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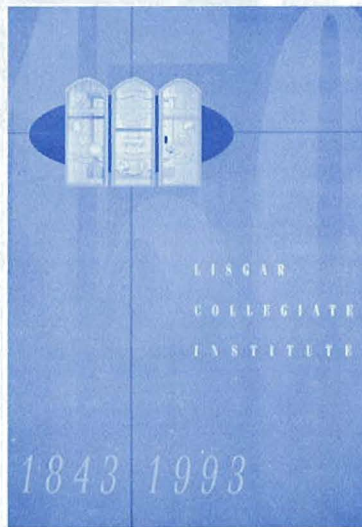
# Alere Flammam

## History book on the horizon

**THE PROJECT OF THE** Alumni Association, the history of Lisgar written by Joan Finnigan, has become a tangible book! We have the cover design (reproduced here in the newsletter), we have had our first look at some page proofs and we have seen the resulting blend of text and photographs begin to coalesce into the opus we have hoped to produce. "As I worked on this project," say Joan, "I became increasingly proud of having gone to Lisgar. I always knew it was a special place, but I never knew how special it was. The history of the school since I left it has only enhanced the academic excellence of this incredible and dynamic school."

The following excerpts are included in the history of Lisgar, currently at press. Among other things, the book provides a microcosm of the social development of the city.

From the annual concert as described by Lawrence Renton in March of 1935: Lawrence is playing St. George, after winning Miss Persie Meadows'



Book cover design

favour by designing and building St. George's armour as well as assembling a dragon requiring two students to animate it (Dwayne Merkley as the front half and Doug McLean as the rear). At the height of the duel, we pick up the action:

"And those wonderful footlights, which were creating such a dramatic effect, were about to assist in the dragon's

death. This row of lights, deeply recessed in a metal trough the full length of the stage, consisted of unprotected hundred-watt bulbs spaced about every six or twelve inches apart. Then the front half of the dragon in its final charge came perilously close to walking into the footlights. As the front half abruptly changed direction ninety degrees to get away from the lights, the back half, not seeing where the front half was headed, spun around in an arc that brought Doug's feet into the slippery metal trough. Try as he might he could not get enough traction to get out of the trough. Still hanging onto Dwayne (who was now changing his course to reduce the angle the two of them made with each other), Doug was unable to get enough foothold to extricate himself. The crashing and banging of exploding lights, the white fumes and sparks rising with the shattering glass, coupled with the dragons desperate efforts to right itself,

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## Help launch the History Book

THE WORK ON THE 150TH HISTORY OF Lisgar is proceeding rapidly with the publishing deadline quickly approaching. Joan Finnigan has done a wonderful job but we need your assistance in order to finish the project. We are appealing to all our alumni to lend a financial hand to allow a timely publication of this fine

historic work. The greater the funding we can provide now the faster the publication will proceed and the lower the final cost.

All donations are eligible for tax receipts. Contribute now and become a member of the Blue and Grey, 150th or Alere Flammam. For details see the enclosed insert.



# Alumni look forward to celebrations

**I AM LOOKING FORWARD VERY** much to coming to the event...I think that reunions often emphasize cocktail parties, dances, social events which all basically are quite awkward and have not very much to do with what really made the institution whose reunion we are attending important to us.

...After speaking with a couple of other...Lisgar alumni, I make a suggestion which I think would be quite fun and meaningful. I would ask that Walter Mann, who was the single greatest influence in many of our lives, teach a class or two exactly as he did to us in Grade 12 or 13 in English and/or English Composition. This remarkable man helped to shape so many of us and it would be wonderful for us to be able to go back into a class and hear him again and also bring to it our own knowledge that we have gathered over the last forty, thirty or twenty years...[If there was a space on the registration forms to indicate such] I am sure that Walter Mann's class

## member's forum



would be oversubscribed! I think it's a wonderful way to pay tribute to him as well and it would be a very meaningful and interesting way for us to remember our education at Lisgar...my interest is much more [than social life] in the intellectual bases which were laid for me by Mr. Mann's English classes.

I think that this might be an inducement for many of us to come for more than a day and a half to the reunion...I think the way to evoke the spirit of the school and its intellectual excellence is for us to be able to have classes again and to recognize each other's minds as we used to when we were in those classes.

I look forward to hearing from you about this in future newsletters and I hope that you can make it work out.  
*With all good wishes, yours sincerely,*  
Adrienne Clarkson



Recognize these legs?

In the recent issue I read a reminder of the rifle range located just under the roof. Yes, we used 22s and I used to go up in the lunch hour to join Jean Kipper and some others whose names escape me. The three Jeans—Mulvie, Sproule and Kipper — were a dancing threesome. Mulvie trained as an RN in Montreal and moved to the States. I wonder where they are now. There was an article about the Girls' Rifle Club in the *Ottawa Journal* and I must look it up for you — it has J.K.'s picture in the shooting position. I was a pretty fair shot but my brother, Moe, was far better than I.

*Yours sincerely, Irene Woolford,*  
Winchester, Ontario

This being a bit of Lisgar history, I'm sending it along. [Enclosed is article from *Ottawa Citizen* about Bernice Reynolds hitch-hiking 15 miles to Lisgar every day from Metcalfe.] The news on the reverse side [of the clipping] said Dec. 4, and I believe the year was 1944. I also believe it was Betty Kennedy's (Front Page Challenge) first publication. She was then Betty Styram? She had come into (principal) Mr. J.J. Dunlop's office for a visit, and he said "Here's a story for you," and I was interviewed then and there.

*Sincerely, Bernice (Reynolds) Ridley*

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# Happy Birthday, Lisgar!

**W**ELL...WE MADE IT! LISGAR reaches 150 in May 1993. But what the heck!...we're going to celebrate the whole year through!

We are really excited about the way plans are developing. But more than just listing the major events for our official celebrations, we want to entice you to become part of them. So here we go...

## Why Thanksgiving Weekend?

A very good question! The 150th Steering Committee, composed of Principal D.I. Macdonald, teachers, students, alumni and retired teachers, is working enthusiastically to put on the best reunion ever. While our official birthday is in May and we would have been delighted to celebrate on the Victoria Day weekend, we knew that hundreds of Lisgar's recent grads could not join us due to far-flung summer jobs or university courses. As well, current students, a very important part of the Lisgar Community, would find it too close to June examinations. Thanksgiving weekend was chosen instead. Beside being a glorious time of year to visit Ottawa, the long weekend provides time for those returning to campus or jobs, current students can fully participate and there is no conflict with seasonal holidays! For October holidays, what more beautiful region could you visit than Ottawa, especially with Lisgar, relatives, old haunts and neighbourhoods. So our reunion is set for October 7, 8, 9, and 10, 1993.

## Celebrate the Lisgar Community!

The Lisgar Community includes current students and parents, current and former teachers, support staff both present and past and our Alumni. Remember that the Ottawa Board of Education decided the school was expendable and Lisgar almost closed permanently in 1975. But the community spoke out forcefully, convincing the Board not only to save our Alma Mater, but also to spend more than \$5 million to modernize it. Do not forget the faithful support of the community.

This theme, "Celebrate the Lisgar Community," will pervade our celebrations. But more about this later — "Read on, Macduff!"



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LOGO

### What is its symbolism?

The strong and powerful "L" shows the strength of Lisgar and its community. The Institute has faced and met many challenges in its 150 years. The computer-designed lamp symbolizes the flexibility, creativity, humour and progressiveness Lisgar has successfully adopted to meet successfully the technological and social changes throughout the years and to continue into the future. The banner announces to the world the obvious: Lisgar is an academic institution, in which the community can take great pride!

## Thursday, October 7, 1993

### Blue and Gray Night

In celebration of Lisgar's athletic community, we will not only recall stars and relive championships over the decades, but also reminisce about those gym classes and the wonderful characters—Dorothy Bishop, Harold Rothwell, Bernie Black, Francis Lee—who taught us health and "phys. ed."

## Friday, October 8, 1993

### First Assembly!

Current students are very excited and will celebrate in their own way. A unique feature will be the 9 a.m. arrival on the canal of Lisgar students and teachers, paddling war canoes up the Rideau from Kingston. Dressed in period costume, the party will retrace the route taken by our first Headmaster, Thomas Wardrope (one

of the first 18 Queen's grads in 1845), on his way to establish our Institute. They carry proclamations and good wishes from Kingston Collegiate and Vocational Institute and Queen's University and will publicize our 150th in communities along the route. Following the assembly, Alumni and visitor registration and Open House will begin.

### Open House, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Open House not only celebrates the 1993 Lisgar community and achievements, but also recognizes all the other wonderful, special Lisgar eras. Beautifully decorated rooms for each of the last several decades will offer places to meet, reminisce, chat and organize get-togethers with old friends.

Lisgar's Orchestra, Concert Band and musical groups will perform throughout the weekend and, welcome Alumni participation. Clubs such as the Student's Council, Drama, Camera, AVA and Enrichment will display reminders of your own special Lisgar days. Art displays from both grads and current students will delight you! Teachers, past and present, are looking forward to meeting former students. Mrs. Isobel (Brown) Buchanan, along with Walter Mann, Dorothy Bishop, Marion Meech, Don Waddell and many others, headline a great cast of returning teachers.

### Official Alumni Assembly, 7 p.m.

Alumni can relive the daily morning assemblies we all attended before 1965. As well, we will celebrate across the decades, and Lisgar's new official Coat of Arms will be presented by the Governor General. You simply have to be there!

### Principal's Reception, 8:45 p.m.

In Cartier Square, the site of Lisgar's hockey rink before WW II, the Regional Headquarters Building now stands. The grand foyer offers a wonderful view of the old dungeon and a superior place to meet and greet old friends.

## Saturday, October 9, 1993

### Fashion Show

Lisgar Fashions throughout the ages

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# Sesquicentennial Celebration

## ONGOING EVENTS

■ **Accommodation.** For those Alumni who will be coming from out of town, we want to remind you that blocks of rooms at special group rates have been booked at the following hotels: the Park Lane; the Lord Elgin; Howard Johnson's; the Radisson and the Beacon Arms.

Please see opposite page for more detailed hotel reservations, including place, number of spaces, and telephone numbers.

■ **Decades Room.** Once again part of the anniversary displays will be the decades rooms located on mainly on the first floor of Lisgar. We are looking for alumni from all decades to help organize and act as hosts in these rooms. Please contact Janet Morchain at Lisgar.

■ **Orchestra.** In preparation for the festivities, the orchestra is looking for additional activities which can be carried out during our celebration. Would alumni like to participate in a combined open rehearsal with a guest conductor? Perhaps some of you are professional musicians and would like to do some small ensemble work, or solo work. We are open to any suggestions. If interested please contact Trudy Bradley at Lisgar. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Any Ideas? Help us!

The Steering Committee for the 150th Anniversary reunion is looking for your help! Have you an idea for a theme that could be developed into a display? Is there some special event or activity that might inspire your classmates to attend? What would you like to have as a memento from the reunion? Would you like to see pins, t-shirts, ties, special mugs or other souvenirs for sale?

The Committee is also considering a major project to commemorate the 150th. Some suggestions include: a time capsule to be opened at the 200th; a Hall of Fame; and the new Coat of Arms in bronze to be added to the blank shield on exterior the building.

Send all and any ideas to the Alumni Office at Lisgar.

## Art Show on the board

THE 150TH COMMITTEE IS SPONSORING AN ART EXHIBITION similar in organization to our successful 140th endeavour. The Exhibition will retain the three categories of the 140th: professionals who are former Lisgar students; art enthusiasts who lay claim to an attachment to the school; and of course, present Lisgar students.

To add piquancy to our sesquicentennial celebration, we have created a new category, namely, past and present Lisgar art teachers still productively engaged in their various artistic specialties. Due to space limitations, the organizers would prefer that contributors submit two works and if at all possible, these be paintings. All entrants are requested to contact organizers at Lisgar by April 19th.

For instructions and materials concerning procedures for registration, exhibiting etc. Phone Lisgar at (613) 239-2696 between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

## "Lisgar: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"

The proposed theme for our 150th tribute to *haut monde* is "Lisgar: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". Many of our models will be Lisgar students; however, we are counting on alumni of both sexes, from 18 to 80, to step forward and "strut their stuff" on the Lisgar stage, Saturday, October 9th. In addition if anyone has clothing/accessories of period merit, particularly items which are unique to Lisgar, and would care to lend or donate them to this effort, please contact the school as soon as possible and ask for John Boehmer.



With an intended historical sweep going back to the late 19th century and moving by decades to the present, our need for dated, appropriate, apparel is obvious. Further, we are also interested in hearing from Lisgarites with some modelling expertise who would be willing to come in and help out with coaching and organization. This now has the potential to be even more successful than its 140th predecessor, but we need Lisgarite spirit and involvement to get it rolling.

## It's in the mail!

The Sesquicentennial Celebration Reunion Registration package is now being prepared. It will contain a more detailed description of each event and costs associated.

## SESQUICENTENNIAL CORNER



■ Hartman Chung (Mr. School Sprit) says to all 80s grads: "I want to see *you* at the Sesquicentennial

Celebrations!" Has the bathrobe changed? Will the dunking machine finally work?

■ Growls from Nepean, Ontario indicate that Mr. Walter Mann is planning to come, if we can ever get things together!

■ Lord Lisgar wants you!

■ The Lisgar Archives display will be bigger and include some fascinating recently donated artifacts.



# Anniversary Weekend Update

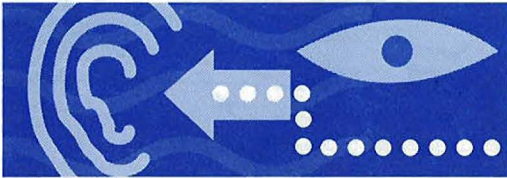
## Banquet and Dance

**T**HE HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS WILL BE THE BANQUET AND dance to be held in the Ottawa Congress Centre on Colonel By Drive adjacent to the Westin Hotel on Saturday, October 9th. The entertainment will be provided by former students and the music supplied by Stevens & Kennedy.

The facilities are excellent and for those who would prefer to renew old acquaintances rather than dance, there is an exceptionally large reception area and foyer.

This event is not limited to couples and the tickets are reasonably priced at \$35.00 per person. When you receive your complete package of all the events, we suggest that you book early as seating is limited to 2800. We also suggest that you consider getting together with your friends to reserve a table for 10.

## Other Scheduled Events



**Principal's Reception.** The Principal's reception will be held immediately following the official opening ceremonies of the 150th. The reception will be held in the very spacious and attractive Regional Headquarters Building for Ottawa-Carleton adjoining Lisgar on the old playing field. This is the ideal opportunity to meet and mingle. Light food will be served and a cash bar will be available for additional refreshments. Time is 8pm to 12 midnight. Cost included in your registration fee.

**Voyageur Canoe Trip.** As part of the Lisgar 150th celebration, a historical trip using 26 foot Voyageur canoes will take place. Three Voyageur canoes will paddle from Kingston

harbour to Ottawa, via the Rideau Waterway, arriving at the opening ceremonies of Lisgar's 150th anniversary, on Friday October 1, 1993.

Thirty-five students will be selected to paddle this route, and will be dressed traditionally in period outfits. This unique and rewarding experience will require a reasonable level of fitness, and a willingness to be a part of a group that will work together to achieve a common goal.

For more information contact Mr. Ashworth, Mr. MacMillan, Mr. Meldrum or Ms. Gillespie at Lisgar.

**Final Sunday Brunch.** The final brunch will be served in the cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are going to have a special buffet which will allow people to come and eat at their leisure as they prepare to end their reunion.

We plan to have a selection of breakfast and lunch items at a cost of approximately \$15 per person.

## Help us Spread the Word!

Do you know someone who would like information on the upcoming 150th reunion? The Alumni office wants to be able to contact as many former Lisgar students as possible, especially those who are not already reading this. Please send us the names and addresses of any Lisgarites you would like to know about the plans for the 150th and we'll make sure they're added to our mailing list.

Contact us at the Lisgar Alumni Office, located in the basement of Lisgar Collegiate just outside the Cafeteria. The office is open Monday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons.

**By hotline.** 1-800-263-0634 (toll-free) Answering Machine 24 hours a day.  
(613) 259-2478 (local)

**By fax.** (613) 255-7497

**By mail.** Lisgar Alumni Association  
29 Lisgar Street  
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K2P 0B9

## HOTEL BOOKINGS

Arrangements have been made with the following hotels to accommodate Alumni who wish to reserve early. David Whitfield, a director, has conducted all the negotiations and has supplied the following information to us:

■ 50 rooms. *Lord Elgin Hotel.* 100 Elgin Street, at Laurier. Ottawa, K1P 5K8. Phone Number 255-3333. Toll Free 1-800-267-4298, *Reservations Clerk.* \$79.00 Single or Double.

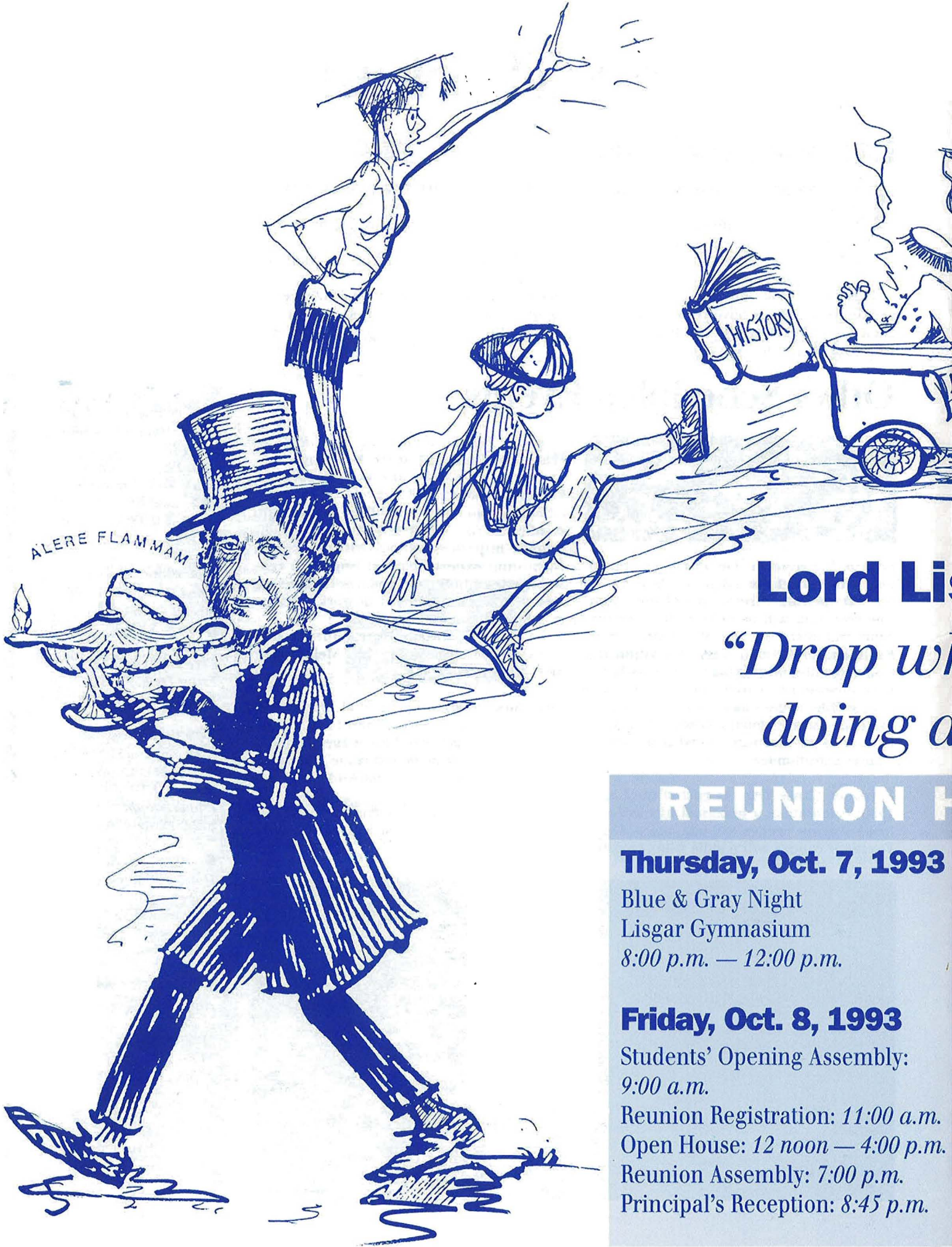
■ 50 rooms. *Beacon Arms Hotel.* 88 Albert Street, at Metcalfe. Ottawa, K1P 5E9. Phone Number 255-1413. Toll Free 1-800-463-7705, *Front Desk, Pamela.* \$65.00 Single or Double.

■ 75 rooms. *Howard Johnson.* 140 Slater Street, at O'Connor. Ottawa, K1P 5H6. Phone Number 258-2888. \$72.00 Single or Double.

■ 150 rooms. *Radisson Hotel.* 100 Kent Street, at Queen - City Centre. Ottawa, K1P 5R7. Phone Number 258-1122. \$85.00 Single or Double.

■ 50 rooms. *Park Lane Hotel.* 111 Cooper Street, at Cartier. Ottawa, K2P 2E3. Phone Number 258-1122. Toll Free 1-800-267-8378. \$69.00 Single or Double; \$79.00 Single or Double with full kitchen; \$140.00 two-bedroom suite.





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## REUNION H

**Thursday, Oct. 7, 1993**

Blue & Gray Night  
Lisgar Gymnasium  
8:00 p.m. — 12:00 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 8, 1993**

Students' Opening Assembly:  
9:00 a.m.

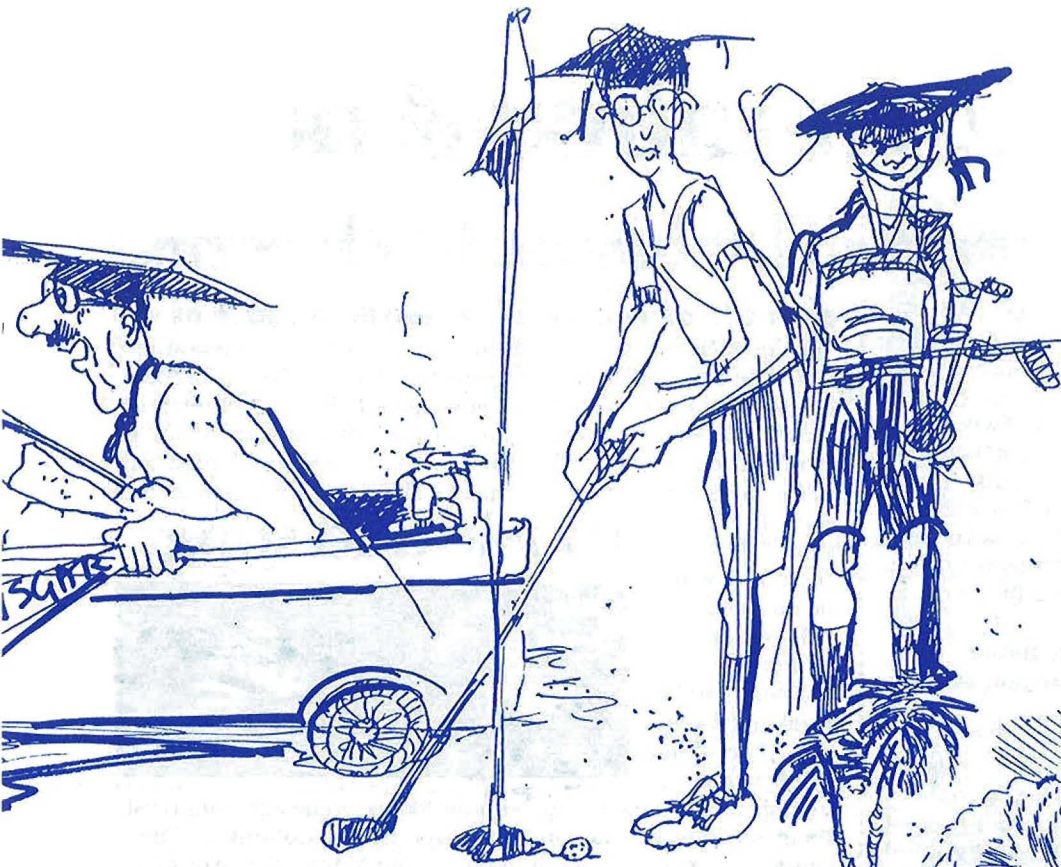
Reunion Registration: 11:00 a.m.

Open House: 12 noon — 4:00 p.m.

Reunion Assembly: 7:00 p.m.

Principal's Reception: 8:45 p.m.





**Aliscar says...**  
*Whatever you're  
doing, be here."*

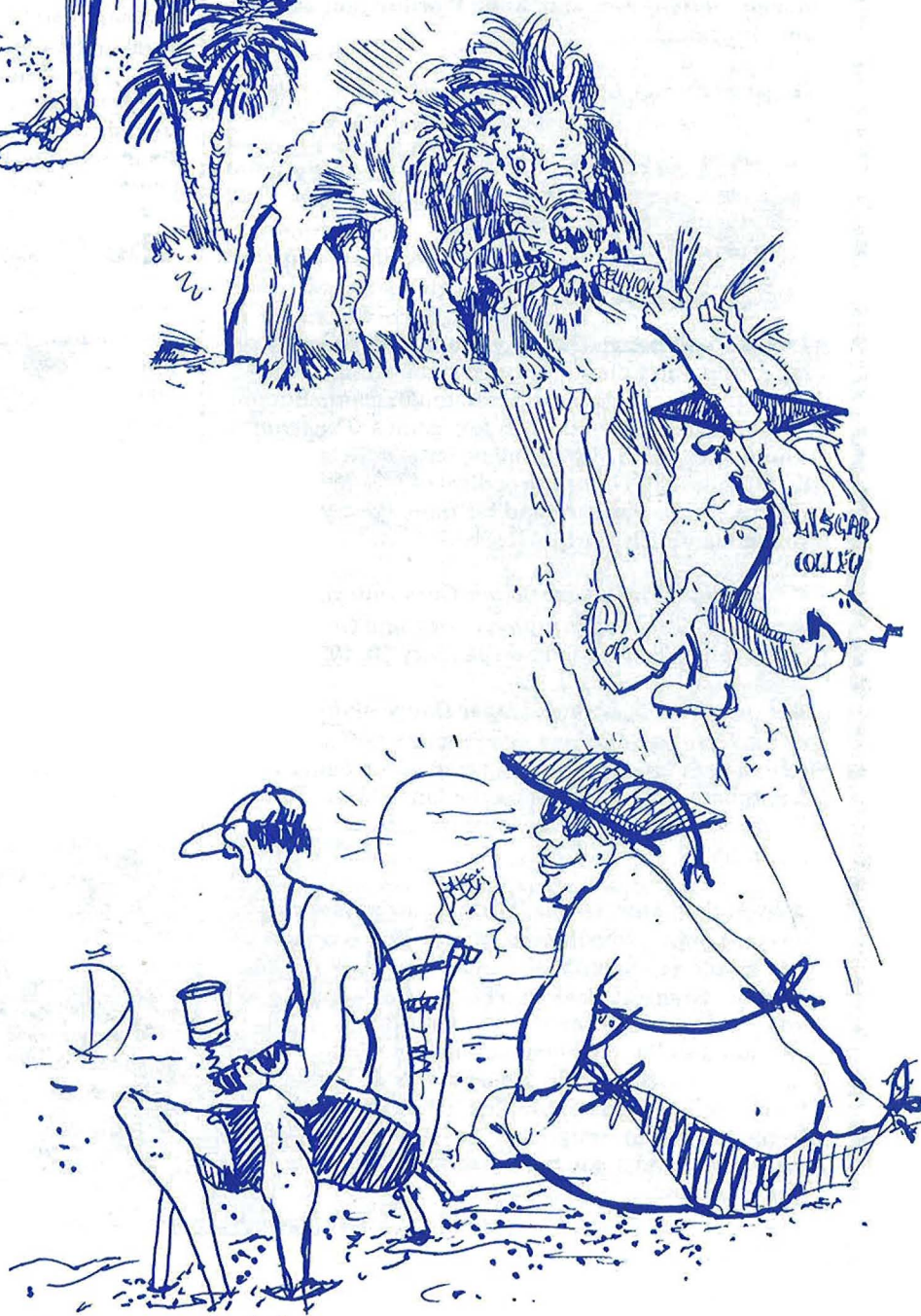
## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Saturday, Oct. 9, 1993**

Open House: 9:00 a.m.  
Music Concert: *To be announced*  
Fashion Show: 2:00 p.m.  
Staff Reunion: 3:00 p.m.  
Banquet: *Evening*

### **Sunday, Oct. 10, 1993**

Brunch: 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.  
Closing Ceremonies: 1:00 p.m.





# Lisgar news & notes

## A L E R E F L A M M A M SPORTSBEAT

■ **Cross Country Running.** Twenty-two students represented Lisgar at the Ottawa Board Meet and all qualified for the National Capital Division meet. The highlight for Lisgar was Eric Lascelle's gold medal performance in both local meets and his qualification to compete at the Provincial Championships. Tom Greenberg's two fifth place finishes qualified him as well to compete at OFSAA. Newcomers to watch for in the future include Jeremy McCann, Katie Worthington and Jeni Hormung.

■ **Lisgar Hockey Lords.** As can be seen by our dismal 0-12 record, this year marked the inaugural season for the Lisgar Hockey Lords. Like the Senators, we were an expansion team concentrating on giving a good effort and having



some fun. Although there were a few embarrassing scores early on, the team gradually improved during the season and provided tough competition for our opposition in the last few games. The team would like to thank the goalies, for sacrificing their bodies, and our very dedicated coach, Mr. Clarke, for his patience and his time. We are a young team with a bright future.

■ **Volleyball.** The Lisgar Senior Girls volleyball team placed second in Ottawa Boys' and Girls' club Annual Tournament on January 30, 1993.

■ **Dance.** The '50-strong' Lisgar Dance club took its modern/jazz display to elementary feeder school in February and performed seven dances for students and staff during the lunch hour. Lisgar had a special stage performance on February 19.

■ **Basketball Star.** Lisgar Lords junior girls team boasts a player who dreams of playing basketball on Canada's national team. Irene Vandoros is a 16-year-old Grade 11 student who plays shooting guard as well as playing on the volleyball and soccer squads, all the while maintaining a 75 percent average. Her coach, Bill Fraser says she works hard, and has a great attitude plus natural talent. Irene has played competitive basketball for only three years and made the Eastern Ontario squad last summer.

## The Lisgar Orchestra

**T**HE LISGAR ORCHESTRA MEMBERS, A GROUP OF 68 musicians, are busily preparing for the 150th celebrations and are looking forward to meeting many former orchestra members next Thanksgiving weekend. Presently there are three different performing groups rehearsing in room 153, the string room. These groups, plus some of our very talented solo performers, are planning to make a recording in honour of the school's 150th

year. The recording will be on sale at the celebration, providing a memento of the weekends' activities. Part of our celebrations

## music and song



include a music exchange with the string orchestra from Lord Byng Secondary School in Vancouver, British Columbia. The senior orchestra visited Vancouver from March 25 to April 2nd.

## The Lisgarwrite: Alive and Well

Now into its sixth year of production, Lisgar's award-winning student newspaper is charging towards another banner year. *The Lisgarwrite* has been awarded "Best Newspaper in Eastern Ontario" for two consecutive years, and hopes to be there again in June.

With three excellent issues already under its belt, *The Lisgarwrite* is currently working on an early April issue. A final June publication will follow after that. As part of this year's Sesquicentennial celebrations, a special edition of the *The Lisgarwrite* is also in the works for early October.

## Alumni Update

**Marriage.** Fiona Wilson ('90) and Patrick Darby (Glebe C.I.) were married August 1, 1992 at St. Alban's in Ottawa. Several Lisgar grads were in attendance. The couple resides in Savannah, Georgia, where Patrick is attending the Savannah College of Art and Design. Congratulations to both!

## On the Beat!

**I**N OCTOBER THE SENIOR BAND AND ORCHESTRA performed at the "Show of Shows". The intermediate, senior and jazz bands along with the flute choir, woodwind quintet and the three orchestra participated in the very successful Music Night in November. In January the Jazz Band played at the grade 8 parents night. The Senior Band participated in the "Musicfest" band competition March 5-7.



# Lisgar notables

## Grads win prestigious scholarship

TWO CLASSMATES WHO GRADUATED FROM LISGAR IN 1989 HAVE EACH won one of the most prestigious scholarships in Canada. Farhana Sheikh and Martin Pergler, both attending Carleton University, were among five candidates nominated by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council's NSERC '67 Scholarships. The winners are chosen from the top graduating students nominated by Canadian universities. This year about 240 candidates were nominated, of whom 55 are awarded scholarships annually. Each winner is granted \$21,300, annually, for up to four years to study anywhere in the world.

Farhana is considering future graduate studies in her field of engineering at Stanford or Berkley universities or at MIT. Martin plans to attend the University of Chicago to pursue Ph.D. studies in pure mathematics.

## Lisgar flaunts fashion

On March 11th and 12th, Lisgar held its 11th annual Fashion Show, "Modern Times." From the student council graduation committee, thanks are extended to all those who helped make the show a great success. The profits of the show will help to subsidize this year's June graduation and a portion of the profits will be donated to Operation Go Home. It was obviously a show well received by the community as we had virtually sellout crowds both evenings. The show demonstrated the outstanding artistic and creative abilities of the student body.

## Grad publishes book

*Those Pesky Weeds*, by Harold Rubin  
*Lisgar Graduate 1927*  
Published by the Ottawa Jewish  
Historical Society in paperback

Reviewing this book for the Ottawa Citizen, Margo Rostin writes that it "is a cheerful but gentle book that takes the reader back to the early days of this century when the author and his family emigrated from Minsk, in Russia, to Ottawa." The Rubin family arrived in 1912, living variously on Coburg Street near the streetcar barn, on small farms in Westboro and Vanier, and finally purchasing the California Fruit Store on Rideau Street. The author, who attended



York Street School and graduated from Lisgar in 1936, takes us on a tour of his Ottawa on five-cent streetcar rides from Britannia to Rockcliffe Park. The reviewer describes it as a "rosily nostalgic meander ...of interest to those who know the families and the city well from 'the good old days.'"

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## AWARDS

Three new academic prizes with substantial value have recently been established for Lisgar students. The prizes are named for Wallace H. Showman, who taught classics for 33 years, heading the department for the last 32 years, and for Science teachers Larry G. Wade and David Lamperd.

■ The Showman Prize for Classical Studies is presented to the Lisgar student who has highest standing in a second Ontario Academic Credit (OAC) course (Grade 13) in Classical Studies, with preference to students who have taken courses in more than one of Latin, Greek, Classical Civilization and Ancient History. The prize was established from the many generous donations of family, friends and former students of Mr. Showman.

■ The Larry G. Wade Chemistry Award is presented annually to the graduating student with the highest mark in OAC Chemistry who is proceeding to a recognized university. The David Lamperd Biology Award is presented annually to the graduating student with the highest marks in Biology who is proceeding to a recognized university. The two Science prizes were established from a large donation made to the Lisgar Fund during the past year.

Lisgar is very grateful to the donors whose generosity has made these terrific prizes available in recognition of the academic achievements of Lisgar students.

## Students' Council

As this year's Students' Council, we are both excited and challenged by the task of helping to prepare for Lisgar's 150th Anniversary Celebration. Already the festivities have begun with the kick-off assembly in February. Throughout the remainder of this school year, we will be running activities with a 150th theme, putting together a time capsule and planning for our role in the celebration this coming October. We would like to extend a special invitation to all council alumni — we look forward to seeing you all at the gala and especially at the Students' Council display which will trace the Council back through the ages. Alere Flammam! See you in October!



# 150th Celebrations

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## NEWS

■ *Faculty News.* Calling former Lisgar teachers! In addition to the activities organized for Lisgar alumni, some special events have been arranged.

From 2-5 p.m., Saturday, October 9, there will be a reception for all ex-staff in the Regional Headquarters, next door to the school. If you want to renew acquaintances with former colleagues, this will be your best opportunity. The Councillors' Lounge will be available — rather like the staff room, only better furnished. We are looking for photos and other records that may be posted or distributed in this room as a means of stimulating reminiscences. If you have any such "artifacts" or would be willing to co-ordinate the efforts to obtain and display them, please let us know.

A classroom will also be set aside in the school for former staff to relax and meet former students. Alumni will be made aware that, throughout the Open House (Friday p.m. to Sunday a.m.), this room will be a good place to meet their teachers.

## Happy Birthday, Lisgar!

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will be featured. We want Lisgarites of all ages and eras involved in this fun presentation.

*Open House, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

This will be the same as Friday's Open House.

*Sesquicentennial Banquet, 6 p.m.*

The Alumni Association Banquet Committee has been working hard to make this event very special. Besides sharing a wonderful meal with your

## Blue & Grey Night

**T**HURSDAY EVENING WILL SEE THE RETURN OF THE BLUE AND GREY Night in the gymnasium for old athletes and athletics supporters. Activities will include displays, music, refreshments and dancing. The displays will include memorabilia from alumni so be sure to look through your cupboards and storage closets for artifacts, pictures, newspaper clippings, etc., and forward them to Larry Hale at Lisgar. Please be sure to identify clearly any material with your name so it can be returned to you after the weekend.

At this stage in the planning the gym will be available for use most of the time during the reunion with the exception of the Blue and Grey Night. All ideas are most welcome.

## History Book Update

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broke up the entire audience...

"St. George could not tolerate this destruction any longer as the dragon continued to attack foot after foot of lights, and the audience continued to roar with laughter. Enough was enough. He sent his trusty wooden sword crashing down on the head of the dragon. . . The dragon got the message and died there and then with his back feet and long limp tail resting in the footlights' trough. A few grunts and groans was all to be heard from the prostrate reptile as the laughter in the assembly slowly subsided."

From the diary of Sidney Woodburn, 1878-80:

"Tuesday, Jan 8: Got a ride up to the school with Andy...but there being no fire there was none...After tea went up to the office to help Mr. Bennett with the book-keeping.

"Wednesday, Jan 9: Took breakfast and went to school. Was a little late. We had not any lessons this morning but just got in order...Then we arranged slates. Mr. Parlow asked me to help picking the slates. Then took the broken pieces down in cellar. Recess was wrestling. I did not get any slate so I had to do without one. Down in the cellar there was lots of things of years past away as old map, desks, etc. They keep the ink down in the cellar and there is any amount of bottles. There are also a couple of furnaces..."

*As this issue goes to press, we note that Joan Finnigan's book of poetry, Wintering Over, is on the short list for the prestigious Trillium Award. Also in the running are Sandra Gwyn and Michael Ondaatje. Congratulations, Joan!*



**Sunday, October 10, 1993**

*Brunch and Closing Ceremonies*

The Lisgar Cafeteria will be transformed into a classy eatery. At the brunch, we have a final opportunity within the formal reunion festivities to sit in the old Boy's Gym/Cafeteria and savour the Institute. Following brunch, a brief closing ceremony will commemorate both the event and the 150th.



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