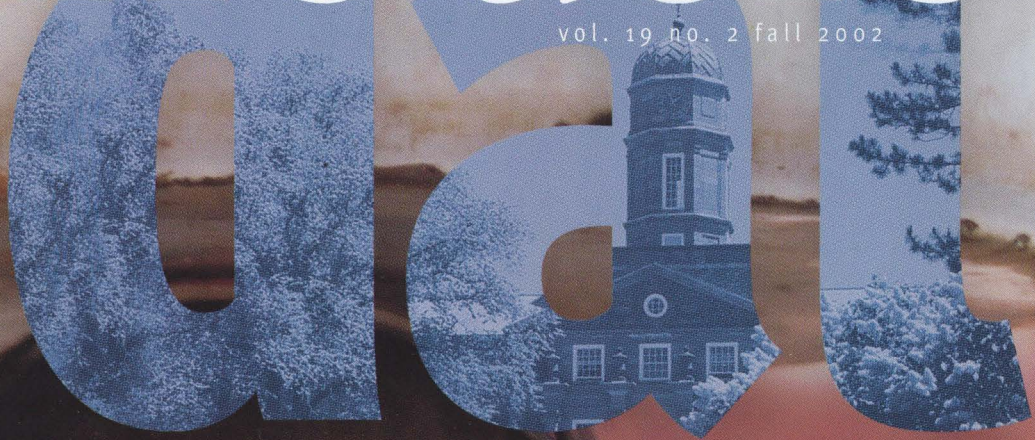


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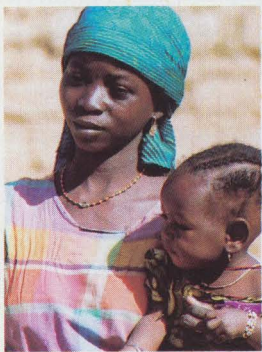


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Many years ago – back in the age of electric typewriters, carbon paper and Forkner shorthand – I had the chance to study journalism at Cardiff University in Wales. At the time, I was attending university in Ottawa and had almost settled final details of a Rotary Club Scholarship that would cover my costs of international study.

I reluctantly confess that I backed out of the plan. My rather inexperienced heart over-ruled my brain and I opted to stay in Canada with a then-boyfriend, rather than travel to Cardiff. Unfortunately, at that time, international academic exchange programs were limited. Consequently, Cardiff's Centre for Journalism Studies eventually drifted into the 'things I wish I'd done' pile.

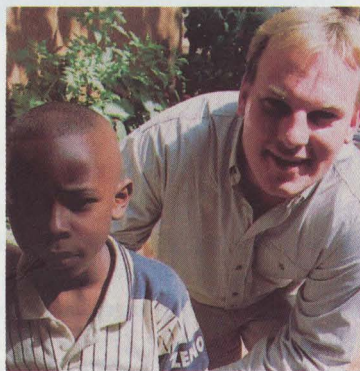
Fortunately, these days, students have many more opportunities to study and learn in other countries. Turning down one exchange program needn't erase the opportunity to study abroad. In fact, Dalhousie offers a dizzying array of exchanges. Students can study in, among other places, Australia, Britain, Fiji, France, Germany, Iceland, Malaysia, Malta, Russia, Swaziland, Taiwan, and the West Indies. Increasingly, more and more students are choosing to make these, and many other countries, part of their educational experience.

Dalhousie's global linkages aren't limited to student exchange programs. Faculty members, and students, are sharing their expertise with nations around the world – making Dalhousie an integral part of international development on many fronts. Dal's Lester Pearson International has been enhancing and building the university's leadership and contribution to international development for close to two decades. Botswana, Cuba, India, Russia, Uruguay, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Ukraine, Vietnam – Dal has a development presence in all of these places, and many more.

Dal grads have a presence, too. Halifax freelance journalist and columnist Andrew Younger (BSc'98, BJ(K)'99) has travelled the world reporting for television, radio and print. He has won many awards, including an Atlantic Journalism Award. For this issue, Andrew returned to Africa to bring us "Building health in The Gambia," a story about Dal's role in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

This is our international issue – sent to Dalhousie alumni around the globe. It's packed with stories about students, alumni and faculty members who are contributing to the creation of a stronger, sustainable and more equitable global community. I welcome your thoughts and comments about what you read.

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JUNE DAVIDSON, Editor



Andrew Younger with a Gambian friend last spring

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For **Lisa Riley** (MEng'95), the greatest challenge in writing "Changing the system from within" was not in determining what to include, but in deciding what to leave out. "All of these could easily be stand-alone works," she says, referring to the many international projects at Dalhousie.

Freelance writer **Joanne Jefferson** (MA'92) last brought us a story about distance education. In this issue she writes about international opportunities for student exchanges.



Dalhousie's new production assistant, **Louise Matheson** (BA'02), brings writing experience from the Dal Gazette and Metro United Way. Louise will work with the alumni magazine while continuing her English studies at Dalhousie. Not surprisingly, she hopes to land a career in journalism.

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October 24-26 – Halifax
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More on the job of living

I just read the article on occupational therapy in your recent edition. It was very rewarding for me to see the positive portrayal of our profession. Occupational therapy is a rewarding career even in the pressure of the ever-changing health care system. There is a growing demand for our services and a limited number of therapists to fill the positions. One thing your readers may find interesting is that occupational therapy services are not covered under most private insurance plans. This is very interesting as most insurance companies want to have people return to the job of living after an illness/incident and occupational therapists teach skills for the job of living. People may want to check their private health plans and request this coverage. You never know when you might need it. Thanks again for highlighting the profession of occupational therapy.

Karen Candy (BScOT'95)

*N.B.
via email*

Dauphinee and Guptill: classroom heroes

The first year of university is probably one of the most memorable years of one's life and, for me, Mr. Dauphinee (*In memoriam, Spring 2002*) epitomizes that year. He taught me something about chemistry, of course, but I learned more about integrity, dedication and a quiet humour that would sometimes bite. Thinking about that first year, I feel truly blessed to have been influenced by two monumental instructors - Mr. Dauphinee and Dr. Guptill.

To me, they were heroes.

Robie W. Macdonald (BSc'68, PhD'72)

*Victoria, B.C.
via email*

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Research funding soars

It was a summer of celebration for Dal researchers who welcomed news of the largest single increase in research funding in the university's history. It began with \$11 million in new funding from the Atlantic Innovation Fund (AIF). Dal scholars received another \$6.5 million for their contributions as partners in projects at other universities and private sector firms.

As well, several new research initiatives at Dalhousie and some AIF-funded projects have secured funding of \$25 million from other sources including the private sector, Genome Atlantic, the Canada Foundation for Innovation, and the Nova Scotia Research and Innovation Trust.

In total, Dalhousie researchers are beginning work on projects receiving \$42.3 million in new funding.

"Through this new funding, we are able to pursue a broad range of research initiatives in areas including materials research, brain research, earth sciences, comparative and microbial genomics and drug design," said President **Tom Traves**. "These projects will lead to both regional and national economic benefits, and result in findings of international significance."

Two other projects that received direct AIF funding are:

- The Materials Technology Network for Atlantic Canada. It combines universities, private sector partners and other institutions in collaborative materials research projects in Atlantic Canada.
- The Brain Repair Centre. The Centre includes Dal and will investigate new modalities for the repair of neurological diseases such as Huntington's and M.S., and spinal cord injury.

Dalhousie reaches out to Sierra Leone

Dr. Man Vohra, a professor with the department of pharmacology, was among those who celebrated the opening of Sierra Leone University's College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences in 1989. Not surprising – he'd helped develop the college, after all. But the decade of civil war that followed that celebration sabotaged both the college and its educational tools. Now, as UN peacekeepers attempt to restore peace to the African country, Vohra has another role – this time, helping to rebuild the college.

Vohra is part of the Sierra Leone Health Education Project. Working with community organizations – including the African

Heritage Foundation of Nova Scotia, St. Andrew's United Church, Midland Transport, AMJ Campbell Van Lines, and the Halifax Rotary Club – Dalhousie is sending educational equipment to the devastated college. A 40-foot container brimming with computers, software, textbooks, dentistry chairs, and more left Halifax in December 2000. Now, Vohra is leading the effort to send another shipment. "We are collecting now and have about a half more container to fill," he says.

The college has many needs: internet-capable computer hardware and software, audio and videotapes, case studies, CD-

ROMs and on-line courses. Despite the challenges, Vohra says the college is getting re-established. "The country has normalized now and classes have resumed. So long as peace is maintained, things are looking good."

Dr. Man Vohra is helping rebuild Sierra Leone University

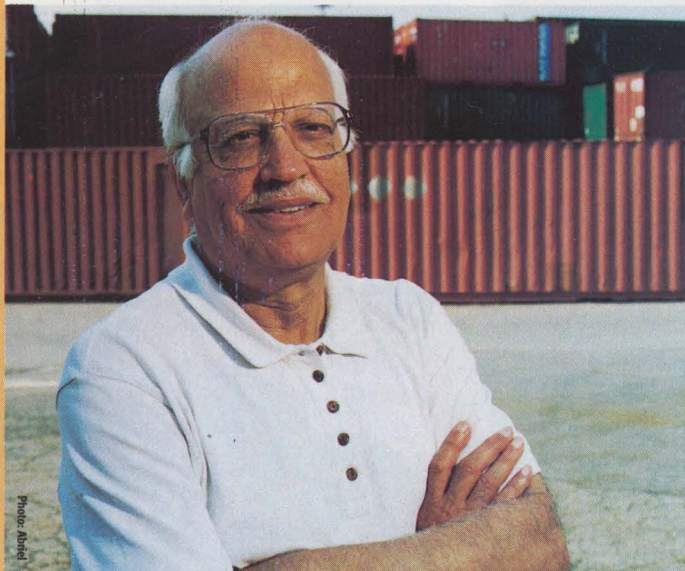


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Profs join Order of Canada

Two more Dalhousie professors have joined the Order of Canada.

Psychology professor **Patrick McGrath** is an international leader in pain control for children and newborns. McGrath wrote one of the first books aimed at helping parents of children with cancer. A psychology professor and researcher, he shares his expertise with

Dalhousie, the IWK Health Centre, and the School of Biomedical Engineering.

Leslie Jaeger is a world-renowned authority on highway bridge design. He is emeritus research professor of civil engineering, and engineering mathematics.



Mini-Gorilla races to buggy success

A team of senior mechanical engineering students returned triumphant from the prestigious Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Mini Baja East Competition held in Morgantown, West Virginia, last May.

The Mini Baja is an amphibious one-driver dune buggy. The Halifax entry was named Mini-Gorilla, honouring the car's prime sponsor, Rowan Company, and its ocean-drilling rig. The vehicle was designed and built by students, with financial support from local businesses.

The design team added specialty items never before used on a Mini Baja. Its frame was chromoly, an exotic material used for aircraft and snowmobiles. This, along with other new features, reduced the buggy's weight by nearly 100 pounds, making it light but strong.

The Mini-Gorilla finished first in the hill climb, and fourth in three other categories: acceleration, top speed and cost to build. In the main race, Mini-Gorilla placed 10th. This was Dal's third year at the competition. Fifty-two teams from 40 universities across North America competed.

— Leigh Beauchamp Day

Steven Fougere (l.), design team, and Murray Tate, Mini-Gorilla driver



Photo: Ariel

Fountain House – building Dalhousie's reputation as a residential community

New names, new looks on campus

Two hundred and one students are enjoying new surroundings this fall as the first residents of Fountain House, the recently completed addition to Howe Hall.

The new construction, providing 64,000 additional square feet of living space, was named in honour of benefactors **Elizabeth** and **Fred Fountain** (LLB'74, LLD'00). The Fountains are long-time Dalhousie supporters. Their funded scholarships and financial gifts have contributed greatly to improving student life.

Fountain House's five levels are wheelchair accessible and several rooms are designed for students with physical challenges. Dal now provides residence space for 2,200 people.

Other spots on campus also have new names and looks:

The arts and administration building is being named the Hicks Building, in honour of former president Henry Hicks, who led Dalhousie through a time of significant growth and transformation, from 1963-1980. During Hick's tenure, new facilities were provided for many faculties; other academic and residential buildings were expanded; and the quality of life for both the university and the community was strengthened with the addition of Dalplex and the Arts Centre.

Renovations and expansion are under way at the architecture and planning building on Spring Garden Road. Studio space in the 93-year-old building is being remodeled and upgraded through the addition of two floors of the Exhibition Room at the rear of the building. The project is made possible through the Studio Campaign, a \$2-million fund-raising initiative.

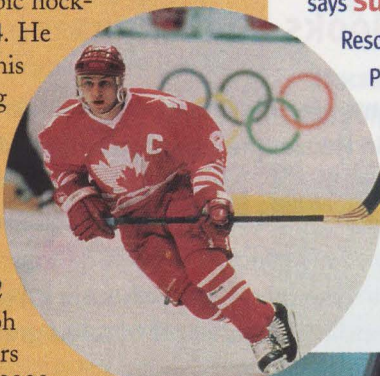
The Student Union Building is also taking on a new look. A \$3-million renovation and revitalization will result in numerous upgrades, including new eating areas, retail spaces and a small addition on the west side of the building.

Dal inductees join NS Hall of Fame

It's another banner year for Dalhousie sports, as three university-related inductees prepare to assume places of honour at the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame.

The late Sandy Young, a sports historian and professor; Fabian Joseph, Tigers hockey coach; and the 1981-82 Dalhousie Women's Volleyball Team all join the Hall of Fame this fall.

Fabian Joseph was captain of Canada's Olympic hockey team in 1994. He spent most of his career playing for Canadian national teams. He won silver medals with the Olympic teams of 1992 and 1994. Joseph became Tigers head coach in 2000 and was named Atlantic University Sport Coach of the Year in 2001.



Fabian Joseph

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Sandy Young enjoyed many sports-related accomplishments, including publication of *Beyond Heroes*, a two-volume history of Nova Scotia sport that awakened the province to its rich sport heritage. Young died in 2000 after a battle with cancer.

The **1981-82 Women's Volleyball Tigers** was the first Atlantic University Sport volleyball team to win a national crown. They captured the title in a 3-2 match against the University of Calgary. The team, coached by associate professor Lois MacGregor, included two members who went on to star with Canada's national team - Karin Maessen and Karen (Fraser) Moore. Moore is now an associate director with Dalhousie athletics.

Student refugee program brings freedom

The World University Service of Canada (WUSC) changed **Alex Atiol's** life.

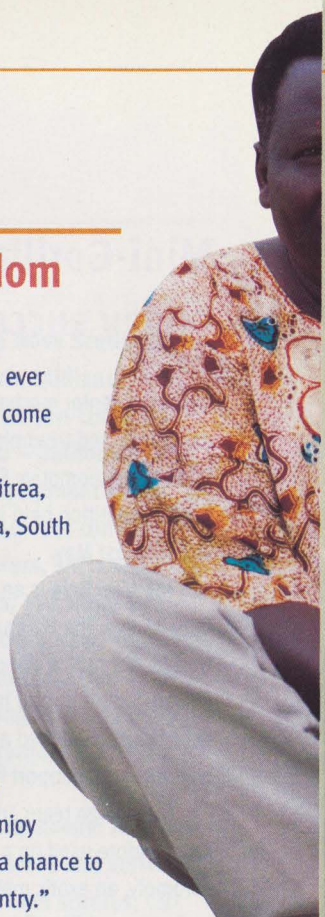
Atiol (BA'96) arrived at Dalhousie as a student refugee, one of about 40 people who come to Canada annually through WUSC's Student Refugee Sponsorship Program. WUSC, a charitable not-for-profit organization created in 1957, fosters human development and global understanding through education and training.

Since 1984, Dalhousie has sponsored two WUSC refugee students per year. The program, says **Susan McIntyre**, Director, Student Resources and Assistant to the Vice-President (Student Services), lets Dal and the local community work together to help students who have been marginalized due to fear of persecution and war. Response to WUSC programs is growing. "There is a much

greater involvement than ever before. Student refugees come from countries such as Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Liberia, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa."

Atiol arrived from the Sudan in 1993. "The program is wonderful, it gives refugees hope for the future," he says. "Due to Islamic law restrictions, I could not enjoy freedom. WUSC gave me a chance to be at school in a free country."

WUSC changed Atiol's life dramatically. He now has an education and enjoys music with his band, Alex Atiol and the Kojo Band.



Alex Atiol

Women's hockey ices first Tigers team

Dalhousie will ice its first women's Tigers varsity hockey team this fall, led by coach **Lesley Jordan**, a former Saint Mary's all-star and Acadia Axewomen coach.

"It's almost like the dream job I never thought I'd get," Jordan told a local newspaper shortly after being named coach.

Women's hockey officially became a varsity sport at Dal last May, addressing gender equity in varsity offerings by providing equal competitive opportunities for female and male student athletes.

The Tigers now field varsity teams in seven sports, each with men's and women's teams: cross country, soccer, basketball, volleyball, track and field, swimming and hockey.

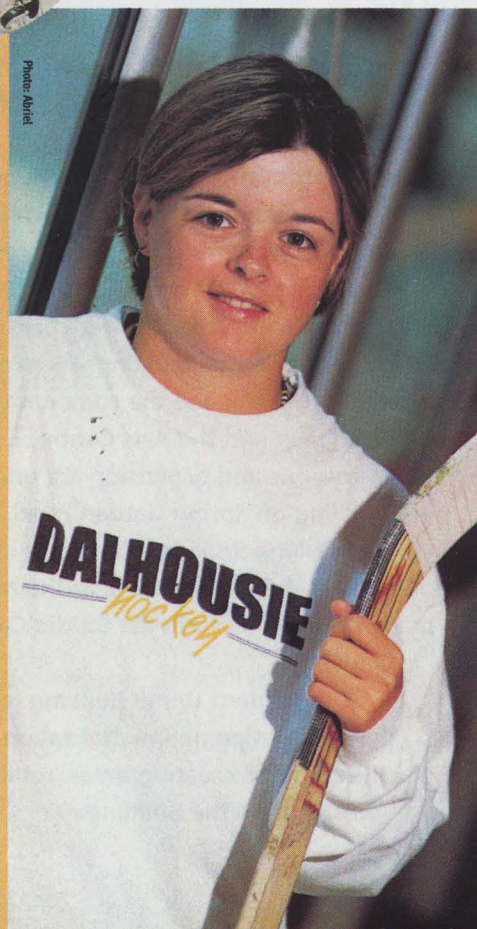




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Giving the money *back* – now that’s a twist!

Dalhousie has an outstanding reputation for providing student assistance – more than \$24.8 million in scholarships, bursaries and student employment annually. But it’s a rare occasion when a student returns that money to help others.

That is, however, exactly what happened when a recent grad returned \$1,500 in scholarship funds to Dal, asking that the money be used as a bursary to help needy students.

The student, whose scholarship recognized academic excellence, did not require the financial aid.

“This is something I’ve never seen before,” says **Eric McKee**, Vice-President (Student Services).

The donor realizes the money can provide opportunities to students with greater financial challenges. “I recognize I have had a tremendous privilege and this is a reflection of my values – to help students that did not have the same privileges as me . . . Education is a right that everyone should have access to.”

Researcher “addicted” to drug discovery

Dr. **Don Weaver** (PGM’86) is addicted – to discovering new drugs.

Weaver is Dal’s new holder of a Canada Research Chair in Neuroscience. His work could benefit people suffering from Alzheimer’s, epilepsy and other neurological disorders.

Weaver’s research interest focuses on neurology. “It is the area in which there are the fewest drugs. There are more diseases that we don’t treat in neurology than in any other [medical] discipline.”

Alzheimer’s disease and epilepsy are particularly interesting research targets because “they are both fundamental diseases of human consciousness,” he says. “I regard epilepsy as the fundamental disease of core consciousness and Alzheimer’s the fundamental disease of expanded consciousness.”

Weaver hopes to find a drug to prevent the buildup of beta amyloid – the compound that accumulates and causes brain injury in Alzheimer’s patients. “There are agents you take once you have Alzheimer’s and they try to symptomatically help your memory; whereas we’re trying to develop ones which you would take at the onset of symptoms so that you wouldn’t progress. That’s a tall order.”

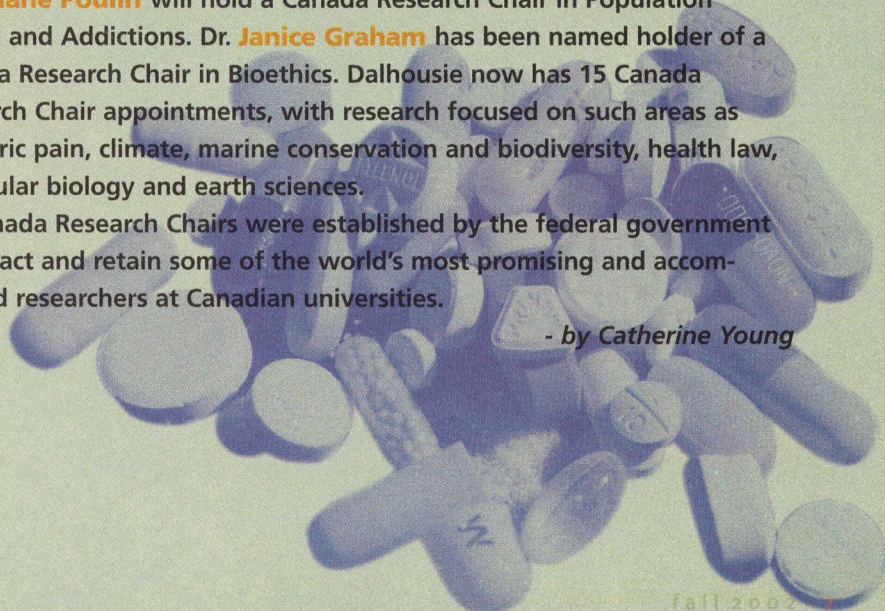
Weaver also hopes to find a way to prevent the onset of epileptic seizures. “What we are trying to do is come up with a compound that you can take on the day of your brain trauma so that you wouldn’t develop epilepsy in two years. There are no drugs on the market which do that.”

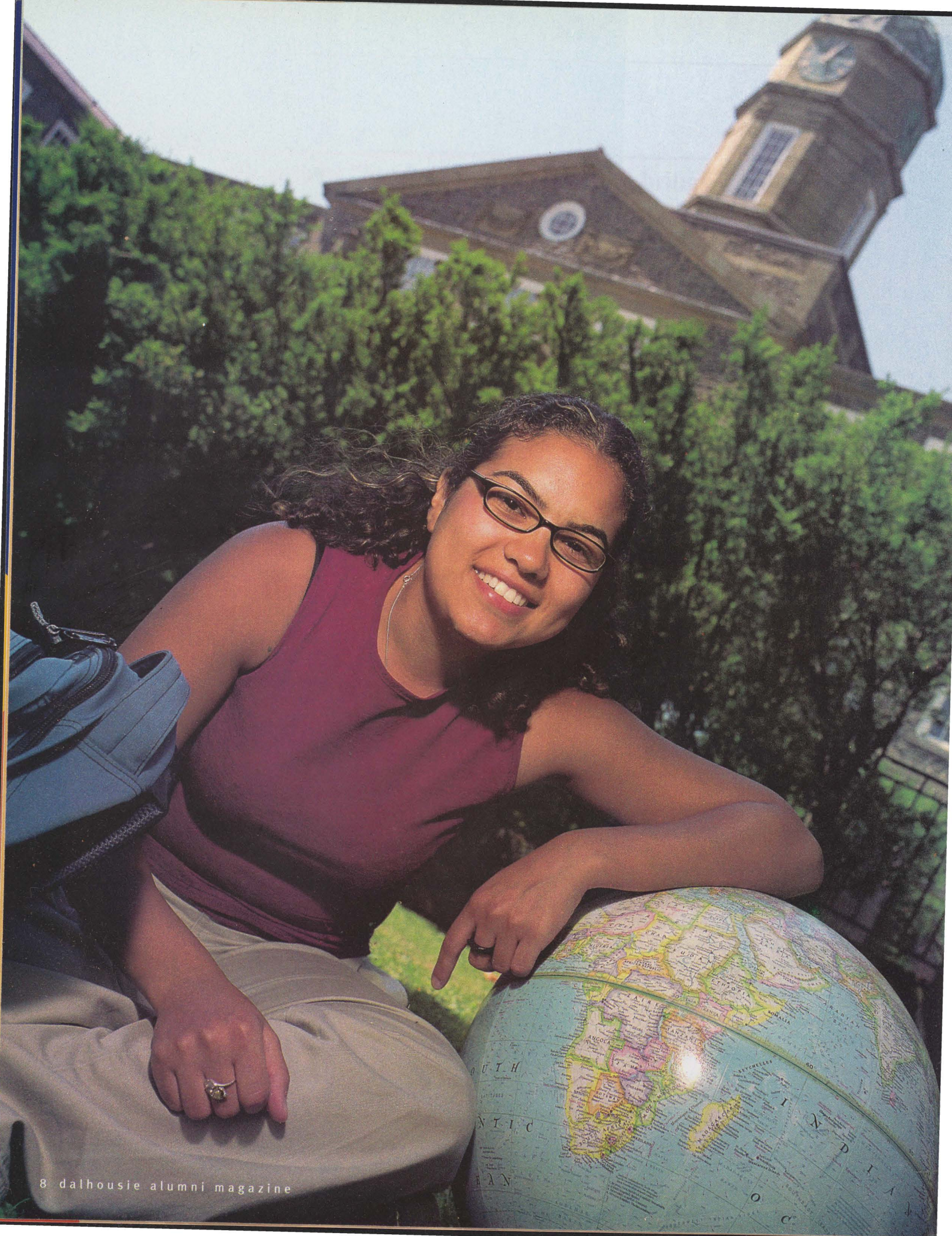
Discovering new drug treatments is a challenge. “The likelihood is that we’re going to fail. But if you have enough labs working on it, sooner or later, someone’s not going to fail. And I’m optimistic enough to hope that we will be the ones to succeed.”

Two other research chairs were recently announced at Dalhousie: Dr. **Christiane Poulin** will hold a Canada Research Chair in Population Health and Addictions. Dr. **Janice Graham** has been named holder of a Canada Research Chair in Bioethics. Dalhousie now has 15 Canada Research Chair appointments, with research focused on such areas as pediatric pain, climate, marine conservation and biodiversity, health law, molecular biology and earth sciences.

Canada Research Chairs were established by the federal government to attract and retain some of the world’s most promising and accomplished researchers at Canadian universities.

- by Catherine Young





Changing the system from within

Working with students, governments and business,
Dalhousie shares its expertise with the developing world

by Lisa Riley (MEng'95)

When the G8 leaders met in Kananaskis, Alta., last June, one continent was high on the agenda – Africa. On nightly newscasts, world leaders discussed how to encourage economic growth, fight poverty, and build community expertise. They also signed agreements providing official development assistance to governments in partner nations.

For Ayat El-Dewary, a third-year student in Dalhousie's International Development Studies (IDS) program, the problems plaguing rural Africa are more than points on paper. They're vivid memories, with real names and faces she'll never forget.

Last year, El-Dewary and 20 classmates spent five weeks in Malawi – a small, landlocked country wedged between Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique – examining options for community-based orphan care. AIDS and drought have taken their toll on an entire generation in Malawi, says El-Dewary. "You see a lot of old women and a lot of children, but it's rare to see any middle-aged women.

"In the towns and villages you see an amazing gap between rich and poor. It's a beautiful country. It's gorgeous, but there's no money for medical care, no money for

education, no money for fertilizer (to help crops)."

El-Dewary's experience was particularly poignant, given her past. At one time, she lived in Kuwait, but left for Egypt during the Gulf War. A Canadian for the past seven years, El-Dewary came to Dalhousie on a full scholarship to study commerce. During her first year, however, she realized she wanted to work in the developing world.

"Because of my background, I was intrigued by all the problems taking place in the Middle East. And I realized my dream was to go to Africa or to the Middle East and make some kind of a positive change," she says.

This spirit of student activism, and the many opportunities that the IDS curriculum affords, has attracted significant growth in the number of undergraduate students in the program. In 1987, there were about 10 students. Today, there are nearly 200. A graduate IDS program, now in its sixth year, draws another 20 students.

"There's a strong strand of student idealism; a lot of that has found a home in development studies," says David Black, Chair of International Development Studies. The program's inherently multidisciplinary nature is also appealing –

International Development Studies
student El-Dewary

students can feed their hunger for knowledge in diverse academic areas, while focusing on one core objective: international development.

Because Dalhousie was "ahead of the curve" in establishing an IDS program, Black says the university attained a reputation as a leader in the field.

"That's largely due to the contribution we get from faculty members across the campus. From social work to community health to sciences, biology, economics, and a wide range of departments in the arts and social sciences – that synergy is tremendously exciting and valuable," says Black. Now, as other universities create similar programs, pressure is mounting to develop challenging programs and experiences that will compete.

One of the most popular IDS programs is the Collaborative Project in Cuba – recently awarded the Scotiabank-AUCC (Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada) Award for Excellence in Internationalization for "doing the most to enhance the student experience." Its full-semester exchange program and a related two-week study tour are extremely popular. More than 200 students have taken part since it began in 1997. Students learn Spanish, study the Cuban development model, and examine the country economically, politically and socially.

But Dalhousie's participation and leadership in international development

extends far beyond visits to less-developed countries. It's also reflected in the faculty and students' ongoing commitment to the concept of global sustainable development.

This commitment helped Dalhousie build an international development reputation, and create links that involve, at present, more than 20 overseas projects.

The IDS team constantly seeks ways to create unique opportunities for students, in part by developing relationships with Dalhousie's Lester Pearson International (LPI).

LPI was originally formed in 1988 as a focal point for international development activities on campus. Since then, it has helped support 66 Dalhousie international projects in 34 countries, including Canada. LPI provides many support services – identifying funding sources, preparing proposals, providing advisory support, and reviewing reports. On campus, LPI also organizes a lecture series to involve the university and local community in international development.

"We're the primary focus of academic (international development) work," says Black. "By forging closer linkages with LPI, we can tap into ways to get our students more involved in hands-on work."

The strength of these links is reflected in the story behind the South African Student Education Project (SASEP). It is champi-

oned by Black, administered by LPI and supported by Dalhousie's entire student body. SASEP began in 1987, as a CIDA-funded mechanism to create advancement opportunities for non-white South Africans. The program nearly died when federal funding dried up in 1993.

But Jim Hall, now a retired earth sciences professor who was the original visionary for the project at Dal, managed to keep the program alive. Students agreed to continue to give \$1 of each student's fees to support SASEP. Paired with a generous annual donation from the Dalhousie Faculty Association, and individual donations from faculty and staff, the university community now covers the entire cost of one student placement per year. As a result, eight South Africans have graduated in fields as diverse as mathematics, health education and business.

Dal's international bridges also extend to academic collaboration in institutional strengthening, and research. The university is known for participation in projects like the \$5-million Island Sustainability, Livelihood and Equity Program, funded by CIDA. It focuses on sustainable development issues unique to

island-dwellers in Indonesia, the Philippines and the Caribbean. Dal-

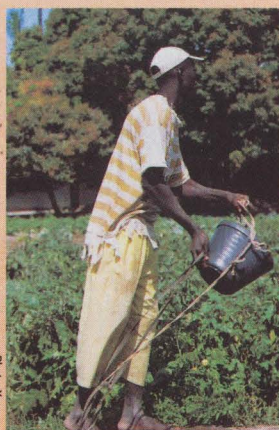


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housie is also involved in environmental management studies in China, coastal zone management in Cuba, sustainable development in Russia's Komi Republic, and an architecture education project in Botswana – to name a few.

This year, Dal adds two new projects to the roster: "Psycho-pharmacological Training and Research Capacity in Cuba," directed by psychiatry's Stan Kutcher; and "A Sustainable Built Environment for The Gambia," led by Tom Emodi, dean of architecture and planning. The CIDA-funded projects were selected from nearly 80 submissions put forth by Canadian universities. "Of 10 projects funded across the country, two were ours – so that's a major accomplishment," says Pat Rodee, director of LPI.

Creating strong, ongoing relationships with governments in the developing world is key to successful international development. Such is the case with the Training in Economic Management Project, a CIDA bilateral initiative worth more than \$3 million. The project grows from Dalhousie's student and faculty experience in Cuba and, in partnership with the Cuban Ministry of the Economy and Planning, is creating options for managing economic and public sector change. Other project partners are KPMG and the University of Toronto.

"This is not an institutional project – this is government-to-government work,"

says project director Martine Durier-Copp, an adjunct professor of public administration. She's been involved with the program since it began in 1998.

"The (Cuban) public sector had functioned very well in the past but without the solid grounding in the public administration professional disciplines, which the Dalhousie team has contributed," she says. Dal's management expertise has helped the design, implementation and delivery of a public policy and management diploma program that has already graduated close to 100 senior Cuban government officials. There's also a wider, spin-off influence as project partners go on to train other Cuban officials in the public sector.

For many years, Dalhousie has provided advice on administration, health care and coastal zone management in the developing world. Now, with the faculties of engineering and architecture, the university can provide further technical expertise, as well.

In India, for example, Dalhousie and a private sector partner are working with the Bengal Engineering College and several State Electricity Boards to explore ways to reduce emissions and extend the life span of aging coal-fired electrical plants.

Such private-sector partnerships have great potential to create long-term change in the developing world. Educational institutions like Dalhousie are providing the research knowledge and administrative expertise to get the ball rolling. But, ultimately, the public sector must be involved, says Rob Eagle, Director of Sexton Campus's Research Office. "We advance the technology," says Eagle, "but eventually it has to be somebody else who builds the power plants. That's not something as a university we can do, nor is it something we should do."

Hence, alumni – those who stay in Canada and those who return to their own countries – will likely leave Dalhousie's greatest legacy in international development.

"We have students who go on to work in CIDA or for UN agencies or NGOs," says Black. Going through a mental list of IDS grads, he cites a physiotherapist working in Canada's far North, medical professionals traveling the globe, and a Rhodes Scholar now studying wind power in China.

Then there's Ayat El-Dewary. Her plans? After finishing her undergraduate program in international development studies, she's looking at law school, with a view to returning to the Middle East. Once there, she says, she plans "to change the system from within." dal



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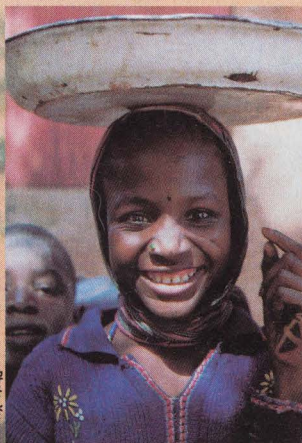


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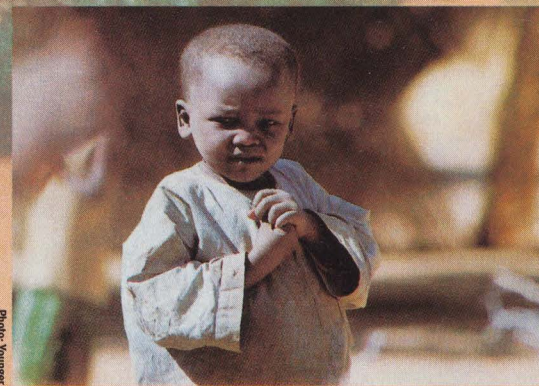


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A dedicated Dal grad

by **Andrew Younger**
(BSc'98, BJ(K)'99)

By the time Dalhousie medical students Leanne Van Amstel (BSc'98, MD'02) and Sara Manos (MD'02) land at Banjul International Airport, they're three hours late. That's not unusual for flights to West Africa. Locals say it's more unusual when a flight arrives on time. But that's not on the minds of Manos and Van Amstel. They're just happy to leave the stale air of their cramped flight. They've paid their own way to The Gambia, and have spent two days and more than 10 hours flying from Canada to here. Amid a throng of Gambians returning home, and European tourists seeking sun and adventure, they descend the stairs from the plane to buses that will take them through customs. They walk into a place both literally and figuratively half a world away.

The Gambia will be the students' home for two and a half weeks. A tiny, sometimes forgotten country in West Africa, it has one-fifth the landmass, but

ng health in The Gambia

and passionate medical students tackle an HIV pandemic

50 per cent greater population, than Nova Scotia. And it's a country with a serious health crisis. Like many poor African countries, The Gambia is experiencing a trend of rapidly-spreading sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Van Amstel and Manos are here to help reverse that trend.

"We weren't too sure what to expect," says Manos, remembering her first moments in The Gambia. "We knew we were going to be part of the Peer Health program. We knew we had to teach students about human sexuality and reproductive health."

The Peer Health program was introduced to The Gambia by Burris Devanney (BE'd'60). Devanney has worked in Africa, off-and-on, since a 1965 stint in Rhodesia. He splits his time between Africa and Halifax, where he's retired from a high school teaching career. Over the years, Devanney became involved in many Gambian projects, including one that

eventually led to the country establishing its own university.

Realizing that Gambian people needed aid on many levels, Devanney worked to help found an organization called the Nova Scotia Gambia Association (NSGA). Since 1986, the association has completed 25 projects in The Gambia. When Devanney retired from teaching in 1993, he decided to seek full-time funding for NSGA programs. While Halifax is still his 'official' home, he spends seven or eight months a year in The Gambia. Much of that time is focused on the Peer Health Education program – the association's most ambitious project to date.

Van Amstel and Manos are not the first students to bring their expertise to this small country through the Peer Health program. Previously, the medical school sent a team of five associates to The Gambia, including former Nova Scotia premier Dr. John Savage, to learn first-hand about the country's health problems.

Volunteer medical students in The Gambia return to Dalhousie with rave reviews; many recommend the experience to others.

Shielding themselves from an unforgiving sun during a rare break in their Gambia work, Van Amstel and Manos reflect on how they ended up here.

"Over the years, different students from Dal have gone to The Gambia," says Van Amstel. "[Sara and I were] both interested in going somewhere and it's a really great way to finish off our medical training – to do something interesting."

Rather than trying to educate every Gambian student about health issues, the Peer Health Education program teaches a group of students who then share what they learn with their schools and communities. There's no shortage of Gambian students wanting to be part of the program. Devanney says that's because the students want control of their futures.

"Young people in The Gambia realize that in other parts of Africa, HIV has devastated whole countries, whole communities, whole age groups," he says. "They know there's no cure. And while there may be treatment to extend life, they know that treatment is very expensive. And in The Gambia, that treatment will not become affordable any time in the near future."

In terms of sexual health, and particularly HIV/AIDS, The Gambia is like many African countries. Estimates put the number of people infected with HIV in The Gambia at between 8,400 and 13,000. As well, more than 5,000 children have been orphaned as a result of HIV/AIDS. The United Nations says more than 40 million people worldwide are infected with HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS – an increase of around 25 per cent since 1992.

"This is the ultimate in preventative care," says Van Amstel. "[Peer health educators] go and talk to their peers, family

and everybody else. So the effect is more far-reaching."

The challenge Van Amstel and Manos hope to address is The Gambia's lack of sex education. Sex education classes in The Gambia are limited, or non-existent. Teachers are often uncomfortable with the subject matter. Thus, it's difficult for Gambian students to understand how HIV/AIDS and other STDs are transmitted. Often students don't understand puberty and pregnancy. Despite that, Van Amstel and Manos are impressed with the students' openness in discussing sexual health.

"That's one of the things that surprised us," says Van Amstel. "We were talking about some of the changes that can happen during puberty and how it's embarrassing for some people . . . we had one kid raise his hand and tell the whole class that he had this problem."

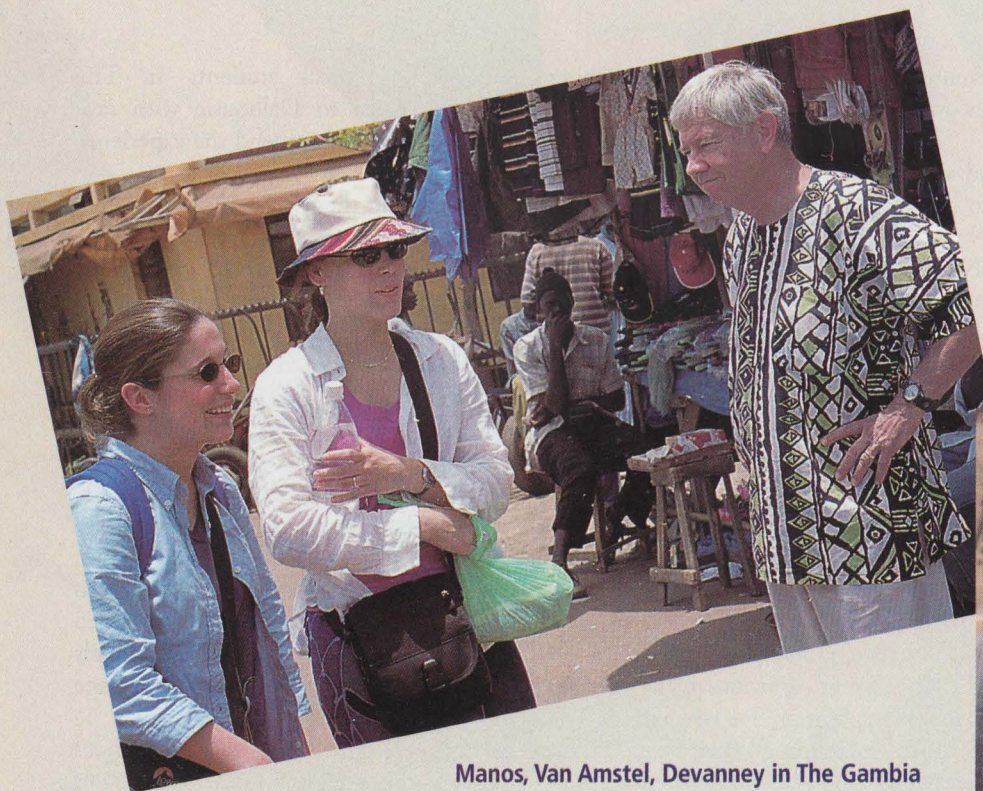
But the educational process isn't always easy for the Dal students. On sev-

eral occasions, they had to tread carefully around cultural differences.

"A popular question is whether it's safe for people to have sex during menstruation," says Van Amstel. "We answer from a medical standpoint that it's not a problem . . . Invariably a teacher stands up and says, 'Yes, but don't do it. It's unsightly and we don't do it here.'"

Van Amstel and Manos were initially surprised by the teachers' reactions but NSGA coordinators, many of whom are Gambian, say some practices that might be medically safe are not considered socially appropriate in The Gambia. While Van Amstel and Manos did not change their medical advice, they always phrased their remarks in the context of cultural sensitivities.

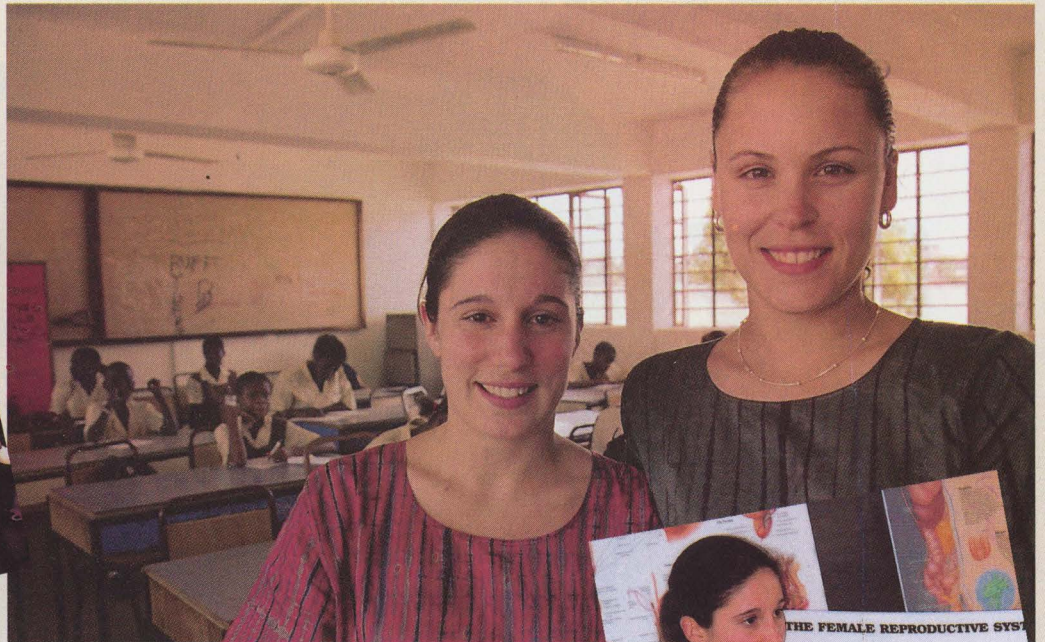
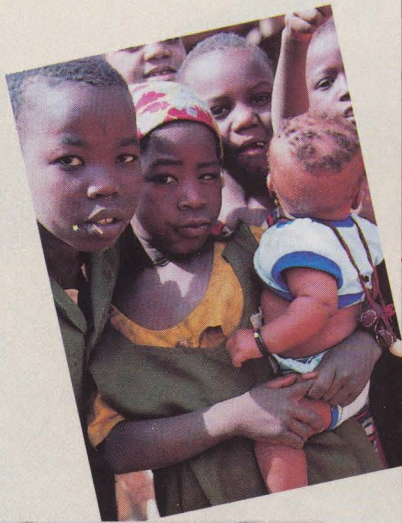
"There are certain cultural practices here that it helps to know about before coming – like female genital mutilation," says Van Amstel. "When we're sitting with a class of adolescents, there are a signifi-



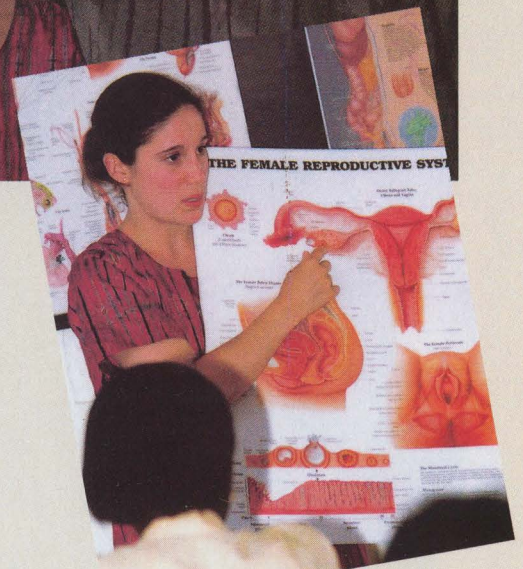
Manos, Van Amstel, Devanney in The Gambia

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cant number of them who've had this done. When we're explaining anatomy to them and the role of the different parts of their anatomy they have a particular interest, because their anatomy doesn't match what we're talking about."

By the end of two and a half weeks in The Gambia, Van Amstel and Manos had talked with almost 500 Gambian students, from one end of the country to the other. Though both women had visited Africa before, this experience was eye-opening.

"In other parts of Africa, I was there as a tourist," says Van Amstel. "[In The Gambia] we're getting to know the people, we're learning more about the culture and how they live because we are talking to them all day long."

Learning from their Gambian students is affecting how Van Amstel and Manos approach medicine. They realize doctors are often criticized for an inability to communicate with patients. Both say that when Dal students take advantage of


opportunities like this, they become better doctors.

"It's a really different experience to be talking to people who don't have a medical background," says Van Amstel. "That's going to serve us well no matter what we're doing because a lot of times patients come to your office, they have questions and they want answers. [But] a lot of patients get up and walk away, and don't really understand what you said. That's the fault of the physicians because their communication skills aren't necessarily good enough to get the message across. So this experience is going to help us be better at that."

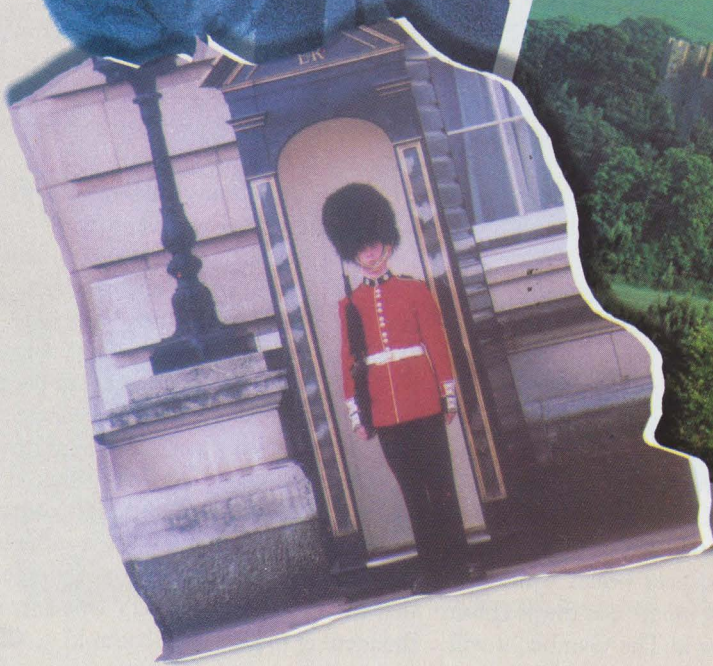
The Peer Health program is proving successful in Africa – where other countries are now expressing an interest – and closer to home. Last summer, two other medical students traveled to Cape Breton to train Mi'kmaq peer health educators. Over the next few months, as the program continues to grow in The Gambia, it will

also expand throughout native communities across Nova Scotia.

Outside his house in The Gambia, Devanney reflects on what it means to take a program started in Africa back to Nova Scotia. The problem, he says, is fundamentally the same wherever you go.

"The continuing spread of HIV/AIDS puts everyone at threat," says Devanney. "It really is a global pandemic. If it really gets totally out-of-control in one part of the world, then it's going to spread to others. We've already seen in North America that the number of people infected with HIV is again on the increase. I think it's because people have gotten a little cavalier about it. They think it is under control. Well, it's not under control. It's standing at the borders like a gathering storm. It's in the best interest of everyone that we try to deal with HIV wherever it's threatening to get out of control." 


A world



to call their own

Dal students receive degrees in Halifax, but their learning takes them around the globe

by Joanne Jefferson (MA'92)



Jennifer Shortt (BA'00) remembers arriving in Delhi, India, in the middle of the night. "I think I can say I was truly scared," she admits. It was 1999. Shortt, studying for an advanced double major in international development and social anthropology, was on her way to the city of Ahmedabad, India. There, she would spend five months working with an organization called the Youth Development Exchange Program.

Shortt's internship was organized through AIESEC, the world's largest student-run non-profit organization. AIESEC was founded in Sweden in 1949 by students from seven European countries. It now boasts a global network of 740 universities, and represents one of a long list of pathways students can follow to find work and learning far from Halifax.

The journey starts at Dalhousie's International Student and Exchange

Services (ISES) office. There, students find a spectrum of opportunity for studying abroad that extends all the way from Argentina to Zimbabwe. Consider maritime social science at Tromso University in Norway; business administration at Yonsei University in Korea; or physiotherapy at the University of Jordan.

Dalhousie offers more international placement programs than any other university in Atlantic Canada. Over 200 Dalhousie students will participate in 66 exchange or study abroad programs this year, says Suzanne Kolmer, ISES director. And those numbers are growing annually. "Having an international experience while completing credits towards a university degree is very appealing to students," says Kolmer.

One of the most enticing and popular international placement programs takes students to a castle in England – Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex, 100

km south of London. The castle hosts participants in the Canadian University Study Abroad Program, organized by a consortium of universities that includes Dalhousie and Queen's. Though its history dates back to 1066, the castle contains modern facilities for living and studying, along with some unique elements like a sundial collection, Elizabethan gardens and the Headless Drummer Pub.

Shortt's international experience didn't take her to the Headless Drummer Pub or any part of a grand castle. Quite the opposite. Shortt worked at an Indian agency that assisted rural and urban poor in and around Ahmedabad, a city of about 5.5 million in the state of Gujarat. "I had the chance to work on such things as developing plans for housing projects, studies on women in government, research into environmental concerns of slum dwellers, and creative learning projects for street children," Shortt says. Her work



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counted as a full credit toward her degree.

India is one of more than 80 countries that participate in AIESEC exchanges. Businesses, organizations and agencies in such fields as information technology, manufacturing, public sector, financial, and human services provide salaries for students who complete an AIESEC internship that lasts from two to eight months.

Wesley Gee's AIESEC involvement took him to the Philippines, New Zealand, the Netherlands and Belgium. "There are wonderful people wherever you turn your head, you just have to be open to culture, and to taking a few chances," Gee (BCom'99) says.

Both Gee and Shortt later volunteered with AIESEC's local offices. They also trained AIESEC committees in other countries. Their commitment stems from the benefits they received from the international experience.

"My experience in India humbled

me," says Shortt, who now works in Lusaka, Zambia, with the Commonwealth Youth Program Africa Regional Centre. "It was more educational than anything I have ever done in my life. It's given me a hands-on education and the knowledge, information and skills needed to pursue my dream." Shortt is also helping an AIESEC committee at the University of Zambia.

Shortt and Gee exemplify the benefits of international placement programs. Their world travel and work experience gave them an edge in the job market, demonstrating their flexibility and energy.

But even the most flexible students can have difficulty adjusting after their international experience. Shortt remembers returning from India in the middle of the academic term. "I was unable to start back to classes so I suddenly had nothing to do all day, and all the adventures I'd had, and the friends I'd met, were gone . . . I wasn't very pleasant to live with," she admits.

Dalhousie's student exchange coordinator recognizes that difficulty and works with students to smooth the transition. Sharon Blanchard has developed materials to ease returning students into their life back home as painlessly as possible.

While culture-shock and homesickness are usually overcome, emergencies prompted by serious illness, violent weather or unstable political situations can be more troubling. Dalhousie has a protocol for out-of-country emergencies – a clear

set of procedures to follow if students encounter an emergency while abroad. Queen's University led the way in developing the emergency protocol system.


"They were the pioneers. We followed their lead and created our own materials," says Mary Somers (MPA'96), communications manager for Dalhousie Public Relations. After the events of Sept. 11, 2001, other institutions – including UBC, U of T and most Maritime universities – have asked Dalhousie for information about the protocol.

"People have known for a long time that this was needed, but because of budgets cuts and other restraints, it was low on the agenda. Now it's clear we have a moral and legal responsibility to make sure all the students abroad are safe," Somers says.

Despite possible risks, more and more students are taking advantage of the myriad opportunities to do what Wesley Gee and Jennifer Shortt did.

"These programs contribute significantly to the internationalization of the Dalhousie community and provide students with enhanced academic programs through cultural experiences," says Kolmer.

With so many Dal students traveling the globe as ambassadors, the university's reputation clearly stretches well beyond Canada's borders. And the rewards for students are great.

For anyone considering an international placement, Wesley Gee offers this simple advice: "Sounds cheesy, but just do it." 

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Women's division presents medals

Carol Sinclair and **Helen Wickwire Foster**, Dalhousie Alumni Association Women's Division, presented medals to four graduating students from the School of Health and Human Performance last May. The medals recognized high academic achievement. The Women's Division has awarded 48 medals to students since 1987.



l.-r.: Janet Stacey, Carol Sinclair, Helen Wickwire Foster, Dalhousie Alumni Association Women's Division; medal winners Sarab Scott, BSc(K); Son Truong, BSc(Rec); Madelyne Curtis, BSc (HealthEd) and Joanne Parker, BSc (HealthEd)

Athletics creates Sport Hall of Fame

Dalhousie Athletics is establishing a **Sport Hall of Fame** to honour athletes, coaches and builders. The Hall of Fame will highlight the accomplishments of those who have built the sport program and its memorable Tiger teams. Look for the Hall of Fame link at www.athletics.dal.ca
Applications for nominations: Dec. 1, 2002
Call for nominations: March 31, 2003
Initial induction ceremony: Fall 2003

Stolzman wins Alumni Teaching Award

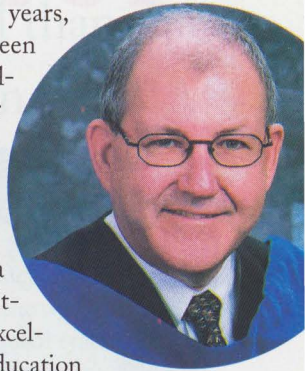
A long-time professor of sociology and social anthropology is this year's winner of the Dalhousie Alumni Association Award for Teaching Excellence.

Jim Stolzman came to Dalhousie in 1970 after completing his PhD at the University of Oregon. In 32 years at Dal, he's had a memorable and lasting impact on students. "Dr. Stolzman is an amazing teacher who makes a difference in the lives of his students," wrote one.

Students praise his teaching and ability to inspire others. "Dr. Stolzman expresses difficult concepts and ideas in an easy to understand manner, he always encourages questions and discussion within his classes, and he is constantly attentive to his students' needs and concerns."

Over the years, Stolzman has been instrumental in developing curriculum. For the past three years, he served as a member of the Academic Development Committee. "He has a deep-seated commitment to providing excellent undergraduate education to arts and science students," a colleague wrote. "He examines the needs of all students and has proposed changes to the undergraduate curriculum for the faculty."

Stolzman will receive his award at the 2002 Annual Dinner in October.



Halifax columnist receives literacy honour

Newspaper columnist **Joel Jacobson** (BCom'63), is the 2002 recipient of the Peter Gzowski Literacy Award of Merit.

The award, presented by ABC Canada, was given to Jacobson in Toronto last June, recognizing *The Halifax Herald* journalist for his columns that highlighted the role of literacy in improving educational

opportunities, maintaining a healthy lifestyle and creating a stronger workforce.

"To have my name connected to Peter Gzowski's, even in a small way, is a singular honour," Jacobson later wrote in his Bright Spot column.

In addition to receiving a personalized award, Jacobson has donated his \$1,000 prize to the Dartmouth Literary Network.

"It is important we promote literacy to all who will listen and read so that our audience will remain strong," Jacobson said. "It's such a thrill for me to interview people who have struggled, and succeeded, with literacy. Hopefully, their stories can inspire others who hear about them."

Jacobson has been active with Dalhousie's Alumni Association over the years – he served as association president in the late '70s, and has been a member of this magazine's advisory board.



Joel Jacobson

Alumni meet, greet . . .

Golf Classic another swinging success

Dal's 5th Annual Golf Classic was once again a great success. September's event attracted a sellout crowd of more than 185 to the Chester Golf Club.

Led by John and Carol Young – the tournament's honorary co-chairs and solid university supporters – this year's event raised more than \$30,000 for athletic scholarships, including more than \$1,000 from the popular putting contest.

The Dal Golf Classic was organized by Dalhousie Athletics and Recreational Services, and Dalhousie Alumni Relations.



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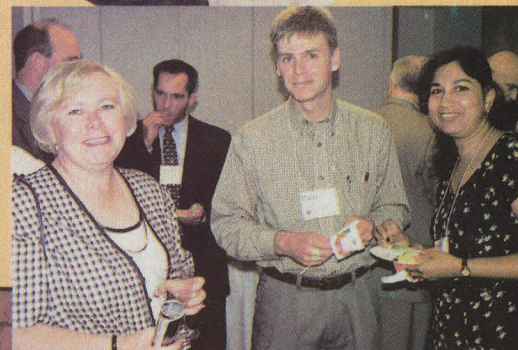
Calgary lobster dinner

Dentistry reunion

Members of the Class of '77 (DDS) gathered in June at St. Andrew's by the Sea. A raffle and auction raised over \$1,000 for the dental school. Murray Holburn, shown with George Findlay (r.), was the successful bidder on a putter.



Boston reception



Toronto pub night



University women's group seeks members

The **Canadian Federation of University Women** is a national and international network that represents women's social, economic and educational interests. Clubs are open to all women with a university degree. The Halifax club meets on the fourth Wednesday, and the Dartmouth club on the third Thursday, of most months. For the Halifax club, call 457-0845. For the Dartmouth club, call 434-3981.

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William R. Scott, DDS, retired in September 2001 from his dental practice in Vancouver, B.C. Among his many accomplishments, Bill has been married for 60 years, has three children, three grandchildren, has traveled the world, and is an accomplished photographer, painter and donor.

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Carol Sinclair, BSc, received a University Community Award for her outstanding contributions to the Dalhousie community. Carol received the award at a reception hosted by Dalhousie University President Tom Traves on June 24, 2002.

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Dennis Cato, BED, gave a paper entitled "Of the Trivial and the Radical: Is there a Coherent Constructivist Pedagogy?" at the Cambridge branch of the Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain.

Brian Flemming, LLB, was appointed the first chairman and CEO of the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority on April 1, 2002. CATSA is responsible for security at all Canadian airports and on Canadian aircraft.

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Rein Ulesoo, SCIENCE, lives in Texas and would like to hear from classmates. Friends can contact Rein at rulesoo@yahoo.com

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Jan Zatzman Orlansky, BA, and Michael Orlansky are proud grandparents of Lily Ruth Weisert, born January 11, 2002, to Tamar and Drake Weisert. Jan and Michael live in Silver Spring, Md., and would love to hear from classmates in the area or those passing through Washington. Friends can contact Jan and Michael at janorlansky@yahoo.co

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Ronald Stewart, MD, received a University Community Award for his outstanding contributions to the Dalhousie community. Dr. Stewart received his award at a reception hosted by Dalhousie University President Tom Traves on June 24, 2002.

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Don Hyslop, BED, received the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award for 30 years of volunteer service in his community and in Nova Scotia.

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Alan McHughen, BSc(HON), won the Canadian Science Writers Association Book of the Year award for *Pandora's Picnic Basket: the potential and hazards of genetically modified foods*, published by Oxford University Press.

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Patrick L. Casey, LLB, was appointed Queen's Counsel in June 2002. Patrick lives in Dartmouth, N.S.

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Larry Corrigan, BCOM, graduated from St. Mary's University at Spring Convocation in May 2002 with his MBA. Larry received the University Gold Medal for top standing in the MBA program.

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Brian Baxter, BA, is pastor at the Port Colborne Baptist Church in Port Colborne, Ont.

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David J. Harwood, BSc, is a research coordinator in the Crop Genetics Research and Development Department at Pioneer Hi-Bred International. David lives in Chatham, Ont., with his wife Lisa and two children, Thomas, 5, and Caroline, 1.

Marlene Stones, Q.C., LLB, was appointed Queen's Counsel in January 2002.

1982

Ann Marie (Archibald) Siteman, BScPH, and Ron Siteman, married on June 8, 1996, and announce the birth of John Andrew on July 23, 1997. Ann Marie works at Moffatt's Pharmacy in Dartmouth, N.S.

Marie-Louise (Normandeau) Squire, BSc, teaches in Miramichi, N.B., and keeps busy with Christopher, 12, and Katherine, 10.

Kirk Williams, BA, is the National Producer for CBC News: Canada Now in Vancouver, B.C. Kirk, his partner, Robert Skene, and their two dogs moved to Vancouver after living in Winnipeg, Man., for 12 years.

1983

Scott C. Norton, QC, LLB, is a partner with Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales in Halifax and was appointed Queen's Counsel in June 2002. Scott, Audrey, and their son, Jack, live in Bedford, N.S.

1985

Tom Ozere, LLB, joined the Ottawa office of Borden, Ladner, Gervais in January 2002. Tom practises insurance law.

1986

Brad Cameron, BScPH, works with Merck & Co. Ltd. in Hong Kong. Brad is responsible for sales and marketing of cardiovascular products. Friends can contact Brad at brad_cameron@merck.com

John Harris Stevenson, BA, is the web strategist for the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa.

1987

Christina Livingstone, BA'86, BED, is one of 35 recipients of the Toyota TIME 2002 grant award for excellence and innovation in mathematics education for her "Skills and Thrills: A Reptilian Math Curriculum for LEP Middle School" project. The award was presented in Las Vegas during NCTM's Annual Meeting in April.

SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI

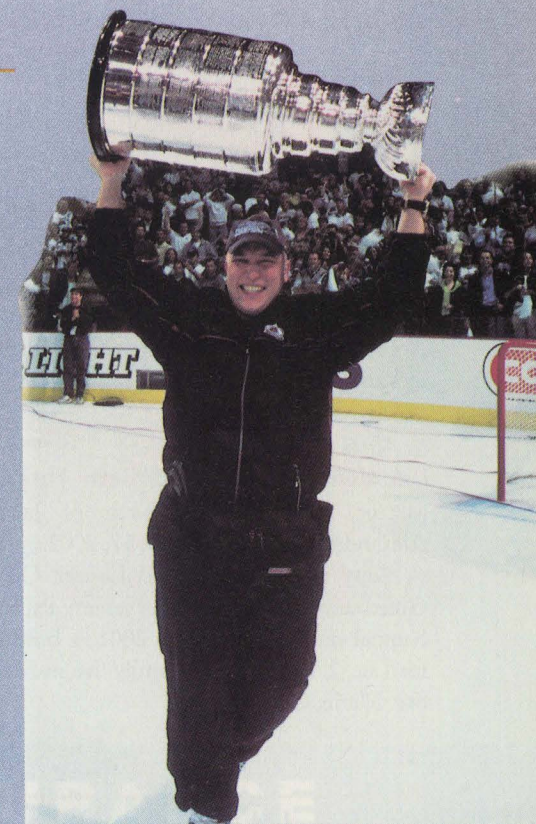
Dream job in the NHL

To many young Canadians, Matthew Sokolowski's job would be the next best thing to playing in the NHL. That's because Sokolowski (BSc'91) works in the NHL.

Sokolowski is a trainer with the two-time Stanley Cup-winning Colorado Avalanche. And, he's enjoyed the thrill of hoisting the Cup above his head in celebration of the Avalanche's ultimate NHL victory.

After graduating with a degree in kinesiology, Sokolowski climbed his way up the hockey ladder. "I worked with the Halifax Citadels for two years; moved to Cornwall, Ontario, for a year; and was promoted to assistant trainer for the Quebec Nordiques in '94-'95. I came to work for Colorado in '95-'96."

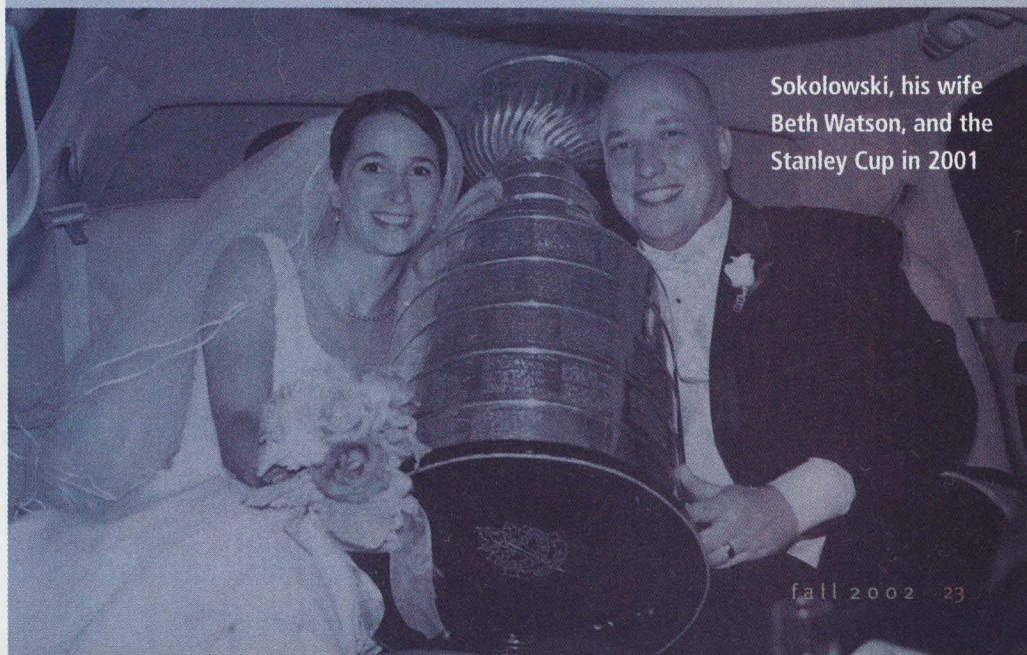
What's it like working every day for an NHL team? "Every day is different," he says. "There is no set routine. I can come across situations that are rare, and I never know what's going to happen." Sokolowski's dream came true when the Colorado Avalanche won the Stanley Cup for the second time in 2001 (they also won in 1996). "It felt incredible to



win the Cup. You do all this work and then you're the last team standing. The first year when we won the Cup was a shocker. It puts pressure on the team to win more and is a failure and disappointment if we don't."

For Sokolowski, the Stanley Cup has been a part of celebrations both on and off the ice – it was even present during the merry-making at his wedding reception last summer.

- Louise Matheson (BA'02)



Sokolowski, his wife Beth Watson, and the Stanley Cup in 2001

Mark Zastre, BCom'86, MBA, and his wife Jennifer, announce the birth of Samantha Zastre on May 15, 2002, a sister for Alexander, born February 2, 1999. Mark is a partner at Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountants and Management Consultants in Vancouver, B.C.

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Jim Godin, BScPH, and **Beth Parker**, MSc'95, announce the birth of Jacob Alexander Godin on August 17, 2002.

Tony R. Greco, BA, and Loretta Gene Greco, announce the birth of Jeremy Patrick Samuel on September 29, 2001, a brother for Luc, 2. Tony and his family live in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Deborah L. (Pyne) Young, DOCHN'88, BScN, and Philip M. Young married on June 1, 2002, in Gray, Maine. Deborah works as a public health nurse for the State of Maine.

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Carol (Higgins) Justason, and William Fisher Justason, announce the birth of Robert Dennis on February 19, 2002, a brother for Stephanie.

Kathryn (Bunker) Steeves, BScPH, and her husband Bruce, announce the birth of Emily Kathryn on May 24, 2002, a sister for Laura, 2.

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Rob Horwood, BSc'86, BENG(IND), sends greetings from Oklahoma to former classmates. Friends can contact him at rhorwood@avis.com

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Michael W. Dunn, BA'88 (K), BEd, is working on his PhD in the Special Education Program at Indiana University, after 11 years teaching in Mississauga, Ont., and nine years as a special education teacher.

Monique Wiebe, CCS, opened a millinery business in Toronto earlier this year. Friends can contact her at moniw@hotmail.com

SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI

Pridy's prize-winning prelude



Photo: Andrea

Colin Pridy (BA'01) saw the poster, completed the application, and composed. Not long after, his Prelude for Piano was chosen as one of nine winners in the 2002 Broadcast Music Inc (BMI) Student Composer Awards.

The BMI competition, open to young composers of classical music, is one of the most prestigious competitions in the western hemisphere. Pridy, who took two months to complete his prelude, competed against 700 manuscripts and was the only winner from outside the U.S.

Pridy describes writing music as "challenging but rewarding." Referring to his BMI award, he says, "It is encouraging to be acknowledged and recognized – it means I'm on the right track."

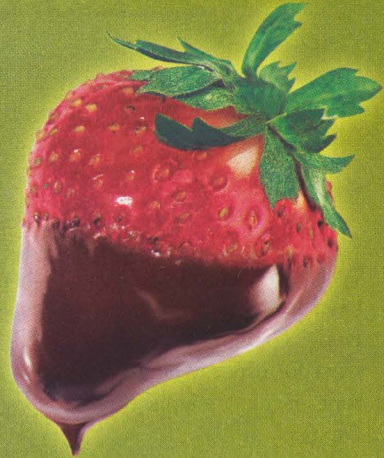
Associate professor Lynn Stodola, Pridy's instrumental instructor at Dal, says the young composer is indeed on the right track. "Colin was an outstanding student with a terrific attitude. He was very positive in his approach to criticism and learning – the results were evident in his performances." As for the BMI award, "I'm bursting with pride for this young man – it couldn't happen to a more deserving student."

Pridy's latest challenge is the UBC School of Music, where he began studies this fall. In the future, he hopes to work in film or television. "It's a good way to make a living," he says.

– Louise Matheson (BA'02)



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Cynthia Andrews, BSc'87(K), DDS, and husband Ron Munroe, announce the arrival of Emily Catherine on February 12, 2002, a sister for Lindsay Janet, 2. Cynthia is a full-time faculty member in the Faculty of Dentistry at Dal.

Tom Campbell, BENG(AGRI)(TUNS), works with Effem Foods in Bolton, Ont., doing process development work on the Uncle Ben's brand of foods. Prior to returning to Ontario, Tom and his wife Pam spent a year traveling in Asia and Australia.

Matilda Kentridge, LLB, received a Medal of Bravery from the Governor General of Canada in December 2000. Matilda is a communications officer in the Director-General's Office of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Friends can contact her at mken-tridge@yahoo.ca

Jennifer M. O'Connor, BScPT, and her husband Patrick Johnson, announce the birth of Connor Patrick Johnson on November 18, 2001. Jennifer and her family live in Roanoke, Virginia.

Janice (Gillingham) Spencer, BScAMC, and Mike Spencer, announce the birth of Gina Michelle on March 3, 2002.

Erroll Treslan, LLB, is a partner with Kirby, Robinson & Treslan in Owen Sound, Ont. Erroll specializes in general litigation. Friends can contact him at etreslan@owen-soundlawyers.com

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Mark Coady, BENG(CIV)'89, MBA, joined Deloitte & Touche as part of the Enterprise Management service line, based in Calgary, Alta.

Shawn Goddard, BCOM, and **Karen (Burton) Goddard**, BCOM'94, married in 1995 and have a daughter, Kaitlyn, 2. Living in Moncton, N.B., Shawn and Karen work at Scotiabank.

James A. Jacquard, BSc, teachers Inuit high school students at Pond Inlet, Nunavut.

Sunil Kapoor, MD, and **Angela Kapoor**, BSc'91, DDS'95, announce the birth of Anisha Maya Kapoor on August 1, 2001, a sister for Ishaan.

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Jainaba Kah, MDE, is an Assistant Professor and Director of the International Public Service & Development Program at Rutgers University.

Lori A. MacDonald, BA'89(K), BScHE, teaches at Amherst Regional High School. Friends can contact Lori at loriamac@hotmail.com

Mik Maxino, LLM, is an Associate Professor at the College of Law at Silliman University, Dumaguete City, Philippines. Friends can contact him at mikmaxino@eudoramail.com

Joanne Smyth, MBA, and Darren Feltham, announce the birth of Matthew James Richard on July 3, 2001. Living in St. John's, Nfld., friends can contact them at jsmyth@acoa-apeca.gc.ca

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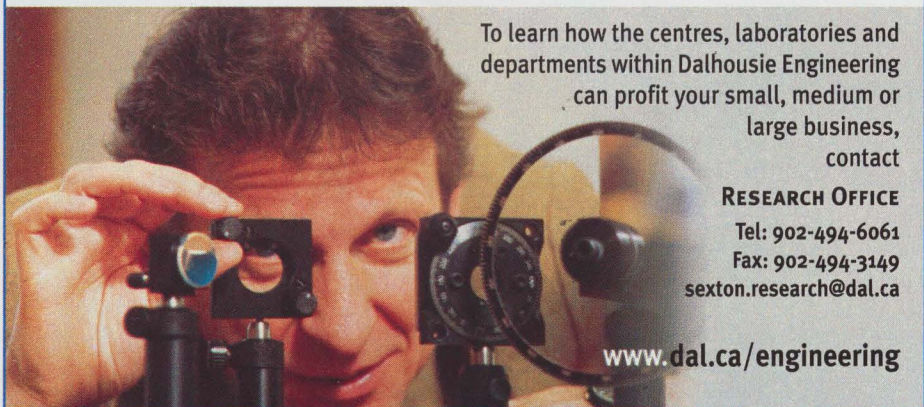
John D. Begin, BSc'81, DENGR'82, BENG(ELEC)'84(TUNS), MASC'87(TUNS), PhD (TUNS), announces the birth of Ian David Christopher on May 9, 2002, a brother for Laura, 2, and Gregory, 8.

Thane Churchill Calder, and Sandrine Duffar, married on July 28, 2000, in Knowlton, Que.

Tara Erskine, BA'92(K), LLB, and her husband Brent Culligan, announce the birth of Katherine Culligan on November 19, 2001. Friends can contact them at tarainhalifax.com

Cheryl Friedman, MLIS, and Glenn Friedman, announce the birth of Kyle MacDonald Friedman on April 17, 2002, a brother for Megan and Rose. Cheryl and her family live in Littleton, Colo.

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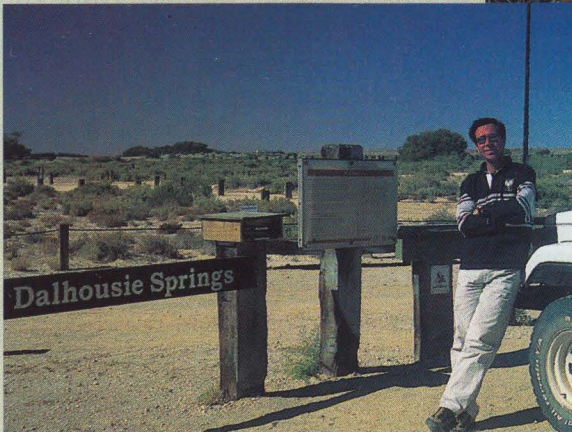
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SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI

Taking the roads less traveled

Raffi Balmanoukian (LLB'91) takes his expeditions a whole lot farther than most of us. In fact, he often takes them all the way to the Australian outback.

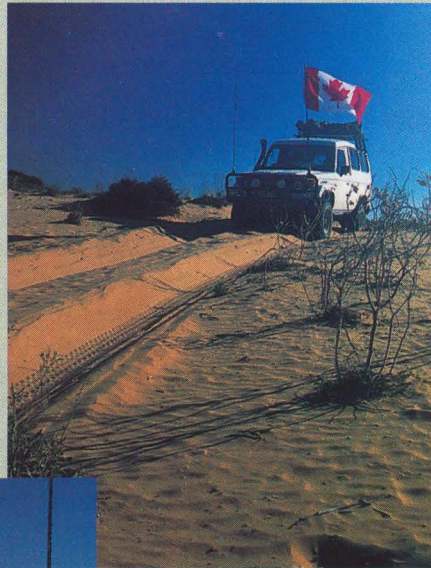
Balmanoukian works as a lawyer in New Glasgow, N.S., but his adventures occur in Australia. With a passion for retracing the early steps of Australia's first non-indigenous explorers, he's covered thousands of kilometres of remote



At Dalhousie Springs in Australia

Australian desert. He's recorded his recent observations – accumulated over 139 days and 35,000 km – in a travelogue that Balmanoukian hopes to publish.

Australia's beauty, history and people captivate the present-day explorer. "They have a self assurance I really admire. They have an outlook on life that's very Western, yet different," says the man who roughs it in the bush in his Toyota



Balmanoukian's "Troopie"

"Troopie." (He has also traveled, when necessary, by truck, camel, rail and various aircraft.)

Balmanoukian's international travels are extensive and, he

has learned, must be conducted with respect and knowledge. "You have to have a real respect for the bush; and listen to – and heed – local advice."

Balmanoukian plans another trip to the outback in December – his fifth excursion to Australia, the land he has come to love.

"There is no other way to say it," he professes, "it does get in your blood."

- Louise Matheson (BA'02)

Karin Brown Harrison, BScN, and her husband Sean, announce the birth of Jacob Alexander Harrison on October 25, 2001, a brother for Brandon, 4, and Kaitlyn, and another grandchild for **Mary Kimball**, BSc'71, LLB'76.

Rochelle Heighton, BSc'92, BScOT, and Blake Chapman announce the birth of Nole Michael Chapman on April 13, 2002. Rochelle works at St. Martha's Regional Hospital in Antigonish, N.S.

Gary McWilliams, BScPH, and **Pierrette Chiasson McWilliams**, BScPH, announce the birth of Myriam Jacinthe on May 21, 2002, a sister for Nicholas Allan, 2. Gary works at Pharmacie Jean Coutu in Tradie-Sheila and Pierrette works at the hospital in Caraquet, N.B.

Ward R. Swan, BA(HON), co-owns Anglesmith (www.anglesmith.com), a multi-platform production company, specializing in filmed and interactive media in Los Angeles. Friends can contact Ward at ward@angelsmith.net

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Denise Grant, MED, and Andy Horsnell live in Toronto, Ont., where Denise teaches in the Faculty of Music at the University of Toronto.

Angela Gray, BCOM, and Nevin Kinley, married on August 3, 2002, in Annapolis Royal, N.S. Angela and Kevin live in Bermuda.

Darren MacDonald, BScK, works with Humantech Incorporated in Irvine, Calif., as an ergonomics engineer. Friends can contact Darren at dmacdonald@humantech.com

Jim Strowbridge, BSc, and his wife Carrie Lauder are posted through the RCMP at Fort McPherson, N.W.T. Jim and Carrie visit Nova Scotia every summer to reunite with friends.

Debra A. Salmon, BA, received a \$500 scholarship from the Roger William University, Ralph R. Papitto School of Law Alumni Association. The award recognizes academic excellence and financial need of second-year law students.

1997

Ryan Benson, BA, works in Ottawa as a Special Projects Officer with the federal government and moonlights on the ski patrol at Tremblant. Friends can contact Ryan at ryanbenson@canada.com

Phil Nash, BENG(CHEM), received his PEng designation and started as a completion engineer with Shell Canada Ltd. in Calgary, Alta. Friends can contact him at phillip.nash@shell.ca

Kimberley (Cook) Savoie, BScPT, and **Ronald Savoie**, BScPT, announce the birth of Annie Monique Lorna on February 28, 2002.

Grace Temani-Chipudhla, BCOM, and **Lance Chipudhla**, MBA'01, married on December 8, 2001, in Blantyre, Malawi, Africa.

Kristen Welton, MARCH'00, BEDS, and Saul Becker, married on August 9, 2002. Kristen works at Olson Sundberg Architects in Seattle, Washington. Friends can contact them at kristenwelton@hotmail.com

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Sarah L. Austin, BA, is a child rights policy analyst for World Vision Canada in Toronto.

Jack Ceaser, BSc, completed his MD at McMaster in May 2002. Jack is doing his residency with the Northern Ontario Family Medicine (NOFM) Program in Sudbury, Ont. Friends can contact him at jceaser@sym-patico.ca

Timmy Comeau, BSc, works with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency as a food inspection specialist and is CEO of his own online business (<http://www.tonlineshop.com>). Contact Timmy at tcomeau@hotmail.com

Pamela Gracie, MBA, and Vadim Robinov, married on January 19, 2002 in Toronto. Pamela is RCM Manager at RBC Capital Markets.

Fabio Luison, PGM, and **Debbie (Houssen) Luison**, BScN'00, and their daughter Isabella Marie live in Sudbury, Ont., where Fabio is practising as a thoracic surgeon and intensivist, and Debbie works as his nurse and office manager.

Andrew Montgomerie, BScK, works with the Compensation Board of British Columbia. Andrew extends greetings to all his classmates and friends.

Rebecca Stanwood, BScPT, and **Shaun Stanwood**, BScPH'97, announce the birth of Lillian Grace Stanwood on November 11, 2001.

Julie Tower, BA, and **Hugh Pierce**, BSc, married in Tuscany, Italy, in April 2002. Julie graduated from Vermont Law School with a JD and Masters degree in 2001. Hugh is the Chief Technology Officer for Stutzman Pierce Ltd.

Dennis Kent Van Ember, BA, and **Carole Lynn Broome**, BA'00, MPA'02, married June 21, 2002, at the Christ Anglican Church in New Ross, N.S. Dennis and Carole live in Ottawa, Ont.

1999

Leanne (Moseley) Buckler, BSc, and Brent Buckler, married in August 2000 and announce the birth of Macayle William Richard on March 4, 2002. Living in Iqaluit, Nunavut, Leanne works with the Justice Department.

Shannon Gowans, BSc(HON)'94, PHD, and **Peter Simard**, BSc(HON)'95, announce the birth of Rebecca Marina Simard on March 7, 2001. Shannon is doing her NSERC post-doctoral fellowship at Texas A&M University Galveston. Friends can contact them at sgowans@is.dal.ca

Patricia Marshall, BMUSED, and Craig Casavechia, married on July 5, 2002, in Halifax, N.S. Patricia works for the Halifax Regional School Board teaching elementary classroom music.

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Shawn Tracey, BSc, received a University Community Award for his outstanding contributions to the Dalhousie community. Shawn received his award at a reception hosted by Dalhousie University President Tom Traves on June 24, 2002.

2001

Heidi Greek, BScN'97, MHSA, and Mark Hilchie, married on July 21, 2002. Heidi is a Project Coordinator with VON. Friends can contact them at hgreek@hotmail.com

Maurice Muise, MDE, is a policy analyst with the Treasury Board Secretariat in Ottawa. Friends can contact Maurice at mmuise@hotmail.com

Christopher Yorke, BA, teaches English in Japan through The Japan Exchange Teaching Program.

2002

Trudy L. Campbell, MN, is a nurse practitioner with the Dalhousie Multiple Sclerosis Research Unit in Halifax, N.S.

Robert A. Green, MSc/MD, lives in Thunder Bay, Ont., where he practises oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Deaths

Annie Ruth (Cornwall) Doody, BA'29, Vancouver, B.C., on August 27, 2002.

Christian Elizabeth Grant, ARTS'30, Ottawa, Ont., on May 26, 2002.

Claude Hartley Brown, ARTS'31 (K), Digby, N.S., on June 11, 2002.

Grace Elizabeth Henry, BA'32, Musquodoboit, N.S., on June 13, 2002.

Graydon Dill Spence, BENG(ELEC)'32 (NSTC), Hants Co., N.S., on April 13, 2002.

Roy Edison Webster, BA'35, Scarborough, Ont., on June 20, 2002.

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Rosemary Therese Holton, BA'36, MA'37, Wolfville, N.S., on June 12, 2002.

Samuel H. "Scotty" Newman, DDS'36, Halifax, N.S., on May 21, 2002.

William White Archibald, BSc'38, Halifax, N.S., on March 25, 2002.

Homer Ashmore Forbes, Engineering'40, Dartmouth, N.S., on April 21, 2002.

Horace A. Foley, MD'41, Kings Co., N.S., on July 4, 2002.

Melbourne "Mel" Barnes, BSc'42, Dartmouth, N.S., on March 9, 2002.

William Dobson Hagen, BSc'44, DENG'44, BENG(CIV)'46(NSTC), Amherst, N.S., on May 2, 2002.

Lewis John "Pete" Payzant, BSc'45, DENG'45, BENG(ELEC)'48(NSTC), Dartmouth, N.S., on June 8, 2002.

William Ewart Donald Shields, ENGINEERING'43, Halifax, N.S., on March 31, 2002.

Eveline Bertha Vogler, LicMus'46, BMus'51, Halifax, N.S., on March 30, 2002.

Zelda Gertrude Cunningham, BA'48, Dartmouth, N.S., on May 14, 2002.

John W. Pertus, DENG'48, BEng(Civ)'50 (TUNS), Halifax, N.S., on April 4, 2002.

R. Waldron Auld, MD'49, Kensington, P.E.I., on May 30, 2002.

Philip Jeffrey Heckman, DENG'49, BSc'49, BENG(MECH)'50(NSTC), Dartmouth, N.S., in July 2002.

Harold Beecher O'Brien, BA'49, Kingston, Ont., on April 7, 2002.

Freeman Burton Webber, MD'49, New Amherst, OH, on March 16, 2002.

Valerie Joyce (Cato) Biggs, BA'50, Halifax, N.S., on May 22, 2002.

Matthew Joseph Coady, BENG(MIN)'50 (NSTC), Halifax, N.S., on June 18, 2002.

Reginald Leo Farrell, BENG(ELEC)'50 (NSTC), Halifax, N.S., on March 10, 2002.

Earle Alexander Hubley, BCOM'51, Ottawa, Ont., on April 16, 2002.

David Graeme Arklie, BSc'52, DENG'52, Saskatoon, Sask., on April 30, 2002.

James William McEwan, DENG'52, BENG(CIV)'55 (TUNS), Hubbards, N.S., on April 15, 2002.

David Victor Crowe, BENG(MET)'55 (NSTC), Truro, N.S., on March 13, 2002.

Alan Parker McQuinn, BScPH'56, Tantallon, N.S., on June 26, 2002.

Robert C. Hays, LLB'58, Cambridge, Ont., on June 6, 2002.

Robert Major Moase, BED'58, Kingston, N.S., on May 9, 2002.

Audrey Frances (Hollebone) Ohmen, BA'58(K), BED'59, Danville, CA, on March 4, 2002.

Douglas Elliott Fraser, BENG(CIV)'59 (NSTC), Amherst, N.S., on April 25, 2002.

Robert C. Bryson, BCOM'63, LLB'68, Kitchener, Ont., on May 6, 2002.

Diane Furnell, BA'66, MA'69, MED'92, Eastern Passage, N.S., on April 2, 2002.

William Ephraim Greer, BSc'69, BScEP, Halifax, N.S., on April 26, 2002.

Malcolm David Leonard, LLB'66, Calgary, Alta., on April 15, 2002.

Robert E. Colborne, BSc'67, MD'71, Charlottetown, P.E.I., in January 2002.

W. Brian Dickie, BCOM'67, Musquodoboit Harbour, N.S., on April 4, 2002.

Helena Lola Henry, LLD'68, Halifax, N.S., on April 20, 2002.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, LLD'67, on March 30, 2002.

Douglas Shadbolt, DENG'70(NSTC), Vancouver, B.C., on May 8, 2002.

Terrence Kevin "Terry" Decker, BSc'72, Lunenburg Co., N.S., on March 20, 2002.

Edna May Chambers, BA'74, LLB'77, Ottawa, Ont., on May 12, 2002.

Martha Louise Mowbray, BA'74(K), Halifax, N.S., on April 27, 2002.

Nelson Francis Harnum, BSc'78, Halifax, N.S., on May 17, 2002.

Elvidio Vincenzo Deiuliis, DENG'81, BSc'82, BENG(CIV)'84(TUNS), New Glasgow, N.S., on April 22, 2002.

Stephen Matthew Frizzell, BA'85, Truro, N.S., on June 8, 2002.

Sylvia Constance Cosway, BN'88, MN'96, Winnipeg, Man., in June 2002.

Michael Jon Wainberg, MD'90, Toronto, Ont., on May 22, 2002.

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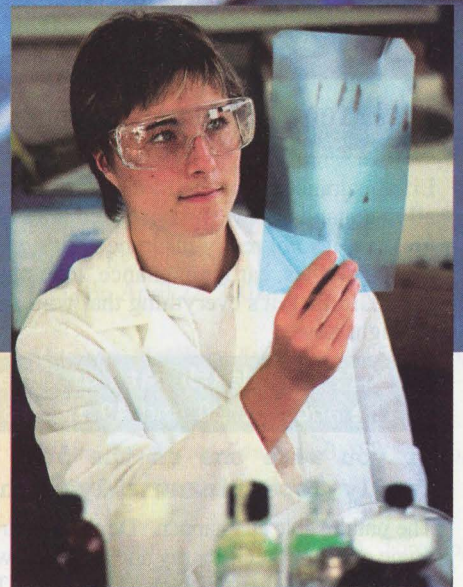
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** Statistics Canada, Death 1998 - Report 84F0211XPB.

*** Investor Economics - The Household Balance Sheet Report - 2001 Edition.

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Age: 19

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Athletic accomplishments: 60m hurdling champion, Atlantic University Sport; former member of Nova Scotia Canada Games field hockey team

Etc.: Multiple scholarship recipient, perfect GPA of 4.3 last year (A+ in 10 courses); biology lab summer researcher; volunteer tutor; community volunteer

Goal: Medical school

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Research: Louise Matheson (BA'02)



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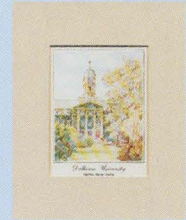
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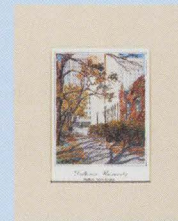


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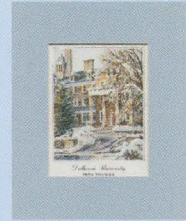
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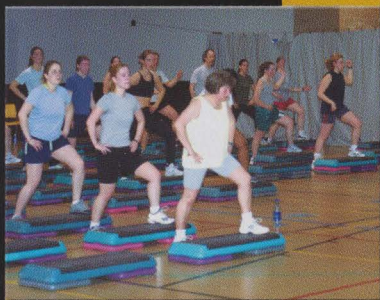


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