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Alumni Socialize at Pub & Dance

BY JIM KERR

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For the first time since our 140th Anniversary celebration, Lisgar Alumni, family and friends, got together on November 5, 1988 for an evening of socializing and reminiscing (with a little dancing thrown in for good measure). The occasion was used to test the waters of interest by grads in attending some type of annual get-together, of course, leading up to our big splash, the 150th Anniversary in 1993.

Despite inclement weather, approximately 250 spirited grads, from the 30's and 40's, up to and including the class of '88, braved the elements to join with former classmates and teachers in a most pleasurable evening.

John MacLeod, one of your stalwart and enthusiastic Executive Committee members, rounded up quite a few of his "cronies" for what appeared to be a really enjoyable time.

One of the highlights of the evening had to be the "blue and grey" decorations in the gym. Can't say enough about the leadership and effort of Neil Petrie, AVA. Coordinator. Under his direction and guidance, an eager and energetic group of students, staff and alumni volunteers strung hundreds of blue and grey balloons across and around the gym. The walls were also adorned with various photos of Lisgar's outstanding athletes from each of the decades- 30's to 80's. Many thanks to all the vounteers - the legendary Lisgar spirit is alive and well.

The evening was organized around two locations, the cafeteria and the gym, with food and music in the cafeteria and dancing in the gym. The cafeteria really got hopping as the evening wore on, with various musicians dropping by to entertain. The underground tunnel linking the two spots, was also lined with photos.

Thanks to the efforts of Executive Committee Memeber Dave Whitfield, a

number of door prizes were given out, not the least of which was two tickets to the Grey Cup Game. (As an oversight we neglected to get the names of the lucky winners. Perhaps they could contact us and let us know how it went?)

Seen kicking up their heels were: Barb O'Brien (all the way from Halifax), Allyne Levinson-Thompson, Sandra Lech, Hugh Ireton, Bob Imrie, Former Principal Mr. Stephen Glavin and current Principal Ian Macdonald, Former History Head and current Principal of Nepean High School, Garry Smith.

Many thanks for a job well done to Executive Committee members, staff and student volunteers for their energy and countless hours in planning, or organizing and decorating.

With a little fine-tuning, more publicity and continued support of alumni and volunteers, we will run some type of event again next year.

We would welcome your comments or suggestions and, of course, any additions to our mailing list. ♦

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ALUMNI PROFILE Joan Finnigan—Vox Editor 1944

Joan's VOX write-up includes the following description: "Writes poetry which is published." Happily, Joan is still writing and publishing.

Recently she had two new books issued just prior to Christmas, both of which have received excellent reviews. She has published twelve books as well as articles for newspapers, magazines and periodicals. She writes poetry and short stories and has worked for the CBC and the National Film Board. Her most outstanding works have all been set in the Ottawa Valley. For the National Film Board she wrote the in-

ternationally acclaimed screenplay *The Best Damn Fiddler from Calabogie to Kaladar*.

I Come From the Valley, published in 1976, was the first of Joan Finnigan's Valley books. She is now working on a book on the Opeongo Line, two photographic explorations of the Ottawa Valley, a collection of short stories and a personal memoir.

The majority of her published books have been collections of poetry, including the Centennial prize-winner

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International Showcase Held at Lisgar

BY T. PRICHETT

Lisgar Alumni Association

The multicultural makeup of Ottawa's centretown core was on display recently at Lisgar Collegiate's International Week. Students from other countries were invited to share some aspect of their culture with the school. The response was overwhelming, as students from more than 20 countries accepted the invitation and emphasized Lisgar's cosmopolitan nature.

Throughout the week, school showcases were transformed with clothing, jewelry, carvings, pictures and a wide array of other cultural artifacts. Students stood with pride when their own anthems were played over the P.A. system at the start of morning and afternoon classes. A Food Fair drew hundreds to the flag-bedecked cafeteria. Samples of typical foods were available at booths staffed by students dressed in traditional national attire. A thought-provoking presentation on Amnesty International's Declara-

tion of Human Rights provided another absorbing lunch hour for interested students.

The week ended with a school assembly that served as a focus and summary of the week's events. A fashion parade of national costumes, dances from the Phillipines and South America, a presentation of Japanese Haiku and a flying visit to Australia gave yet another glimpse of what students from other countries mean to the school.

The idea for the week came from a small committee of students who voluntarily plan enrichment activities at Lisgar. Their organizational skills and the enthusiastic contributions of the many students from other lands resulted in the successful achievement of the committee's goal - to promote a better understanding of the cultural diversity of the Lisgar student body. Said Principal Ian Macdonald, "Programmes like International Week help all students know that their varied backgrounds and abilities add a vital richness to the school community."



Two students in their native dress at Board Meeting "Celebrating the System".

ALUMNI PROFILE

Joan Finnigan—Vox Editor 1944

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Entrance to the Greenhouse.

Joan Finnigan won the President's Medal for Poetry from the University of Western Ontario for her long poem "Death of a Psychiatrist" and the Californian Borestone Mountain Poetry Award for her poem "May Day Rounds; Refrew County." The best of her long poems are being collected under the title *The Watershed Collection*.

Joan grew up in Ottawa, where her father was NHL star, Frank Finnigan ("the Shawville Express"). She has been active in teaching, theatre, television, radio, film, research and writing. *The Best Damn Fiddler from Calabo*

gie to Kaladar, which is included in this book, is the NFB feature film which won 9 of 11 Canadian film awards in 1969 including the Etrog for best screenplay.

Previous books include *In the Brown Cottage on Loughborough Lake*, *Celebrate this City*, a book on Kingston, Ontario and, most recently, *Living Together*, a collection of poetry. She is currently working on an NFB film on hockey and a new collection of poetry.

Lisgarites take real pride in Joan's wonderful achievements and we wish her all the best. ♦

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MEMBERS' CORNER

Since the May 1988 General Meeting of the Lisgar Alumni Association where our Board of Directors was chosen for 1988-89, the Executive Committee has done some reshuffling and recruiting. Grant Buchanan resigned as chairman of the Board in September of last year after accepting a position as Vice-President for 'Allarcom' a communications firm in Edmonton. We wish him all the success in his new career. Our past editor of "Alere Flammam", Brian Mitchell, is now pursuing a Masters' degree in England. Filling the gap has been Jim Kerr, as chairman and Diana Smallridge, as newsletter editor.

WHEREABOUTS

Do you know the whereabouts of:

Alan Knight '62
 Fred Corbett '62
 Kenneth Evans '62
 James Beall '62
 John Baldwin '62
 Edward Hanna '62

Drop us a line with news about these and other Lisgarites, or better yet about yourself. Be it memories of those Lisgar days or news of a birth, marriage, promotion or retirement! Or if you want to track down a lost high school friend or sweetheart, write to us. The mailing address is: 29 Lisgar Street, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0B9.

OUR MISTAKE

In the last issue of *Alere Flammam*, we mentioned John Jaworsky '71. John is teaching at the University of Waterloo in the Department of Political Science. We apologize for the mistake.

COMMANDER OF THE CANADIAN AIRBORNE REGIMENT

Lisgar grad of 1959, Col. Michael Houghton is currently serving as Commander of The Canadian Airborne Regiment. The Regiment has recently experienced some tragic loses of personnel and we send our condolences and best wishes to Michael and The Regiment.

Lisgar Notes ✓

Band plans Finland Tour In March

The Band has been working hard to raise funds for its trip to Finland in March. Sixty students will be hosted by the Finnish high school choir in Turku, which extended the invitation to Lisgar last May.

On the home front, the Lisgar Orchestra and Dance Ensemble was invited to perform at the 'Nightlights Concert' of the Ontario Music Educators' Conference, held at the Sir John A. MacDonald Resource Centre, on October 14th. The Conference attracted Music Educators from across the Province.

Junior Boys' Soccer Lose to Glebe

Our Junior Boys' Soccer team ended their eleventh season among the top four of sixteen teams, qualifying for the quarter-finals, unfortunately, our last opponent, Glebe, held us to a scoreless tie, and in over-time, the game was decided (by the narrowest of margins) in favour of Glebe.

Our Senior Boys' Soccer team was a very skillful group that enjoyed a successful season of 6 wins and 3 losses. The highlight of the season was a comfortable 4-0 win over rival Glebe, who eventually became city champions. Unfortunately, after an overtime win over Ashbury, Lisgar was knocked out of the playoffs by Samuel Genest. With many returning players, prospects look good for next year.

Tennis Team captures City Championship

The Tennis Team captured the city championships in all categories "A", "B" Boys, Girls and grand aggregate, a title they have repeated for 19 years. Mr. Glvain was pressed into service after a year's absence, and Mr. Woods felt his return added great spark to the team.

Junior Girls' Cross-Country Running Team Placed Second

Twenty-two students participated in the City Meet in which our Junior Girls Team placed second. In total, 17 runners qualified for the National Capital Division races. Outstanding runners were Laura Bayne, Melissa Forget, Walter Taylor, Sam Butler and Kyra Cowan.

Senior Girls' Basketball Ends In Finals

The Senior Girls' Basketball Team lost the City Championship series to Hillcrest 2 games to 1. Jennifer Laughton and Cecilia Tung were selected as Ottawa Board All-Stars.

Lisgar Community Resource Pool Updated

The Lisgar Community Resource Pool was updated in the fall and some 35 parents are available to the school as sources of expertise in a wide range of topics. If any Alumni are interested in contributing their own special abilities, please write to Terry Prichett at Lisgar. We will send you a data sheet to be completed and kept on file at the school.

Remembrance Day Poems Place Lisgar on Top

Four Lisgar students did extremely well in the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day writing contest. Grade 9 students, Katherine Janson, Grace Quon and Ted Citrone, placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the intermediate essay division and Steven Tyrie of Grade 13 placed second in the senior poetry section. The theme for the contest was "Remembrance"

Berlin Exchange '90

Lisgar is continuing a very successful two week exchange program with a High School in Reinickendorff, West-Berlin. The Berliners are slated to come to Ottawa in September of 1989. Our students will go to Berlin after the Final Exams in June of 1990. The exchange involves about twenty students from Lisgar. ♦

Lisgar Fund Report and Contributors to the Fund

The following people made donations to the Lisgar Fund since publication of the last newsletter. Your continuing support is very much appreciated. Our major project this year is the purchase of jackets for the band and orchestra.

Janet MacDonald Fox	John Jawrosky	Edna Cooper Lecours
Brenda Clark Lailey	Neil Johnstone	Isobel Lockhart Pitkethly
Emeka Njoku	J. Gorman Kerr	Eric Skinner
Kent Omholt-Jensen	Mary I. Kettles	Lorna Fleming Warwick
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James H.B. Hilton	Patrick F. Coghlan	John Bradley
Hilton Holmes	Muriel Inkster Hornell	Elizabeth Todd Beal

Lotto Lisgar 1989

The Lisgar Fund is sponsoring a Lottery to raise \$12,000.00 to purchase new uniforms for our Band and Orchestra. These two organizations perform throughout the year and have a proud history of representing Lisgar in the Community and to other parts of our country and the World when they tour.

Our Senior Band will be leaving March 12, 1989 for Finland where they will perform in Helsinki, Turku and Tampere. They have not had new uniforms in over 30 years. Your assistance is needed! Please purchase a ticket when you renew your 1989 membership! An order form is provided on the next page.

Winners will be contacted immediately.

If you do not wish to participate in the Lottery, please feel free to make a donation to the Lisgar Fund and designate it to Band/Orchestra Uniforms. ♦

IN MEMORIAM

Ullrich, Peter R.

Suddenly on Thursday, January 12, 1989, aged 42 years. Beloved friend and husband of Kathy Early. Devoted dad of Shawn and Maren. Loving son of Betty Rushen and the late Lou E. Ullrich and step-son of Phyllis Living Ullrich. Survived by sisters Shae (Cheryll) Alton (wife of Richard), Joan Ullrich and Penny Riches.

Many members of the Alumni Association were shocked by the very sudden death of Peter R. Ullrich. Peter was an active, supportive member of our Association from its inception in 1984. He was a dedicated educator and community leader. Peter's wife, Kathy, has also been extensively involved in supporting our Association. She is currently Membership Secretary and our thoughts are with her and the family.

Memoriam donations will be received by the Ottawa Board of Education c/o 330 Gilmour Street, Ottawa, K2P 0P9.