



Alere Flammam

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Thank You!

The Executive members extend a great big “thank you” to all those members who responded to our special request for renewing “delayed” memberships in our Association. We are very gratified with the response and the encouraging notes and comments we received. However, we have still not

heard from many of this special group and our financial ability to carry out our mandate to provide two newsletters per year to each and every “alum” on our mailing list is still at risk. And recently, the post office threw another curve at us! They want our newsletters put in envelopes and have raised the postage from 45¢ per letter for delivery

in Canada to 71¢. Please see John Barclay’s report to the members, following. We are looking at alternatives including the possibility of using a Web site to transmit our newsletter electronically to those who are connected. While this is not feasible at the moment, it could be in the near future.

Open letter from the Treasurer

DEAR NEWSLETTER READER: the mission of the Lisgar Alumni Association is twofold: to establish and maintain contact with and between Lisgar Alumni, and to generate funds to provide those facilities required by Lisgar to maintain its excellence in the face of massive cuts to the Ontario Education Ministry budget.

We rely on memberships alone to provide the funds to run the office and to produce the newsletter. Because our secretary, Margaret Pippy, works her head off maintaining the Alumni address list, making labels for the newsletter and answering you corre-

spondence for one free lunch per year, the costs of the “office” are a minimal \$300 per year.

The newsletter is another matter. The cost of putting out one issue is approximately \$3,700, which includes printing and postage. We have been informed by Canada Post that the mailing cost per copy will likely go to at least 71¢ (an increase of 57%), thereby increasing the cost per issue by about \$1,000.

We have reduced printing costs over the last three years to the stage where further reductions will result in loss of quality. There is no point in sending out a newsletter that you cannot, nor will wish to, read.

The bottom line is that the future cost will be about \$4,800 per issue.

In addition to the 180 to 200 membership renewals per year (at \$15), we are only allowed to use 10% of the “Life” membership account each year for the newsletter. Simple arithmetic — you know, the stuff you learned before you got to Lisgar — shows that two issues per year will cost about \$9,600 while membership renewals of

\$3,000 plus the \$2,500 generated from “Life” memberships fall about \$4,000 short.

The immediate remedies for this cash crunch are either to restrict the number of issues to one per year or to restrict the mailing to those Alumni who are “Life” members and those whose dues are current, i.e., paid for ‘96, ‘97 and ‘98.

The arithmetic really says it all. We must increase our renewal membership base from the current 200 to 800 in order to maintain the newsletter at its current quality and frequency, and to allow the Association to get on with the other part of its mission.

Finally, gentle reader, it comes down to you. In the last newsletter we asked the question “Do you wish to continue to receive this newsletter?” We have had some positive response — but not nearly enough.

The executive and many others are doing their very best to keep this Alumni Association alive and well — what about you?

*John Barclay ('52) Treasurer,
Lisgar Alumni Association*

Good news

The English department is pleased to report that three of Lisgar’s students did extremely well at the annual district-wide “Shakespeare on the Platform” contest, sponsored by Ottawa’s Shakespeare Society, in which students must give a dramatic recital of a Shakespearean sonnet and a soliloquy. Rajam Raghunathan, Daniel Straus and Alastair Cheung were selected as Lisgar’s representatives through an in-school competition; at the district level, Rajam took first-place honours, Alastair was second and Daniel garnered an honourable mention. All of Lisgar (and the Bard, of course) are proud of these young thespians!

Lisgar Awards Night

Alumni Association assists in honoring Lisgar academic scholarship. On the evening of March 11, 1998, Lisgar held an awards ceremony in the auditorium for all Lisgar students in grades 9 to 12 who had achieved an over 90% average on their academic work of the previous year 1996/97. The guest speaker was a member of our alumni association, Dr. Tom Kovesi. Tom was a Head Boy (1978-1979) and valedictorian of his graduation class. He is currently serving on the medical staff of CHEO and specializes in respiratory diseases in children. Tom gave a wonderful talk to the award winners and their parents. We think Tom presented a terrific role model to these scholars and we really appreciate Tom’s contribution to a significant event in the school calendar. Thank you, Tom!

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Letters

I graduated from Lisgar C.I. in 1950 and from Cornwall General Hospital School of Nursing in 1954. That same year I married a young army lieutenant from New York, and began many years of travelling to his various assignments on postings in Hawaii, six years in Europe and several states in the U.S. Along the way, two wonderful daughters were born. In 1976 I graduated from Marycrest University in Davenport, Iowa, with a BSc. in Nursing, and for the next 15 years worked in community health in the U.S. and Canada. My husband and I are retired and living in a house we built in New Mexico. We spend summers in Ottawa.

Memories of the years at Lisgar are a pleasure to recall — superb teachers — Miss Meech stands out as exceptional and inspired my interest in serious reading and history. Making friendships that have lasted 40+ years. Morning assemblies, HI-Y, taking part in the variety shows, football games and dances. The formal dances and parties.

Elizabeth A. (Betty Olmsted) Rose ('50), Las Cruces NM, USA

This got buried in my in-basket, a terrible fate! At least once every five years I dump the whole thing on my desk and whatever slides onto the floor gets immediate attention. You're in luck!

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Last spring my wife and I were at a performance of *Two Pianos, Four Hands* in Victoria — being televised for Adrienne Clarkson's TV show on CBC — and afterwards I spotted her with the film crew. So I introduced myself to her, which produced only a dull stare until I uttered the magic words: "Lisgar Collegiate." That produced the familiar warmth and smile, as I knew it would.

Maybe next year I'll make a special trip east... All the best,

Ian Grant ('47), Cobble Hill BC

Elizabeth Stuart ('25) writes from Osgoode ON:

I was at Lisgar to get 5th form only — first three years at Kenmore Continuation School. Four girls from Osgoode were there '24-'25: Verlie Hawkshaw, Margaret Meagher, Bessie Jeacle. Verlie got the Jarvis prize. I was in the class with with Eric Nichol, Gordon Farnham. I was sitting in the balcony for the earthquake.

Marian (Gale) Charleson ('26) (Ottawa) noted on her '98 renewal form:

Sorry to have skipped a few years but at my age anything is possible — I do enjoy the newsletter! My grandson is now attending Lisgar, following his grandfather, mother, two aunts and two sisters — and my mother!

Mary-Ellen (Miller) Chalmers ('63) writes that she and husband Brian:

...have been living in Seoul, Korea for 2 ½ years. He is president of Amway Korea and I am enjoying life as an expat wife. (Home base is London ON)

Lucy (Connelly) Poaps ('47) (Almonte ON) enclosed this note with her life membership:

Much easier this way. The plan now is to live long enough to get my money's worth! Suddenly very aware of my mortality. Believe it or not I planned to do this even before seeing that my old buddy Lois Morgan Press was now a Life Member. Wish I'd been a mem-

ber years ago — thoroughly enjoying the newsletters. Taking lots of walks down Memory Lane.

Bill Blackburn ('60) writes Windsor ON:

I enjoy receiving and reading the newsletter and certainly want to keep in touch. The item in the last issue about the reunion of "Les Girls" jogged some memories. I could not see the photo well but I'm sure they are still the babes that they were in 1960! Perhaps I should bring everyone up to date on my wanderings. Upon leaving Lisgar, I went to St Francis Xavier University and then to M.I.T. I was on the faculty of the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of Kentucky for 21 years. In 1988 I was appointed Head of the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Windsor. I retire from that position and as Professor of Mineralogy at the end of this term, and will join my wife who is Vice President, Academic, at Royal Roads University in Victoria.

I have not lived in Ottawa since 1961 but still get back there fairly regularly. I see Pat Ferrigan on each visit and Dave Stanley and Ron Byrnes more sporadically. Those visits will be severely curtailed following my move to lotus land.

My best to all, especially the Lisgarites of my vintage.

P.S.: regarding the trivia game advertised in the Members' Forum, Paul Anka is a Glebe Alumnus.

Irenka Stankiewicz ('66) (Ottawa) says:

Lisgar has a way of creeping into your whole life ever after, doesn't it? So, I figure I'm a life member regardless of whether I pay the membership. To support your work, here's my \$100!

Alice (Ringrose) Vollmer ('39) writes from Stittsville ON:

I owe Lisgar a great deal, for it was there that I developed a lifelong interest in classics and English literature, due in large part to the inspiration of such excellent teachers as Miss Brown, Mr Showman and Mr Legon. It was also at Lisgar that I met my husband, Harold. I

In Memoriam

Dazé, Rita (Murdoch) ('41), died December 22, 1997.

Krzyzanowski, Richard ('72), as the result of a car crash

Mackie, Ian A. ('46), died in November 1996.

Mosley, Naura A. ('35), died November 4, 1997.

Rivers, Irving ('43) (well-known Ottawa merchant) died in Ottawa, November 1, 1997 at the age of 74. He was married to the late Ethel Sandler until her death in 1974. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Goldberg, three daughters, three stepchildren and 22 grandchildren.

Zelikovitz, Joseph ('32) captain of the Lisgar basketball team and former Rough Rider, in Ottawa January 22, 1998. He is survived by his wife Inez, and sister Hannah Miller.

went on to graduate in Honours Classics at McMaster and Harold graduated in Honours English.

We both enjoy reading *Alere Flammam* and are encouraged to know that Lisgar is still maintaining its high standard.

From Margaret (Rolt) Hanlon ('36) in Victoria BC:

I really look forward to receiving the *Alere Flammam* and hope you can produce two issues this year (1998). Last year it was just one which came to me on March 24/97.

What happened to the complete "Donor List" in "Volume XIII - 1st Issue - Fall 1997"? The last page was empty and waiting for something.

Margaret Pippy certainly has her hands full with 4,000 members all over the world — she deserves "Gold" in these "Olympic" times!!

[Editor: Oh dear! I'd hoped no one would notice that, in the pre-Christmas scramble, I got the number of pages wrong. Mea culpa. In fact, no names were missing.]

Letters continued

John Goodhue ('67), who earlier sent along some Lisgar badges for the treasure bin, writes in part:

Since [Lisgar] days I graduated from Ottawa University and am working with Veterans Affairs Canada here in Charlottetown PEI. My, my, how the time flies.

When in Ottawa to visit my brothers, I sometimes pass by the old gray walls ... Both Mom and Dad died a few years ago and our family home on the Driveway has been sold. However just to keep the city alive, my younger brother Ken is managing the "Mill" restaurant.

We have settled here over the last 13 years both working for VAC I have become a fly fishing enthusiast, while my wife takes care of our garden. We both enjoy life here very much.

The following note arrived Dec 31/97 from Judith Malmos-Stark ('68) in North York ON:

Thank you so much for surprising me with the *Alere Flamman* newsletter. I was so pleased to read about some familiar names especially since I was unaware of this newsletter. It's really made this holiday season special. So many good memories come flooding back....

- like reading about Mr Bill Fraser whom my girlfriend had such a crush on that she drove me crazy talking about him all the time! To think that he recently retired!

- never forget Rich Little's visit to our classroom while I was taking typing (now known as keyboarding!)

- many, many more memories to fill a book let alone a card. Many thanks and greetings to '67/'68.

From Lyle Sadavoy ('66), North York ON (Dec 15/97):

Apologies for being in arrears! This "lifetime" payment ought to fix that — forever!

It is a shame that as we age the "memoriam" section looms larger and larger and I was saddened to read of the death of dear Eleanor Todd. She really was a gem of a math teacher.

Molly Bell ('92) writes from Kingston ON (Jan 4/98):

After reading the wonderful Fall 1997 article on the Laughton wedding and all the alumni attending, I thought I'd let you know of my own "Lisgar wedding" held recently. On October 11, 1997, in Westbrook, Ontario (just outside Kingston), I married Stephen Ellsworth in a lovely Thanksgiving celebration. I was fortunate to have an all-Lisgarite wedding party with Andrew Anderson ('92), Erin Bell ('96), and Amanda Bell ('92) standing beside me. Andrew is a budding landscape architect working in Chicago, Erin is studying political science at University of Guelph (look out Parliament Hill), and Amanda is completing her time at McMaster medical school, and will be Dr Bell by May 1998! Currently [we] reside in Kingston, as [Steven] works at the Royal Military College, and I complete my Master's of Divinity degree in preparation to be a United Church minister. I am so glad this newsletter allows me to keep in touch as I hold my time at Lisgar in highest regard and remember my friends and teachers fondly.

Barbara (Telford) Saker ('53) sends a note from London ON (Jan 12/98):

I received the fall newsletter after Christmas and was saddened to read the obituary for Donald Waddell. He was one of my favourite teachers at Lisgar. I enjoyed his geography and typing classes.... Already I'm looking forward to the next newsletter. The staff does a wonderful job.

Yogi Sehgal ('90) sends along from Dryden ON an update of his life (Dec 24/97) and says he looks forward to hearing from others of the class of '90:

Some bad news and some good news.

First the bad. I feel truly sorry for the next generation of Lisgarites who won't get to experience Mr Cheung's calculus classes, Mr Taylor's Latin classes and Mr Hale's phys ed. I only hope their replacements are as much



John Boember, Tom Kovesi, Barrie Laughton visit at Lisgar Awards Night

fun, as enthusiastic and as caring as these three were.

Now the good news. Thanks to a great start at Lisgar I went on to finish med school in Ottawa in '96 and am currently in my second and final year of a family medicine residency based in Thunder Bay. Currently I am half way through a four month rotation in a lovely little town called Dryden (population 6000). In about six months' time I should be graduating as a good old-fashioned (but up-to-date) rural family doc!

I've managed to keep up badminton (an addiction of mine at Lisgar), and following in the footsteps of Mrs Conway, I've started coaching some of the juniors in the small towns I rotate through.

I'm looking for some news from fellow Lisgarites from the class of '90 as well as the other badminton players. I'd really like to get some updates from the people from my class who went to Alta Vista before Lisgar — (in quasi-alphabetical order) Bernice [?] Alderson, Reena Belford '89, Alfred Bishai, Duane Boradie, Kamal Gautam, Tanya Lena '89, Naomi Kantz, Govindh Jayaraman, Jen Lowetz, Elaine May, Liz MacIntosh, Wendy Osborne '89, Jason Steme, and others I've forgotten to mention.

PS: It would be nice to get a list of e-mail addresses or even a Lisgar Web page going! It might cut down on publication costs, but you might lose contact with the computer phobics.

PPS: Loved the history book!

[Ed. note: until July 1998 Yogi can be emailed at ysehgal-hscn@oln.com]

Darcy Elizabeth Neal-Croteau '77 (Quebec QC) sent along this vignette (Feb 19/98), which she entitled Gymn-time Blues:

On a recent visit to Ottawa, the children were exploring my parents' costume box, when they came running to me with a blue cotton sack, demanding to know what it was and why my name was embroidered in large white letters across it.

It turned out to be that most unflattering of feminine apparel, the Lisgar gym suit, complete with zipper up the front and five orifices for accommodating legs, arms and neck. Memories flooded back of my Grade 9 gym class, 1972/73. It was compulsory, so was the uniform. On our first gym class we were "fitted" for the uniform and instructed to embroider our names in large letters across the back. Although the sacks came in varying sizes, none of them actually fit. As long as the suit wasn't so baggy as to impede our ability to run, or so tight as to strangle us when we stood up, it was declared a fit.

Then came the daily obstacle of the changing room. Getting out of our various hip-huggers and turtlenecks and into the sack without anyone else noticing our endowments or lack thereof (remember being 13?) was a trial that almost made running laps a pleasure. I say almost... I'm still smarting from the

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Life members

Your Board of Directors appreciates the rising tide of interest shown by the alumni in the Life Membership program. Since the publication of Volume XIII (1st issue) of *Alere Flammam*, another 64 alumni have signed up as Life Members, bringing the total to 252, as of March 23/98. We welcome these individuals as Life Members, and thank them sincerely for their support.

Neil Alder '53
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 Cynthia Barrington '89
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 Brian Whittle '44
 Heather D. Wilson '89
 Helen Wong '75

Signs are so temporary!

This sign which stands on Lisgar's campus is now outdated. The Ottawa Board of Education no longer exists. It has been amalgamated with the Carleton Board of Education into the Ottawa Carleton



District School Board. This, of course, recalls to our minds that Lisgar has served under four different school boards in its history commencing with the Dalhousie Grammar School District

(1841-1872), The Collegiate Institute Board of Ottawa (1872-1969), the Ottawa Board of Education (1969-1998).

Musical: Once Upon a Mattress

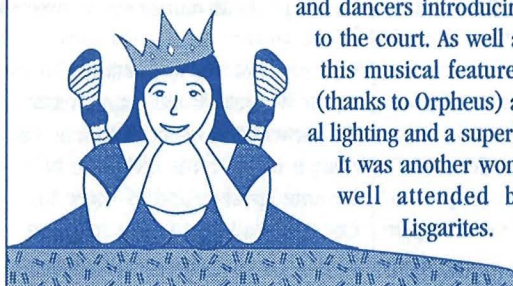
This musical comedy just finished a successful Broadway run, and Lisgar was fortunate to have acquired performing rights.

As well as receiving help from staff and parents, we were very fortunate to have the help of C.A. Piccinin, a wonderful dance teacher who has not only volunteered her time, but also brought in various professionals to assist us.

The plot, based on Anderson's fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea," has a '90s flavour with Princess Winnifred the Woebegone singing about "The Swamps of Home," the Prince crooning "I'm in love with a girl named Fred"

and dancers introducing "The Spanish Panic" to the court. As well as comedy and intrigue, this musical featured wonderful costumes (thanks to Orpheus) and scenery, professional lighting and a superb pit orchestra.

It was another wonderful musical evening, well attended by current and past Lisgarites.



Space Sim 10th anniversary marked

by Karen Weisz

The Student Space Simulation program has been enriching student education at Lisgar for 10 years now. Under the dedicated and caring guidance of teacher Terry Prichett, students have learned how to design, organize, publicize and realize a large-scale project. This learning vehicle is a mock-space habitat and a 72-hour simulated space

mission. Each year, student prepare the space habitat, design science experiments, set up technical equipment and prepare astronauts' space food. Students also design their own space patch, talk to the media and run an educational program for elementary school students. Goals are finally realized in February when the mission is launched. The group of "astronauts" spends 72 hours in the habitat cut off from contact with the world except for video and headset links to mission control. Students in mission control monitor the group for the 14 waking hours of the day, ensuring that everything runs smoothly. The preparation for the mission is as much a learning experience as the mission itself.

The simulation program was created in 1987 by Jerry Bernhardt, a teacher at McCollough High School in Houston, Texas. In 1988, Mr Bernhardt initiated an exchange with a Canadian school by contacting Lisgar and the enrich-

ment co-ordinator, Terry Prichett. Following three years of exchanges with Houston, Lisgar student created their own mission in Ottawa so more students could participate. With the help of the board and a few other schools, the Ottawa Board of Education Space Simulation program was formed, and the first mission launched in 1992. Since then about 40 students each year have participated.

February 1998 marked the 10th mission in which Lisgar students have participated. The success of the program and its endurance have been the result of Terry Prichett's hard work and extreme dedication — which has won him several awards including the 1995 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in Science, Technology and Mathematics. He takes great pride in his students and although he persists in attributing success to their hard work and ingenuity, the students know better!

On the weekend of June 13th, current and former students will celebrate with a reunion and thank Terry Prichett. It is a chance to share present accomplishments, reminisce about old ones and, of course, visit "the hab" one more time. From all simmies, I would like to thank Mr Terry Prichett. You have changed all our lives!

Editors' note: Karen Weisz graduated from Lisgar in 1993. For more information regarding the reunion, contact Maureen McLean at 225-2743.



Members' Forum

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time I ran straight into the gym teacher during laps. Be that as it may, as soon as it was possible, I deleted Phys. Ed. from my schedule. After all what normal teenage girl would volunteer to spend a portion of each day looking like a sack of potatoes on the gym floor?

Was the uniform part of a plot to weed out those girls less dedicated to the world of sports? I do not know. Neither do I know how long such a uniform was "de rigueur," or if any photographic records exist thereof. Perhaps it is better not.

In the meantime, my children clamour to know why we had to wear such a uniform, and I wonder what I am going to do with a perfectly good blue cotton sack complete with zipper and five orifices. Suggestions anyone?

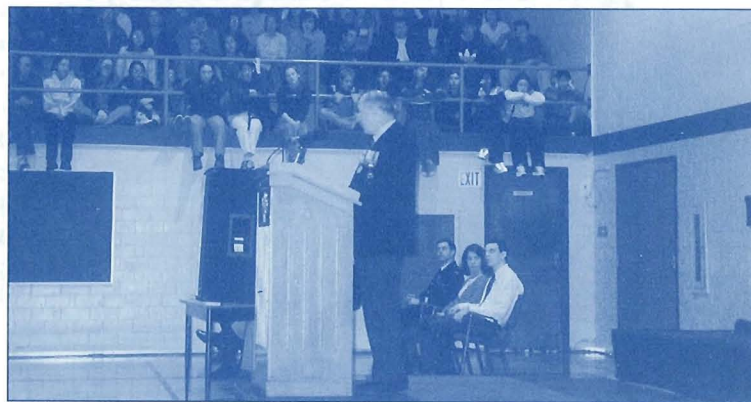
[Note from Marg Pippy: the blue gym suits which we wore during my time at Lisgar (1947-52) were affectionately (?) known as "rompers" or "bloomers," did up the front with buttons (no zippers in those days!) and had a matching blue cotton belt with two buttons. I don't remember that we had to embroider our names on them. Their only virtue was that everybody looked equally hideous.]

A Continuing Dynasty

Stanley Tse dropped in from UWO (business) and informed us that brother Leonard has just graduated from medicine at U of T Residency in surgery. Brother Raymond is currently in medicine at Toronto in 2nd year. Stanley will be spending the summer in Surrey, B.C., where his parents currently reside. Father Dr. Tse moved his practice to Surrey last September. Ray will be doing clinical elective at Surrey memorial. The Tse dynasty continues.

Remembrance Assembly

The Remembrance Day Ceremony at Lisgar has always been a most solemn and significant ceremony. It is taken very seriously by the current student population, and their attention and respect toward the ceremony never cease to amaze us. With the changing face of Canada's multicultural makeup a large percentage of Lisgar students have very little knowledge or concept of Canada's war history. Canada has not fought in an official war in over 50 years, so why do our students sense and respect the importance of the event? We believe the major reason is the participation of Lisgar Alumni. Each year, a Lisgar vet is invited to be our keynote speaker and to share his or her observations of what it means to them. This year was no exception. Mr. David Chance agreed to be our keynote speaker. He did a magnificent job of reaching our students. He recounted his experience of leaving Lisgar to join



David Chance addressed the students at the 1997 Remembrance Day services.

the RCAF and of some of his wartime history as a bomber pilot. He did it with a gentle touch of humour, sensitivity and an interesting story-telling ability. You could hear a pin drop in the Lisgar gym as 1100+ students listened raptly to David's comments. We are indebted to David for giving up his normal routine of being at the National War

Monument with his buddies to be with us.

Thank you David!

P.S. Any veteran who wishes to participate in our annual Remembrance Day ceremony is always welcome. If you are willing to be our speaker please contact Doug Arrand at the school, 239-2696.

The travels of a Lisgar grad

by Elizabeth Baldwin Jones ('87)

EVERY FALL, foreign service officers seeking to escape Ottawa give the personnel section five "posting preferences" — the unspoken rule being that you thus ensure that you will never be offered any of those five. But Personnel had a bad day when they looked at my list. Not only was NATO on it, it was right at the top. They sent me anyway, and I bet somewhere, most likely Windhoek, there is a former personnel officer still paying the price.

Regardless of how I actually ended up as the junior political officer with the Canadian delegation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, it was an amazing three years both professionally and personally.

The Alliance has undergone a fundamental shift since the dissolution of the Soviet Union, I arrived at NATO HQ in Brussels in the summer of 1994, just

after the first of our new partners, the former members of the Warsaw Treaty Organization had moved in. Since then we went from considering Partnership for Peace (PPF) as an alternative to NATO membership, to virtually a training program for potential new Allies. The traditional mantra "out of area, out of action" was swept aside by the overwhelming need for NATO might to enforce the Dayton Peace Agreement and bring some stability to Bosnia-Herzegovina. The entire military structure of the Alliance is being revamped to fit the new demands of peacebuilding and humanitarian assistance.

The job was certainly stimulating, but so too was the life. Two hours to Amsterdam, two and a half to Paris. The incredible restaurants. Chocolate. I bought a step machine about a month after my arrival and used it religiously.

The highs were many. Being in the room where the Cold War came to its

most symbolic end with the signature of the NATO-Russia Agreement in the Champs Elysée Palace. Representing Canada at the table for the negotiations on the NATO-Ukraine Charter. Spending Christmas with a dozen friends in Prague.

The lows were all the same, but thankfully relatively few. Being awakened in the night with news of Canadian casualties. We never forgot our colleagues in the field implementing the political direction established by the Council of Ambassadors.

I have no idea where I'll end up next. I'm busy learning about the 11 countries of the former Soviet Union for which I'm now responsible and enjoying it thoroughly (though Balarusan chocolate hardly compares to Belgian). But I hear that Almaty is lovely in the spring!