegiate in 1942-47. His accomplishments during recent decades have been really astounding and, as he recalls, his life's pattern for hard work and devotion to duty, whatever the assignment or cause, started while still a student at Lisgar. As Calgary's *Sunday Herald* reported last November 15th:

Pratt's mentor and friend Red Dutton, the old NHL hockey star and later one of the most active real estate developers in Calgary, gave him his first job, picking rocks in the high mountains to the west of Calgary. Pratt worked so hard Dutton kept him on the payroll, even after Bill went back to school in the fall. The gesture marked the start of a deep friendship between the two men.... In his rock-picking days, and for many years afterward, Pratt was always a trouble shooter. His personal code is one of straight loyalty.... pledged to give his best....

While at Lisgar he participated in skiing, hockey and figure skating. His summers were spent working for the Standard Holdings Group near Calgary where he was to be employed full-time from 1948 for the next 21 years, rising from a construction laborer to general man-

ager. In the early 1960s his firm loaned his services to manage the construction of Heritage Park in the city. When completed, Bill received Alberta's Award for Excellence in Park Development.

In 1969, after serving as a volunteer for 14 years with the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, he joined its permanent staff and was soon its general manager. Over the next decade the Stampede rose from a \$3 million to a \$30 million event annually and its volunteer force doubled to over 4000. Under his leadership, attendance surpassed the million mark. In 1979 he was the first person to be appointed to both the Hall of Honour, Canadian Association of Exhibitions, and to the Hall of Fame, International Association of Fairs and Expositions.

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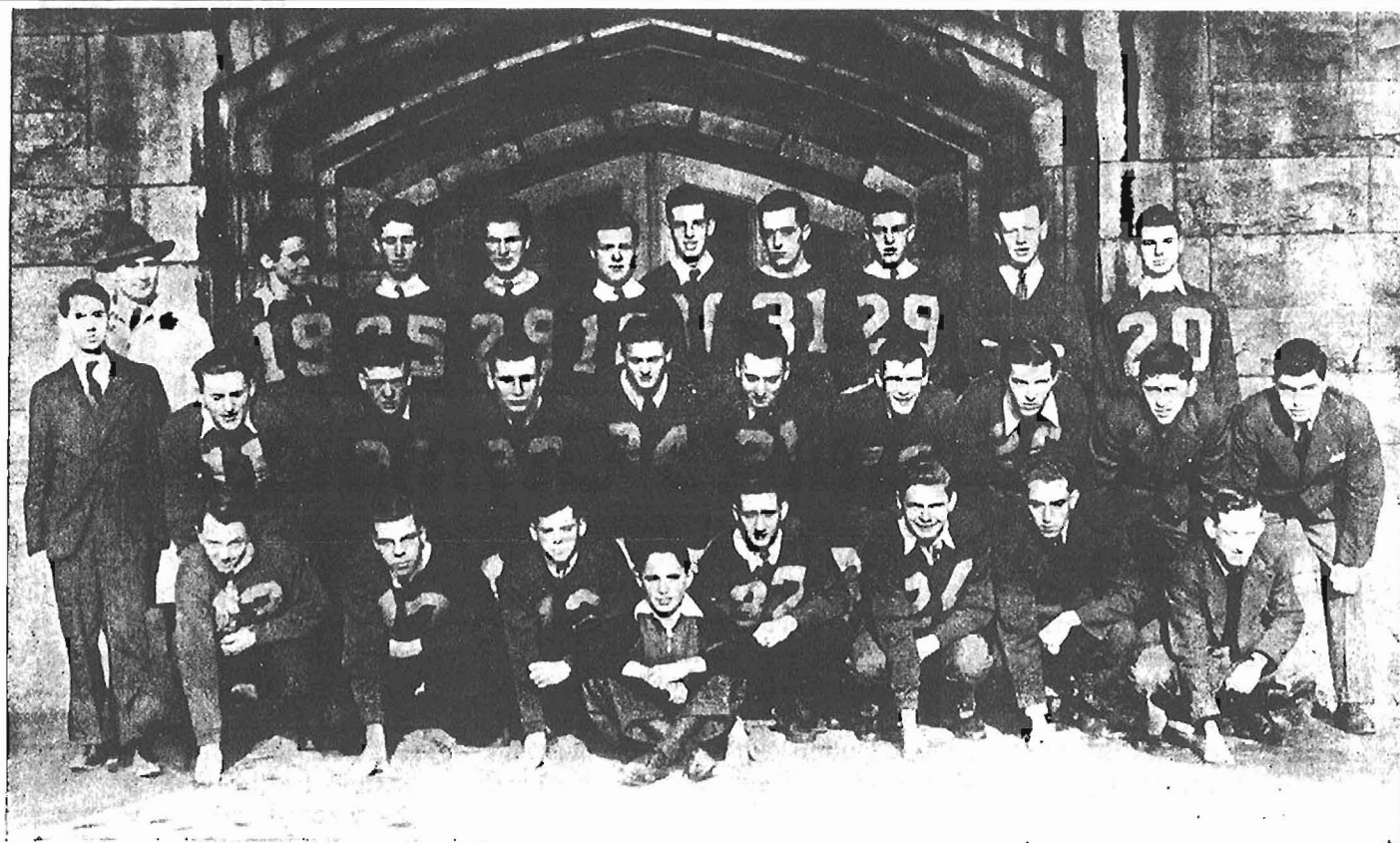
Lisgar Alumni  
Spotlight

## Gordon F. Henderson 1926-29

By Grant Buchanan

On Monday, March 7, former Lisgar student Gordon Henderson presented arguments on behalf of the *Ottawa Citizen* in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia as part of the ongoing legal battle between that newspaper and the former federal defence minister, Robert Coates. "We had a lot of fun," said Mr. Henderson the next morning from his Ottawa office. Juggling an incredible

case load that would stop younger lawyers in their tracks, Gordon Henderson, who turns seventy-six next month, is undeniably one of the finest lawyers Canada has ever produced. He is the senior partner in the law firm of Gowling and Henderson, which now has approximately 150 lawyers (primarily in Ottawa and Toronto) and a total staff of over 500. *continued on page 3*



Back Row, left to right—Bill Mitchell (coach), M. Smith, G. Thompson, A. Kneiwasser, J. McKinley, T. Extence, R. Sharpe (captain), D. McGillgott, D. Kirby, G. Toller.  
 Second Row, left to right—R. Armstrong (manager), A. Stevens, P. Birkett, J. Taop, O. Gray, A. McDougal, L. Kinf, B. Richards J. Kirby, G. Croil.  
 Front Row, left to right—J. Mellish, H. Harrold, D. Armstrong, B. Pratt, B. Wilson, K. Clark, K. Campbell, D. Lindsay.

**LCI Senior Football Team 1943-44**

Bill Pratt has always surrounded himself with athletes. Here he is pictured front centre with the Senior Football Team. Bill was the team water boy.

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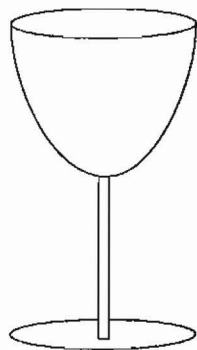
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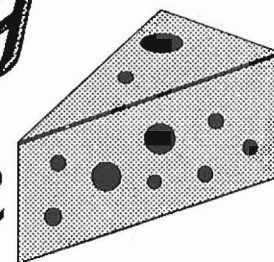
**Bill Pratt**  
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Bill Pratt retired in 1979 but within a year he was in harness again as project manager of the Olympic Saddledome. By June 1983 he was appointed President of the Organizing Committee for this year's Winter Olympic Games. As Maclean's Magazine reported in its special 'Olympic' issue: "It was Bill Pratt... who supervised the enormous [Olympic] construction project... Because of him, everything was built on time and on budget." In spite of critics who complained that he played the 'strong-man' too often, Bill Pratt can rest assured that he presided over the most successful Winter Games ever. The sports facilities left behind, the financial success and the feeling of pride from coast to coast are all tributes to his work. ■■■

*Lisgar Alumni Association*



*General Meeting  
and  
Wine & Cheese*



*Wednesday, May 11, 1988  
Seven o'clock PM Parking Available  
Lisgar Collegiate Institute*

**Gordon F. Henderson**

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Gowling & Henderson was originally established on a then unpaved Sparks Street by George Henderson (no relation to Gordon) over 100 years ago. Gordon Henderson joined the firm in 1937, and specialized at first in patent law. Over the past five decades, he has presided over the diversification of the firm into almost every facet of the practice of law. Among many other achievements, he was appointed on Officer of the Order of Canada in 1977, a Life Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada, and is a Past President of the Canadian Bar Association (1979-80).

In the middle of a typically jam-packed day, Gordon Henderson switched gears to talk about his four years at Lisgar in the late

1920s. He recalled vividly the arrival of a Mr. Drouillard from Windsor to be Lisgar's athletic director. "He drilled the principles of football into the junior team every morning at 7 a.m. on Cartier Square, and we went on to become the first E.O.S.S.A. champions."

He laughed as he spoke of two excellent teachers of period, Minnie Hills and Sis Tompkins. The former had a propensity to move her head up and down while the latter shook her head from left to right, thereby earning themselves the nicknames of 'the Yes-No Girls'.

As for the Lisgar Alumni Association, he indicated that "if there is anything I can do to help, please call." It is typical of Gor-

don Henderson. His community interests are as numerous and wide-ranging as his victories in the courtroom, and include having been the Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Ottawa Heart Institute, the Community Foundation of Ottawa-Carleton, the Ottawa Orthopaedic Foundation, the Ottawa United Way Campaign (1974), and the Ottawa Civic Hospital Frank Sinatra/Rich Little Gala Dinner (1983). Even as our conversation ended, he was suggesting more Lisgarites we could contact. Indeed, this is the real magic of Gordon Henderson: a very successful balance between professional life and personal life and the ability to "have a lot of fun" at both. ■■■

# Inside Lisgar



## Lisgar Notes ✓

**Arts**  
Lisgar art students participated in the *Create Energy '87* programme organized by the Energy Educators of Ontario and held in Toronto this February.

The judges selected two Lisgar students, Christina Tung and Jennifer Chandler, as tied winners of the Art Contest.

**Science**  
Eight classes in grades 9 and 10 participated in the February 25th Science Fair in the third floor labs; a total of 180 students in 135 projects. Experimentation was the key and there was an impressive variety of labs performed by the Lisgar students in preparation for the fair. To name but a few: the making and testing of superconducting materials— an area of worldwide interest today, work with garlic in the treatment of cancer, the development of computer programs for the teaching of advanced physics concepts and the design of power systems for model airplane propulsion.

**Chess**  
The Lisgar Chess team declared "Checkmate" in the Ottawa-Carleton High School chess league. The team placed first after regular season play, with 11 games won, 2 games tied and 3 games lost.

Play-offs are under-way with hopes that Lisgar will retain its Championship title for the 5th time in the last 7 years of the league's history.

**Sports**  
*Junior Boys' Basketball*  
The junior boys basketball team completed another successful season by reaching the finals of the city play-offs. The team lost the championship in a close well-fought match against Nepean High School. The team was pleased with this seasons performance, which included several individual successes such as player Greg Fraser being selected as tournament all-star at the St. Matthew's Invitational.

*Curling*  
Lisgar's boys curled in the Ottawa High School league this winter. In the draw before Christmas the Lisgar rink qualified for the A division. However, in the new year, Lisgar found the competition tough and failed to make the play-offs. A good nucleus of the competitors will return next year for an even stronger performance.

It is hoped that a girls rink will be formed next year as well.

*Winter Carnival*  
Lisgar held its first annual Winter Activity Day in recent years, on February 24th. Students participated in a variety of activities including: downhill skiing, cross country skiing, swimming, tobogganing, snooker, skating, gym activities and film. Reports from teachers indicate that those who participated had a great time. Staff and students look forward to holding another day next year. ■■■

## Lisgar's Enrichment Programme

Lisgar Collegiate has been designated as an Enrichment Centre, drawing to it many of the top students from the Ottawa-Carleton region. Recent enrichment activities at the school have included:

- In February Lisgar won the Ottawa-Carleton Science Olympics for the 3rd consecutive year.
- A number of girls participated in International Women's Week activities including conferences on women in Science and Technology.
- Several Lisgar students are participating in Junior Achievers and in the Young Leaders of Tomorrow program.
- The school was visited by an Inuit basketball team from Iqualuit. They played a game against the Junior Team and on a demonstration of Arctic games for an appreciative audience.
- Some students have been assisting at the Ottawa Board of Education Storefront School at the St. Laurent shopping centre.
- 25 students participated in a new resource-management simulation game.

## Lisgar Breaks with Tradition

Lisgar will hold its annual Commencement Exercises in the month of June commencing this year. The 1987-88 graduates will receive their diplomas at the Commencement Exercises to be held June 27, 1988.

The school is exploring the possibility of holding them out of doors on the campus, weather permitting. ■■■

# Members' Corner

## Alumni Association First Annual Meeting

After four years of start-up activity, the Lisgar Alumni Association is ready to begin its second phase of growth. Buoyed by the growing membership, increasing donations to the Lisgar Fund and greater response to the semi-annual newsletters, the Association has decided to hold its first annual meeting and wine and cheese. The school will be opening its doors to alumni on Wednesday May 11th at 7:00 pm.

The evening will present the first major opportunity for Ottawa area alumni to get together since the 140th reunion held in 1984. As well as a social event, the evening will provide a chance for the Association to chart its future and to involve more alumni in that future. Planning will soon begin for the 150th anniversary and it is essential that alumni form an integral part of that process. Other activities of the association require more alumni involvement including membership contact, newsletter preparation, planning pubs and smaller reunions, committee work or special archival projects.

Whether you are interested in more active participation in your Association or just a chance to get together with former classmates, we look forward to seeing you at upcoming wine and cheese. To give us some idea of attendance for planning purposes, we would appreciate it if you could fill out the form at the bottom of the last page and return it to the Association. In the interim, if you have any questions about the Association or the upcoming wine and cheese, please contact the school (232-3736) or contact Brian Mitchell (evenings 235-3525) or Kathy Ullrich (evenings 232-7950).

See you on May 11th! ■■

## Where Have All the Alumni Gone?

**Miriam (Divorkin) Waddington '36** is Professor of English at York University. Her latest book is The Collected Poems of Miriam Waddington.

**Britt Thurston '44** in Almonte, Ontario recently sold a 34 year milk and grain hauling business and is now happily retired.

**Don MacArthur '44** (eldest son of former English and History teacher C.P MacArthur) has retired in Calgary, Alberta. He recently served as an Olympic Volunteer as a van driver for athletes from several countries.

**John Jarowsky '71** has taken on a teaching position in the Department of Political Science, University of Waterloo. He is presently teaching courses in the area of comparative government, with a focus on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Drop us a line with news about these or other Lisgarites or, better still, about yourself. When writing, tell us the years you spent at Lisgar. The mailing address is 29 Lisgar Street, Ottawa, K2P 0B9.

## Information Sought on Lisgar Poet

**Noah Stern '29** is to be the subject of an article by a professor at the university of California at Los Angeles. The author has requested information concerning Noah Stern's youth including his years spent at Lisgar. Please send us your high school remembrances of this late Lisgar poet so that we may forward these to UCLA. ■■

## ♥ Lisgar Love

• Two former Lisgarites  
• (who dated while at Lis-  
• gar) were married in May  
• 1987. **Doug Stevens '34**  
• and **Lois Lamkins '36** es-  
• tablished a first for the  
• Richmond Hill Minister  
• who performed the cere-  
• mony by marrying the  
• acquaintances of 55 years!  
• Now that's friendship.  
• Best Wishes from the  
• Lisgar Alumni! ■■

## Members' Forum

Presently serving as Senior Legal Advisor for the Canadian Forces in Europe. "I have received and read with interest the Autumn 1987 edition of the Alumni Newsletter. I look forward to future editions."

*C. Fred Blair '59*

The efforts of the Alumni Association are much appreciated. I just recalled the day Mr. Rentner chased Fred Jacques out of the classroom, out of the school and across Cartier Square!

*Marjory (Bratton) Hall '29*

Although I only attended Lisgar for my last two years of High School, it has left a lasting impression and so many wonderful friendships were made. My thanks to all of those involved in making this newsletter what it is!

*Verna (Rickerd) Kinsella '54*

Your newsletter is terrific and I do enjoy all the news—special even to an oldie like me!

*Daphne (Higgins) Horsey '38*

## Lisgar Fund Report

Below is a list of names of those people who made donations to the Lisgar Fund since the last newsletter. The response continues to grow and we thank you for your support.

The business of the Lisgar Fund has grown to such an extent that the Board of Directors of the Fund have decided to make our annual meeting this year into a general meeting open to all interested alumni. We want to give you an opportunity to express your wishes and concerns about the directions and priorities the Lisgar Fund should take in the years to come.

The date for this meeting is Tuesday, May 17, 1988, and it will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Lisgar Collegiate Library.

Here's your chance to become involved in decision-making! Plan to attend.

David MacGougan  
Chairman, Lisgar Fund

Alex Newcombe	Ellen Cohen Cardash	Jo-Anne Boyce Brostrom	Peter MacArthur
Angus Morrison	Elsa Lessard	Joan Ashton Gordon	R.C. Laughton
Audrey May Rider	Elva McPhail Stevens	Joan Klaas Doubt	R.E. Newman
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Avrum Smith	F.H. LeFreuve	John Hart	Ralph Reynolds
Ben Shaoiro	Florence Thompson Forsyth	John Jaworsky	Randolph Franklin
Betty Short Goodson	Forbes Hirsch	John MacFarlane	Ray Laws
Bill Broughton	Frances O'Leary-Winter	John Ramsay	Rev. George A. Morrison
Brenda Torontow Saxe	Francois Savard	Joy Casey Davies	Robert Bower
Britten A. Thurston	Garnett Virr	Joy Evans Heft	Robert Fedosejevs
Connie Keyes Gibbon	George Flett	Kazumi Nagai	Robert Hill
Daphney Higgins Horsey	George Jost	Ken Eades	Robert Lahey
David Chance	George Toller	Kenneth Medland	Robert Maudsley
David Sadava	Gerald Conger	Kenneth V. Fraser	Robert Wright
David Whitfield	Gordon T. White	Laleah Carscallen	Ronald A. Gould
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Elizabeth Olmstead	Jean Conger Mather	Nora Mansfield	William Pratt
Elizabeth Timleck	Jean Stewart Spence	Pamela Wallace Reynolds	William Wood
Elizabeth Todd Beal	Jeffrey Gould	Paul Lindsay	

## Attention all Lisgar War Veterans!

*In the fall newsletter, we ran this request for basic data in order to ensure the plaques honouring our alumni veterans in the lobby of the school are correct. The response was terrific and it also revealed several errors in the plaques. Thus, we have decided to run the article and response form once again. If you didn't respond the last time, please do so now.*

Your Alumni Association is attempting to update the plaques in the Lisgar Collegiate front lobby which have the names of former Lisgar students who served in the Armed Forces during World Wars I and II. However, some plaques are not complete and we would also like information on those students who served in the Korean Conflict.

Would you kindly fill out the form on the next page and return it to the Lisgar Alumni Association with the necessary data. As well, we would like to know if you served for a country other than Canada. Also please report if you know of any other Lisgarites whose names may have been omitted from the plaques. ■■■