



Alere Flammam

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Tribute to Dorothy Bishop

Lisgar has lost a well-loved teacher, constant advisor and long-time friend. Dorothy Bishop died December 31, 1998 in Toronto.

Fresh from Victoria College with her honours BA in English, MA in History and at the depth of the depression (1934), she embarked on 32 years of devoted service to the old school. All of us have our special memories and anecdotes. For me, it was 60 years ago, in the fall of 1939 and at the beginning of World War II. As a humble lad in Class 9D, I will remember her tall, erect, athletic stature, her full head of chestnut brown hair, standing in her second-floor classroom just along from the boy's staircase. Her reputation for sound academic learning, instilled in all of us an uncertain trepidation for the days ahead. We launched into Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, followed immediately by my first piece of memory work, "All the world's a stage." It was an awesome beginning – and a teacher to be reckoned with!

I soon learned that well loved and special teachers often garner special nicknames. I kept hearing about "Dottie" and "Miss B." To this day, I am grateful to you Miss B. for introducing us to such treasures of litera-

ture and for the enforced memorization of iambic pentameter verse, something no longer in fashion.

My first Vox Lycei of that year had a student gem called "Lisgar Line-up" with another impression of her and of the customs of that time:

And Dorothy Bishop, Hills and Smith
All form the Ladies Section.

From them we learn our lessons of
Department and Correction!

She also earned fame for her unique "chalk test," used to silence a boisterous classroom. She would sit down calmly with chalk in hand, hold it high for all to see, then drop it ceremoniously to the floor. Absolute dead silence would immediately prevail!

Wartime years at Lisgar ushered in a new sense of urgency, and Miss B. embarked on her duties with even more energy and commitment. Her former boys overseas became our boys in every sense of the word as she threw herself into the Red Cross, Girls Rifle Team, Director of Girls Athletics and coach of intramural and interscholastic teams. Those five years must have proved a very heavy load on her.

She greatly enjoyed a year sabbatical to study journalism at Carleton University. This led to her second career – a weekly column for the old Ottawa Journal called "Novel of the Week" which ran for 25 years until the paper closed in 1980. Miss B. shared a cottage on an island in the Historic Ottawa River near Fitzroy Harbour. An intense lover of nature and a proud owner of a classic Peterborough cedar-strip canoe, she skilfully paddled the river for over 60 years – a sound body and a sound mind her constant motto.

At Lisgar's 150th anniversary in October of 1993, Miss B. held court



This portrait of Dorothy Bishop was taken by her friend and neighbour, Yousuf Karsh, when Miss Bishop was 26.

for legions of students from far and wide. Her vitality and radiance beamed out and lives on for those of us who were fortunate enough to have come under her spell.

Next time you visit your Alma Mater, look carefully at the ceremonial plaque just outside the Library, listing the names of teachers with 25 or more consecutive years of service. Pause and reflect on "Dorothy Bishop 1934 – 1966."

So farewell Miss B. Thank you on behalf of my old pals of 9D and countless students of yesteryear. We will not forget you. In the words of the immortal bard from our last play under your direction, Hamlet, "Goodnight sweet lady, and may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

Editor's note: Thanks to George Toller for a beautiful tribute. Donations may be made in her memory to the Lisgar Fund (Dorothy L. Bishop Prize), c/o Lisgar Collegiate, 29 Lisgar Street, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0B9.

Lisgar's Figure Skaters

In the days before television, in the 1930s and 1940s, Lisgar students had to develop their own after-school entertainment and sports activities. Fortunately, the teachers were an immense help, as indeed they are today, in organizing extra-curricular activities in all kinds of games, clubs, musical interests, etc. Our lives were filled with so many activities beyond our academic challenges. For many Lisgar students, the Minto Skating Club, while not a part of the school, became a major interest, located as it was just over the Laurier Street Bridge at 155 Waller, a few hundred feet south of Laurier Avenue and just east of Nicholas.

Minto was one of only three Canadian clubs which had not only its own building but also artificial ice. We used to call it the "old barn" wrapped as it was in what looked like sheet metal that didn't quite meet on the south side. In the '30s, a junior membership was \$10 and lessons cost 50 cents for 10 minutes. Not a bad price, but don't forget that our fathers were being paid salaries of about \$2000 a year. Juniors could skate Monday and Thursday afternoons from 4 p.m. till 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. If you passed the fourth class test, however, you could skate all day every day, and even got some lessons for showing such talent! An interested Lisgar student could get in four hours a day – one at lunch and three after school.

The Minto Skating Club, formed in 1904 by the Earl of Minto, was very important not only in the social and sporting life of Ottawa, but also in the

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Comments

We received quite a few comments regarding who should be getting *Alere Flammam* – all alumni or only those who pay their dues. Here's a sample.

• Give a three-year "grace" period – then discontinue distribution of newsletter! writes *Richard Drolet* ('57).

• Keep sending anyway – eventually alumnus will subscribe ... or not!!! Very important to keep contact. *Jean (Dempsey '49) Webb*.

• Dearest *Alere Flammam*: I would like to put my two cents in as far as the great debate over sending the Newsletter to all alumni. Perhaps I can offer a solution. I propose that *Alere Flammam* go on line. Yes, harness the power of the World Wide Web. This will allow for a multitude of possibilities, but namely, you would be able to e-mail all of us who have access to e-mail and send those who do not a hard copy in the mail. That way you save on printing costs and mailing costs although time, money and devotion will need to be put into the organization of an electronic newsletter. Furthermore, I propose that you set up a list serve so that all former alumni can e-mail general info about LCI and

related issues to one another with you being central. These are only a few suggestions that I hope will help!!

Natasba Duckworth '94

[*Editor's note: this is actually being investigated. We'll keep you posted.*]

• In response to your question concerning the sending of the newsletter to all Lisgar alumni, my answer is an unequivocal yes. Why would anyone want to be part of the alumni if there was no communication? I'm sure that you have discussed every possible option and I can only add that at next renewal you ask us to check a box indicating that we want a newsletter. The cost of newsletter and membership should be clearly shown. You may also wish to consider selling advertisements to help cover the cost as well. I appreciate the time and effort that each volunteer contributes and I thank you, but I would not renew my membership if there was no regular communication. I wish you good luck as you struggle with this issue, and please let us know what you decide!!! *Alere flammam!*

Elda (Bortolotti) Allen '57

[*Editor's note: we actually raised the possibility of advertising, but so far no nibbles.*]

In Memoriam

Armstrong, Robert G. ('37) died 13 January 1999 in Nanaimo, British Columbia.

Avery, G. Harry ('36) died 15 January 1999 in Ottawa. A member of the Lisgar swim team, he earned the title "Frogman of Burma" in the 1960s because of his swimming feats during World War II on the Irawassy River.

Bishop, Dorothy L. (staff 1934-66) died 31 December 1998 in Toronto (see article p. 1).

Diamond, Gerald ('36) died spring 1999. A founding member of the Alumni Association. (There will be a writeup in the next newsletter.)

Hampel, Frederick ('37) died 20 November 1998. See letter from his nephew on page 5.

Heard, Ann (Challen) ('52) died January 11 1999 in Ottawa, sister of Patricia (Challen - '47) McClenahan, and dear friend of Marg Pippy (Lisgar Alumni Office).

Higgins, Jennifer ('94) died in 1997.

Hill, John Brett Mackenzie ('66) died 31 October 1998. He is survived by his son, Derek, brothers Michael, Bryan and Kerry, and former wife Christine.

Kettles, Mary (staff 1968-77) died 13 March 1999 at the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre in Ottawa.

Kirby, Cicely Elizabeth (Libe) ('47) died 15 January 1999 in Ottawa.

Knight, Elizabeth Ann ('69) died June 14 1998 in Canning, Nova Scotia. She attended Acadia University (BSc, '73) and was a research technical at Kentville Agricultural Station. She is survived by her father Donald, sister Patricia Poll of Hammond, Ontario, and her brothers John and David.

Lahey, Robert John ('37) died suddenly 18 October 1998 in Ottawa. He is survived by his wife Margaret, son David, daughter Janet and sisters Dorothy and Sybil, predeceased by brother Eric.

Preece, Jean L. (Marshall) ('55) died 14 November 1998.

Watts, Nan (Hay) ('36) died 16 January 1999 at Ottawa. She is survived by her husband Clare, sons David and Robert, and daughter Rayanne.

Wells, Kennedy ('51) died 17 November 1998 in Prince Edward Island after a lengthy battle with emphysema.

Where are all the Lisgar couples now?

We heard from Doug Stevens ('34) who met and dated his wife Lois Tomkins ('36) at Lisgar, then went their separate ways, married and had families – Lois in Toronto and Doug in Vancouver. In 1987, they married each other, and now live in Thornhill.

Bob McDowall ('40) attended Lisgar with a fellow named Dick Speer, but went overseas before meeting (at Queens) and marrying that fellow's sister, Marjorie Speer ('42). Married since 1946, they have six children and live in contented retirement in Guelph. They can be reached at 40 Lambert Crescent N1G 2R5 (or mcdoo5@aol.com).

And Fred Heene writes: In 1957, I belonged to the Boys'Hi-Y and for the annual Lisgar concert we dressed as girls to perform a fashion show. As the lingerie model, I wore a stuffed bra and long bloomers. The girl who applied my makeup for those performances was Barbara Horton, who was 17 at the time. We've been together ever since. [After studying and working in the United States, they moved on to Puerto Rico, back to the U.S., Tokyo and, finally, Hong Kong where they lived for 19 years before a "challenging, frustrating and exciting" stay in Indonesia. Now back in Hong Kong, he continues. . .] We plan to stay in Hong Kong for another year

or two and then move to Scottsdale Arizona. There I will either continue to work for Drake Beam Morin, a large U.S. executive outplacement company, or teach at Thunderbird University in its graduate school of international relations. Or maybe just relax and play golf. . . . We can't believe that soon we'll have been married for 40 years! If not for Lisgar, we might never have met.

And we heard from other Lisgar friends:

Marie (O'Callaghan '35) Hutt (Harrow, Ontario) writes: I do look forward to receiving the newsletters - keep them coming."

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Letters

So enjoy the newsletter with all the up-to-date happenings with Lisgar past and present. What nostalgic trips to read of some of my "old" teachers and schoolmates. I graduated 1947.

Married to Edmund Gravel in April 1952. Ed graduated St Pat's College and on to Ont. College of Art. Transferred by his company to Dayton, Ohio 1962 (Merrell Pharmaceutical), we raised seven children - four girls, three boys. I worked for 16 years at University of Dayton. We are now retired, and besides coming "home" to Ottawa for visits (particularly enjoyed the 150th reunion), we visit the children: one daughter in Alaska, one daughter in Arizona, one daughter in South Carolina, one daughter in Florida. The boys are all in Ohio.

Barbara (Roll) Gravel ('47)

Milton Shaffer ('36) (Ottawa Ontario) passes along some memories received in a letter from his old school friend Merv Ginsburg, now living in Winnipeg:

Milt, I have such great memories of our boyhood ... my days at Lisgar Collegiate, although not too distinguished academically, were really a happy time and I still remember the walk along Laurier Ave to school each day (actually four times a day as we walked home and back to school at lunch!).

On rare occasions when I visit Ottawa, I get my brother Martin to drive about Sandy Hill and up Laurier to Lisgar Collegiate. [*Milton says bet he sees many changes!*]

I remember a lot of the teachers - Billy Smeaton, a big gentle guy and Cy Rentner who was *not* so gentle and even a bit menacing - Isabel Brown, whose patience with me got me through Latin (which I hated!), Johnny Dunlop who I never liked very much, and then there was Jessie Muir who used to burp a lot.

Milton goes on to say: Merv joined the RCAF and was in Radar (a very secretive thing in World War II), then went to Winnipeg and graduated in pharmacology, eventually opening a

pharmacy all the way north of Winnipeg in Flon Flon, Manitoba, where he raised a son and two daughters. He lost his cherished wife Evelyn four years ago, and lives alone now but has his son and a daughter in Winnipeg, and has four grandchildren who he adores. Merv had an older brother Max who played violin in the school orchestra.

In reading over Letters to the Editor of the *Alere Flammam*, I began to think back, e.g., has anyone else checked out the book *Norse Myths and Legends*? For my four years at Lisgar, I was the only one who did - once each year!

Do people still have to learn one verse of the school song for each term music exam? After 45 years, I can still sing it all the way through!

And are the halls really narrower now, or is my memory just remembering them wider? Is the circular staircase still there leading from backstage down to the classroom just below?

Do you remember (are you old enough to remember?) dodging around the posts in the old gym? Teams from other schools used to swear those posts were trained to reach out and trip them as they went by.

Well, happy memories everyone.

Sharron (Wilson) McGuirl '54 (Ottawa ON)

Dear fellow alumni,

I was a keen student (of school and life) at Lisgar from 1954 to 1959. An old friend just called to tell me of our alumni association. I do recall attending some sort of anniversary in 1982 (year?). I've stayed in touch with several of my old LCI friends: Greg Roger, Arnold Erbs, Bryan Salley — all graduated 1959; Roger Bird '57; Judy Jamieson '59(?).

Enclosed is some biographical material re my misspent life to date. I taught high school in Cornwall (1962-64), Haileybury (1964-65), and Kitchener (1965-1996). I was married

twice with four children, and now, two grandchildren.

As you can readily see, after high school graduation, I leaped onto my horse, and galloped off in all directions! Life has been very interesting — sometimes a little too interesting.

I would dearly like to find out more about the achievements and hi-jinks of my bros. Best wishes.

Jack MacAulay ('59) (Kitchener, Ontario)

The name "Mr Strader" was referred to several times in the current *Alere Flammam*. "Therefore, consequently hence", I feel that I must share an incident from form 2G, November 1924.

The class spirit in Lisgar 2G was flagging and our effort to raise some funds was at its nadir, so our class president, "Rat" Westwick, called a meeting for after class and he really told us off. And urged us to "get up and go." He brought his harangue to a climax with the words, "And for the love of Mike, show some class spirit." There was a vast silence, Westwick's face turned red, "Mike" Strader sat in his chair behind the desk, with a queuing expression, and the class suddenly broke into cheers and applause that could be heard on the top floor.

Is there anyone still around that remembers the incident?

Greetings from my retirement farm in Newfoundland. *Art McKim ('26) (Portugal Cove NF)*

Where do your donations go?

Dear gentle reader:

Several of you have written to us with the financial question, "What have you been doing with all the money I send you?" Read on, gentle reader. . .

The Alumni Association underwrote the publication of the History book for the 150th Reunion [in 1993], and it took about four years to pay off that debt. Many books remain unsold today, but the creditors needed to be paid.

Since mid-1997, your Alumni Executive has been sitting on the money coming in and a relatively significant amount has been collected. At the same time, we have been surveying both school staff and students for projects which we might fund or help to fund.

At the Executive meeting of 29 March 1999, five projects were considered:

- the Dorothy Bishop English Prize fund;
- funds for the purchase of books for the library;
- funds for archival materiel refurbishment;
- funding for purchase of a high-speed, high-density, super-sized VCR for the school auditorium; and
- replacement of the Alumni office computer.

We decided to:

- hold off on the Dorothy Bishop prize until more returns are in;
- open discussion with other school groups to combine the VCR purchase (\$6,000 to \$7,000);
- provide \$2,500 to the librarian for the purchase of books;
- provide \$500 to the Archivist; and
- allocate up to \$2,500 to upgraded the Alumni office computer.

We still have a reasonable sum available for other project ideas, which include creating an Alumni Scholarship (for what, to whom?), topping up existing scholarships (which?), installing the coat of arms, or stained glass windows in the front entrance, and refurbishing the old trophies and cups and the roll of honour plaques for both WW I and WW II (the latter are very expensive).

Your executive is very pleased to be able to start processing your money into these first few projects - we know it is just a start and that we have a long way to go to fulfill our mandate - and we hope you will keep up your good work on behalf of the school.

Signed John Barclay ('52) Treasurer LAA

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Eulogy to Frederick Hampell

Barrie Leach prepared this eulogy for his uncle Fred who died suddenly in Mississauga, November 20, 1998. It has been edited for length.

Frederick Albert Hampel, my uncle Fred, born in Montreal May 18, 1918, . . . attended Lisgar in the mid 1930s, and counted Lorne Greene as one of his more famous classmates. A few years ago, he passed on his treasured Lisgar yearbooks to our son, Michael, a more recent Lisgar grad. *[He wanted to be an electrical engineer, but there was no money, so he drove a bulldozer at Noranda, did book-keeping for the government, worked in a film lab and served with the army.]*

Fred met his wife Olive at a night course in a local high school to learn square dancing. They went together for two years and got married May 31, 1961. That square dancing course must have made a lasting impression on this couple - they became regular square dancing partners for the next 35 years. And Olive says that their square dancing times were the best times of their lives.

Olive encouraged Fred to take up accounting as a career change in the early 1960s. Already in his 40s, Fred worked very hard for five years to attain his Certified General Accounting (CGA) . . . [and] spent 17 years working for the Ontario government as a retail tax auditor, retiring in 1981.

Fred was quite talented with his hands: good at plumbing, electrical and wood working, and quite proud in particular of the garage he built. . . He always loved showing me what he

had recently accomplished around the house or yard.

When I first met my Uncle Fred, just after he had married my Aunt Olive . . . he noticed I was driving a 1956 Ford Fairlane 500. To encourage me to do my own maintenance on it, he sent me maintenance manual that he happened to have for that particular model of car.

Fred kept active [in the Mississauga condominium] by canvassing for the Heart Fund and the Cancer Society. And he was a regular with the downstairs Bridge Club, winning his final game [three days before he died]. . . .

Fred was a great tease, as many of you well know! He truly believed in the concept of life-long learning, what with the courses he took over the years in dancing, retraining for his CGA, wood finishing and, most recently, personal computers. Just two weeks [before his death] he proudly phoned me to talk about gigabytes, hard drives, Pentium processors and RAM for the computer he had just purchased. He had already taken a computer basics course, with the certificate to prove it. He knew all the jargon and was all set to learn about the Windows '95 operating system.

I recall my uncle Fred as having a mind like a steel trap. . . . He was always organized with lots of files around the house, and he was looking forward to putting a lot of his information and records on the computer. Fred had a wealth of energy and an interest in life, right to the end. He died while he was still enjoying life. As his family and friends, let us rejoice in a life well lived.

their titles while they were students at Lisgar.

Peter Chance was Canadian Junior Figure Skating Champion in 1937. At the time, I was a 12-year-old junior, not yet a Lisgarite - I attended from 1939 to 1944. Peter Chance was my idol. Not only was he a great skater, but he was also a student at Lisgar! Peter had a strong, sturdy skating style.

He was a crowd pleaser, always a star in the Minto Follies. But what I remember most about him was the kindness he showed to the younger boys. He combined self assurance with a genuine interest in others. It is interesting how impressions are formed - I remember thinking that if adults thought so highly of Peter Chance, I should pay attention!

Denis Ross was the next Lisgar student to be Canadian Junior Figure Skating Champion. He won his title in 1940. I can remember, and can still sing most of, the music for his program. In those days the music was written for each championship performance and played "live." Denis's song was "Stop, It's Wonderful," and at the beginning of the phrase "stop, it's wonderful," the music would stop and Denis would be in the middle of a huge axel jump. When he landed many heartbeats later, the music picked up a new theme - "Jalousie." And they say only today's skaters know what showmanship is! Denis had a wonderful shy quiet way about him which seemed to drive the girls crazy. I was then 15 and beginning to wonder how, just how does he do it!

In 1943, I [Nigel Stephens] became Canadian Junior Champion. It was wonderful. All I can say is that I was a very lucky fellow - a great school, wonderful friends, unbelievably talented and supportive teachers, and the sport I loved. Who can have a better start to life? Later I became Canadian Senior Champion, a Canadian and world championship judge and President of the Canadian Figure Skating Association. Several years ago I was inducted into the Figure Skating Hall of Fame as an official.

Don Jackson was by far the most famous of Lisgar students to win skating fame. Don was Canadian Junior Champion in 1955 and Canadian Senior Champion in 1960, 1961 and 1962. As well, he was North American Champion in 1961 and World Champion in 1962. I had great pleasure in knowing Don from the time he

began to skate in Oshawa. I judged him then and throughout his career, including most of his championship achievements.

But Don and I have a special relationship for another reason. In 1961, as President of the Canadian Figure Skating Association, my American counterpart and I decided our respective teams should travel together to the Worlds, because American Airlines would reduce our cost significantly by allowing us some seats free. However, at the last minute, I cancelled the arrangements because I wanted to reinforce our identity as Canadians by travelling with a Canadian airline. This was one of the most important decisions I ever made because the plane carrying the American team with which we were to travel crashed over Belgium with no survivors. By then, Don and our team were safely in Europe. I asked Don and our other team members to return and tour the United States where they raised large amounts for a memorial fund to rebuild the U.S. team for the future. Don and I still exchange a private hug when we see each other.

There are perhaps hundreds of Lisgar students who have enjoyed different levels of achievement at the Minto. I have all the Minto Follies programs from 1933, when I joined the club, to 1953. As I peruse the yellowed pages, I see so many names of Lisgarites. And as I review the list of champions following Lady Grey, I wonder how many others sang the Lisgar song and wore the Blue and Grey - many I am sure. Each of us has stories to tell and memories to cherish.

Editor's note: many thanks to Nigel Stephens ('44) for sharing this great story with us. And in the Ottawa Citizen of March 15, we were reminded that Don Jackson was the first in the world to land a triple lutz in competition and won gold at the Worlds in 1962.

Skating (continued)

world of figure skating. In 1911, the first Lady Champion of Canada was Lady Evelyn Grey. While she didn't have the good fortune to attend Lisgar, she and her husband, Earl Grey, gave annual commencement addresses - in Latin! Many Canadian Champions won

Retiring Teachers

Nearly 100 years of teaching experience will be lost to Lisgar with the retirement of Bill Fraser (1965-99), David Lamperd (1970-99) and Bill Melanson (1967-99).



Mr. David Lamperd, 29 years

William Fraser ('61)

As I prepare for my second "graduation" from Lisgar, it hardly seems possible that 34 years have passed since the late Wright Neil took a risk and hired me to teach English in 1965. In retrospect, the time seems to have gone by in a flash. I certainly don't feel much older.

I have been fortunate in many ways. In an age when job mobility was almost a requirement, I have been permitted to spend my entire academic career doing something that I love at a school that has always valued academic excellence. I have been privileged to work with dedicated, inspirational teachers and administrators, and above all, I have been continually refreshed and rejuvenated by generations of inquiring student minds.

Among the things I take pleasure in are, of course, the feelings of accomplishment brought by seeing the academic successes of my students, but also the camaraderie and sense of shared purpose developed with the athletes I worked with on the football field, the basketball court and the track. Coaching was always something that I loved, as sports provide a completely different way for young people to test their potential and pursue excellence. As their coach, I could help them work toward those goals. In some ways, this will be what I miss most.

Finally, while retirement is a bitter-sweet prospect, I do take comfort in the knowledge that Lisgar has hired an exceptional group of dedicated, enthusiastic, knowledgeable and energetic young teachers who are committed to

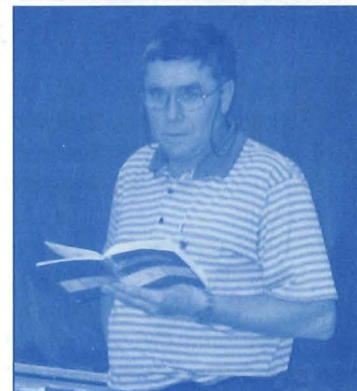
continuing the traditions of excellence for which the school has always been known. In many ways, they remind me of the people I started with over 30 years ago – but they seem so young! Maybe I am getting older.

Bill Melanson

It has been a privilege to be able to spend my entire teaching career at Lisgar. I have many fond memories of cross-country teams and French contest teams that I have coached over the years, as well as the hundreds of classes that I have taught. I count among my friends many colleagues and former students, and I am especially grateful to René Charron and Michel François who mentored and encouraged me in my formative years in the profession. Thanks to all who have added some humour and personal support over the years. *Alere flammam.*

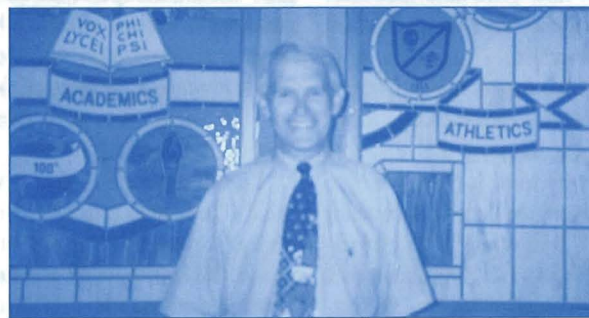
David Lamperd

In the real world, Time's Arrow travels in but one direction - in my mind's eye, there is a two-way street. As I look around the third floor, and



Mr. Bill Melanson, 32 years

elsewhere in LCI, I see my neighbours who have a very short history in the *Voxes* collected on the shelf by my bedside. With burnished swords, flaming torches and pristine vibrant spirits, they rush to and fro, slaying dragons and remind us of our own youth. It is rumoured that memory is the first thing to go as one ages. 'Tis a lie. I remember the horrified look on the face of Margot Green as the lizard's tail wriggled in her hand and the day that ...hair goes first.



Mr. William Fraser, 34 years

Hot Off The Press...

The Lisgar Music Department has just finished producing a CD recording featuring a wide variety of music from the 11 performing groups in the school. It is a wonderful compilation that will make Lisgarites of all ages proud to listen to the talent that fills our old halls with music.

See the Memorabilia Order Form for details on how to get your copy.

Ottawa's Heritage Day celebrations in mid-February included Trudy Bradley with the string ensemble and choir, and Terry Porter with the brass fanfare at All Saints Anglican church on Laurier. Music performed in that historic church included "Land of Hope and Glory," "Zadok the Priest" and a composition by John Birch who was music director at both Lisgar and All Saints.

Musical Notes

Lisgar's 11 performing groups are making a CD with engineers from McGill's Tonmeister course.

Trudy Bradley is one of several local professional arts people who received a substantial grant from the Arts Smart fund to enable a combined effort of Lisgar and Elgin Street public school students to perform a work based on historical facts of Ottawa, in May.

Lisgar goes to Holland

The Band and Orchestra (62 music students), the three music teachers (Trudy Bradley, Terry Porter and Paul O'Connor) and Doug Arrand participated in a musical tour of Holland March 12 to 21. The nine-day tour included performances in the Hague, Breda and Spijkenisse (Trudy Bradley's birthplace) and lots of sight-seeing.