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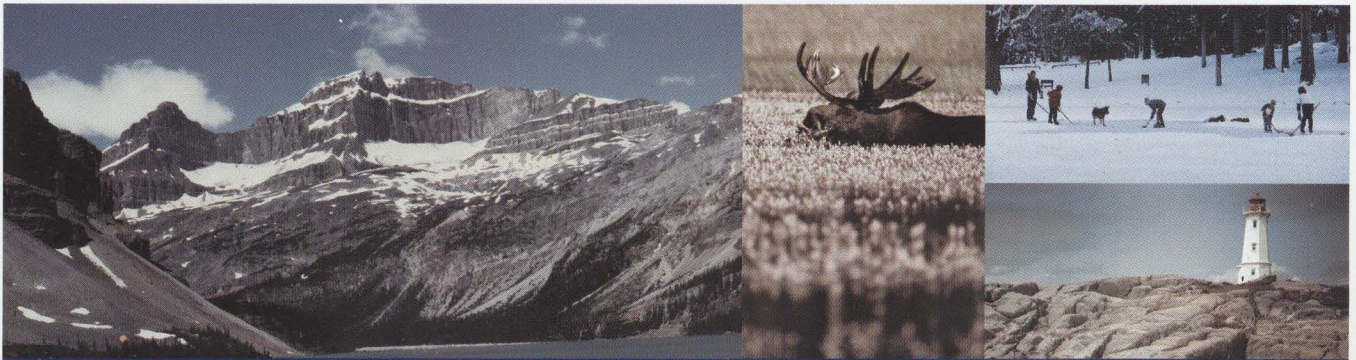
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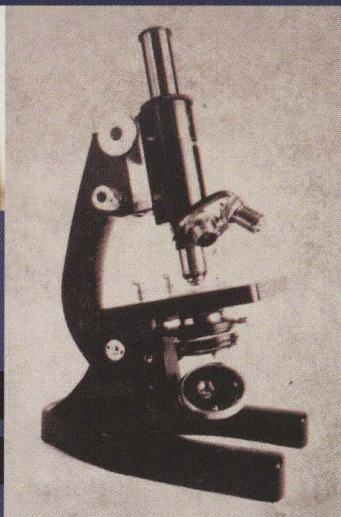
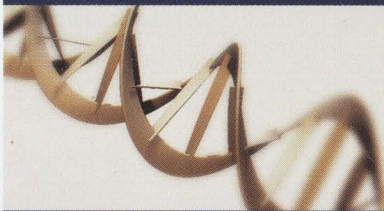
Of course, they did discover insulin. A breakthrough medicine that saved the lives of people with diabetes and led to a Nobel Prize.

But what about today's Canadian scientists?

GlaxoSmithKline has created the Pathfinders Fund for Leaders in Canadian Health Science Research. It's part of our annual 100 million-dollar investment in Canadian research and development.

Each of Canada's 16 medical schools has received or will soon receive important funding. This will help open new research positions, essential for fostering medical innovation.

The Pathfinders Fund has made a difference to scientists, physicians and communities in all parts of the country. In time, it may even help discover a few new Canadian heroes.



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NEITHER WILL WE.

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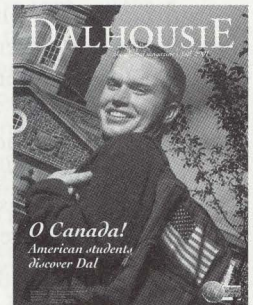
### O Canada! American students discover Dal

Quality education, Ivy League image, lower tuition fees and two Thanksgiving holidays – little wonder New England students are heading north

By Cathy MacDonald

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Photo by Danny Abriel



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I learned some lessons about star-gazing – and perhaps, life – this past summer. It was a perfect summer vacation night – warm, a soft breeze and a darkening sky that became, as the hours progressed, bathed in a million stars. A cousin and I sat outside, perched on an old wooden picnic table, watching that studded sky emerge – from the shy appearance of the first single star to, hours later, the millions of stars that melded into masses of distant light. We arched our necks, peering upward, trying to identify as many constellations as our collective vision (and knowledge) would allow.

I realized how little I really knew about astronomy that evening, as my cousin chattered on about blue stars and red stars (couldn't I see the difference? that one has a blue aura, indicating it's a hotter star; whereas that one, which looks more red, is a much cooler star). She reeled off names of constellations I never knew existed; and explained that in our peripheral vision, we can view clusters of stars that our direct vision can miss entirely.

I pondered that last one: our ability to see more with our peripheral vision, rather than settling for only what we see through our direct vision.

It seemed rather philosophical to me. I wondered if a simple astronomy lesson might contain a life lesson: take off the blinders and experience more. (Or maybe I was simply experiencing the aftermath of too much sun earlier in the day.) Either way, it struck me as oddly coincidental when, back in my office a few days later, a photographer knocked on my door with a series of images he'd shot around Dal's campus. He'd named the series, "Peripheral vision."

Paul Doucette's photographic focus emphasizes beauty that many of us either take for granted, or fail to see. Some of his images are reproduced in this issue – all of them reminders of what we can miss when we no longer see the details around us; when we stop using our peripheral vision. Doucette captures beauty in doorways, shadows, staircases – parts of the campus that many of us travel often, but see only through our direct vision.

There are, of course, times when we can't see or identify distinguishing details no matter what line of vision we use. For example, you'd never know by simple observation, that more and more American students are being educated at

Dal. But as you'll read in this issue, despite the staggering number of post-secondary institutions in the United States, New England students are choosing Dalhousie in record numbers.

There's much more inside, including the story of a Dal grad with a vision for herself and the young black people she works with. You may remember Anne-Marie Woods for her performances with the *a capella* group, Four the Moment. Woods' vision and determination are also expressed through acting. Her on-stage presence is described as captivating, powerful and dynamic.

Enjoy the issue. And the next time you find yourself peering into the night-time sky, or simply experiencing life, remember the value of peripheral vision.

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Today, as we make final edits to our magazine, the flag on the Dalhousie campus flies at half-mast in honour of all Americans affected by the horror of the events of September 11. To our nearly 3,000 American alumni, your family and friends, we extend our deepest condolences. Your pain and grief are shared by many, many others around the world.

**Our contributors**



**Cathy MacDonald**, a Halifax freelance writer, found that cross-border shopping takes on new meaning in our cover story, *O Canada! American students discover Dal*. A columnist and former reporter with the *Halifax Daily News*, she now writes for several Canadian newspapers and magazines.



**Kelly Marie Redcliffe** is a writer and tour co-ordinator with the national theatre company, Two Planks and a Passion. Redcliffe was in her element talking with Anne-Marie Woods (BA'93) for our story, *One woman-wonder*.



**Paul Doucette** is exploring his true love – photography. Dalhousie proved itself full of striking images when Doucette explored campus with camera in hand. Enjoy his work in *Peripheral vision*.

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## To all Dalhousie alumni

**O**n behalf of the entire Dalhousie University community, I extend our deepest condolences to our alumni, their families and friends, who have been affected by the events that shocked the world on September 11.

Dalhousie has always had a very special relationship with our American neighbours. In this time of tragedy and uncertainty, our hearts and thoughts are with you.

- Tom Traves, Dalhousie President

## Letters to the Editor

### Thanks for transcending

As a Dal alumnus and manager of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV) 2001 promotional campaign, I was delighted to see the article *Transcending the individual* in the latest edition. I hope you take this opportunity to feature other volunteers in future issues during and after International Year of Volunteers 2001.

Amy Lightfoot (MBA'99)

IYV Communications Manager, via email

### Honourary? honorary?

I've just been reading with interest the article on our Rhodes scholars. The last paragraph includes the word "honourary." You might like to know that my Concise Oxford Dictionary doesn't contain this spelling, only "honorary" (and "honorary" – the rest of the family have the extra "u"). It seems to be a case of being more English than the English!

The alumni magazine is not alone at Dalhousie in preferring this misspelling. Please join my crusade to stamp it out!

Peter Fillmore, Professor Emeritus, mathematics, via email

### More Dalhousie-Oxford connections

The spring edition of the alumni magazine has arrived and I was delighted to see the daughter of friends of mine on the cover. Additionally, the article on Rhodes scholars was of particular interest.

Your readers might like to know that Dalhousie has other representation in Oxford. As a 1972 dental graduate of Dal, I maintain a private practice in the heart of the city. All Dalhousie grads and

post grads, as well as sabbaticants, are most welcome to look me up at any time!

Not well publicized in Britain is the annual Oxford vs. Cambridge ice hockey match. Usually 80 per cent of both teams are Canadians, with the occasional Dalhousie grad. To my mind, this event is more exciting than either the boat race or the inter-varsity rugby. The atmosphere in the rink is always exhilarating.

As I write this letter, that other Rhodes scholar mentioned in your article, former President Clinton, is in Oxford on a private visit to support a children's hospice – and incidentally is being exclusively interviewed by my fiancée!

Timothy Haywood (DDS'72), via email

### Flooded with information

Nice piece on Erik Nielsen's Red River flood research, which has moved from his kitchen table as hobby science into the formal laboratories of the Manitoba Geological Survey.

A small correction is in order. Erik would not take credit for the discovery of the large 1852 (or 1826) Red River floods; both these were already known from the sparse historical record available in southern Manitoba for the early 1800s. However, Erik and his co-worker Scott St. George should take full credit for the discovery of earlier Red River floods, now defined in 1811, 1778, 1747 and 1538, and on the Assiniboine River, large floods in 1883, 1848, 1788, 1700 and 1597.

An update is also in order – a recent cross-dating of a near-fossil log found eroding out of the river's bank has allowed Erik and Scott to tie in an earlier 'hanging' dendrochronology, so that their chronol-

ogy now stretches 714 years from the present back to 1286 A.D. – a proxy climatological record that puts each of the Atlantic provinces to shame.

Alan Ruffman (MSc'66), President Geomarine Assoc. Ltd., Halifax, N.S.

(Ed.'s note: Alan Ruffman is conducting tree ring research in Nova Scotia and invites anyone who knows of old growth stands, or heritage structures that may be available for tree ring sampling, to contact him.)

### Bravo

Congratulations to you and Joe Kidston on *Raising Dalhousie voices in Carnegie Hall* in your Spring 2001 issue. We had originally performed the Mozart Requiem in a sold-out concert last November, at St. Matthew's United Church, as part of the Dalhousie Chorale. The occasion was the Georg Tintner Concert, a tribute to the most highly esteemed and talented musician Halifax has seen in our generation.

John Montgomerie (BCom'61, BEd'62, BA'76, BAHC'82, MA'84), via email



## A special message to our overseas alumni

**D**alhousie is sent – without charge – to all Dalhousie alumni. It's important that we keep in touch with you; and we know that you enjoy hearing about Dal. But sending the magazine three times per year is expensive. Unfortunately, it is particularly costly to send the magazine overseas – almost six times the cost of North American mail delivery.

As a result, beginning in 2002, we will mail one issue per year – our international issue – to all alumni. To ensure that you have access to all of our magazines, including the other two annual issues, we are placing the entire publication on our web site in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format.

If, for any reason, you wish to continue to receive all three issues in print, please contact us and we will continue to mail to you.

[www.dal.ca/alumni](http://www.dal.ca/alumni)

## University celebrates opening of Marion McCain Building

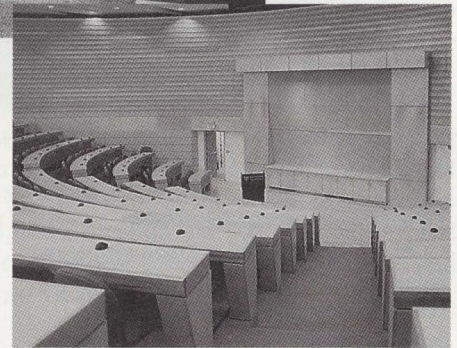
Almost any graduate of Dalhousie's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences will remember the aging Victorian houses in which many departments resided. They had character and a 'homey' feel, and served many proud years as offices and classroom space for countless faculty members and students.

But the houses are now part of the history of the diverse faculty. The *Marion McCain Arts and Social Sciences Building* was officially opened on September 5, 2001. Faculty, students, staff, community leaders and friends of the university gathered to mark the occasion and celebrate a new era.

Through student-led tours, visitors learned that the new building offers 100,000 square feet of space, classrooms equipped with the latest teaching equipment and new computerized language labs. The building represents the first major addition to general purpose teaching facilities at Dalhousie in two decades.

Constructed at a cost of approximately \$21 million, the building sits at 6135 University Avenue – a location that formerly was a parking lot for the Dalhousie Arts Centre. An underground parking garage with space for 100 vehicles will help alleviate parking challenges created by the construction of the new facility.

Along with the McCain Foundation's generous donation to the university, a number of supporters helped make the building possible. The Province of Nova Scotia contributed \$6 million, and Dalhousie students donated more than \$1 million through the university's Capital Ideas Campaign. Scotiabank sponsors a 300-seat auditorium on the building's main floor. And Christopher Ondaatje, businessman and longtime friend of the university, supports a neighbouring 500-seat auditorium. The auditoria will also provide new musical and theatrical performance space for the community.



The building houses the dean's office and the departments of classics, comparative religion, English, French, German, history, philosophy, Russian, sociology and social anthropology and Spanish.

Designed by Lydon Lynch Architects Ltd. with A.J. Diamond, Donald Schmitt and Co., the *Marion McCain Arts and Social Sciences Building* is the recipient of the 2001 Nova Scotia Lieutenant-Governor's Medal of Excellence in Architecture. Les David was project manager.

The houses once used by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences will serve new purposes. Several have been converted to residence space. Others will be used as offices, and four of the houses were to be sold.

– Stacey Lewis



### Marion McCain Arts and Social Sciences Building

Size: 100,000 square feet

Location: University Ave.,  
between Seymour and  
LeMarchant streets

Special features: Computerized  
language labs, two  
auditoria – 300-seat and  
500-seat

Architects: Lydon Lynch  
Architects Ltd. with  
A.J. Diamond, Donald  
Schmitt and Co.

Awards: Nova Scotia

Lieutenant-Governor's  
Medal of Excellence in  
Architecture

Cost: \$21-million

Funding sources: McCain  
Foundation; Government  
of Nova Scotia; donors to  
the Capital Ideas  
Campaign, including  
students, faculty and staff

Parking: 100 underground  
parking spaces

## Sculpture commemorates philosophical move

Summer 2001 was a time of transition for most departments in the faculty of arts and social sciences. Philosophy student Chris Yorke (BAHons'01) thought a permanent sculpture would help his department commemorate the transition from old to new – something that would represent the philosophy department's collective, continuing energy.

With the co-operation of the Dalhousie Undergraduate Philosophy Society, Yorke commissioned a sculpture for philosophy's Grad Class Challenge – an annual fund-raising project sponsored by External Relations. Yorke, as the project co-ordinator, approached sculptor and costume studies student Lois Rowe, and the idea for "Leviathan" was born.

The work of the philosopher Hobbes (1588-1679) provided a visual starting point – an illustration from the original publication of *Leviathan* – and Yorke and Rowe literally built the concept for the sculpture from Hobbes' theme of how humans form a society. "It's intended to represent the collective will of the people," says Yorke.

Before the sculpture began taking shape, Yorke and Rowe organized the dollars: a fund-raising night at the Pacifico Dance Bar was a success, and over a dozen students and faculty members made donations in return for having their faces represented on the sculpture. Student donations to the Grad Class Challenge were matched by the university.

"Leviathan" was unveiled at a special reception after the philosophy department had moved into the new FASS building. It now oversees the philosophy lounge. Rowe's final comment on the project? "I hope it makes your lounge look swanky."



Chris Yorke with costume studies student and sculptor, Lois Rowe, and her creation, "Leviathan" (ABRIEL)

## Life Sciences Research Village on the horizon

Halifax is poised to develop a world-class life sciences sector.

"Our goal is to create a vibrant and thriving life sciences sector where entrepreneurs, researchers, educators and health professionals work together to generate new ideas and innovations," says Noni MacDonald, dean of the medical school and co-chair of the Life Science Development Association. The new association's founding members include the Province of Nova Scotia, the National Research Council, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, BioNova, the Capital District Health Authority, Dalhousie, the Greater Halifax Partnership, InNOVAcorp, the IWK Health Centre and Ocean Nutrition Canada.

Several initiatives are under way:

- The Business Development Centre is a partnership between Dal's medical school and the Greater Halifax Partnership. The centre has secured \$10 million in private venture financing to support commercialization from research technologies.
- Genome Atlantic is one of five not-for-profit centres created by the federal government.
- The National Research Council's industry partnership facility, part of the Atlantic Investment Partnership, will help companies commercialize their technology.
- The Brain Repair Centre, a collaboration among the NRC, Dal and regional hospitals, will expand its focus to examine commercialization opportunities that support research and clinical initiatives.

## Law students deliver pro bono community service

A group of Dalhousie law students is helping the community – and expecting nothing in return.

The group is part of Pro Bono Students Canada and delivers legal services – free of charge – to qualifying non-profit organizations.

Pro Bono Students Canada began at the University of Toronto Law School in 1996 and has since spread to 15 other law schools across the country.

At Dal, 35 students were involved last year. They helped various organizations, including The Brain Injury Association of Nova Scotia, Bide Awhile Animal Shelter and Canadian Pensioners Concerned.

## Kids meet brains at med school

Who wants to hold the brain?

Medical student Marsha Penner holds the wrinkly beige organ in her gloved hands. Several Grade 5 students take turns holding it, the look of disgust on their faces slowly turning to curiosity as they examine the brain, poking and prodding it.

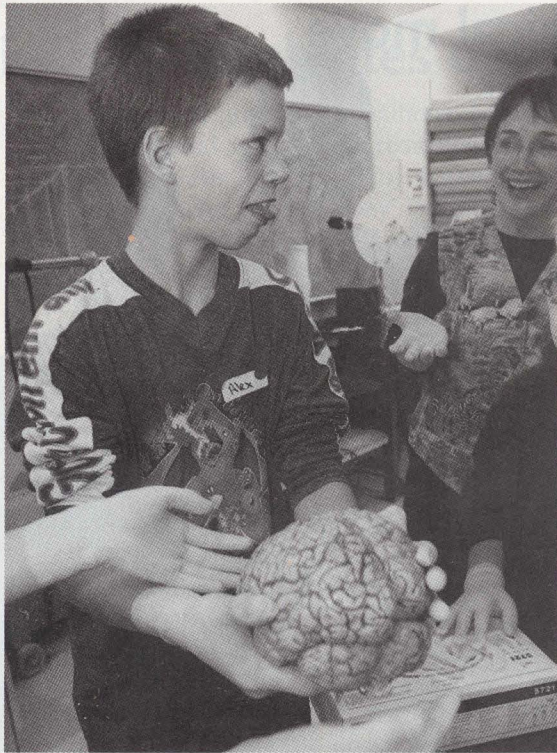
"It was disgusting," says one youngster. The class won a Dal-sponsored contest for Grade 5 students throughout Halifax. Students researched various diseases and completed projects. The winning project meant a visit to the medical school for the entire class.

While seeing a real human brain was a highlight of the trip, students also got to learn about cells, view glow-in-the-dark bacteria and extract DNA.

"This is every teacher's dream," said Judith Rickard (MED'82), the class teacher from LeMarchant-St. Thomas School. "This is better than anything. In science, we don't have the expertise and the equipment like this in the school system."

Even the medical students who gave the science demonstrations enjoyed being part of the project. "I love doing it," says Penner, who was as enthusiastic about the brain as the children. "It's such an important part of the body. The first time I touched a real one, I was like, 'Wow, cool!'"

- Jennifer Hourihan, Halifax Herald Ltd.



(CHRONICLE-HERALD/MAIL STAR)

## Cacti cache a prickly prize and 'fantastic teaching resource'

Dartmouth's Paul Brunelle found himself with a thorny dilemma a few years ago: what to do with his world-class collection of more than 1,200 cacti?

Brunelle's cactus collection has no equal in Atlantic Canada. He started collecting the succulents in the late 1960s. "Some people just thought of cacti as lumps with spikes," he says. Brunelle set out to change that perception. He collected seeds from all over the world. He supplied seeds to growers. He gave lectures. He wrote papers. He took photos of cacti that are unrivalled in their composition, lighting and beauty.

Through a shared interest in growing cacti, Carman Mills (BSc'94), manager of Dal's biology department greenhouse, became good friends with Brunelle. So, when it came time for Brunelle to retire his collection, he



Paul Brunelle in the Dalhousie greenhouse (MUIR)

gave the best of it to Dalhousie.

The collection provides a living laboratory for students and professors. "It is a fantastic teaching resource," says Professor Ann Mills. "It puts Dalhousie on the map and it uses the greenhouse in a very constructive way."

Another professor, David Patriquin, has used the collection as the starting point for a web site that serves as a major academic information source. "It should be a site that is of interest to cacti specialists all over the world and it will serve as a continuing educational resource."

Brunelle has become a valued member of the Dal community and holds the title of "visiting scientist." On many mornings, he can be found among his beloved cacti in the biology greenhouse. He continues to share his enthusiasm for the plants with anyone who wants to

learn more. "I wanted to show people that cacti can be raised here in Nova Scotia and raised well. Where could there be a better place to do this than in a university?"

Visit the Dalhousie cactus collection site at [www.dal.ca/cactus](http://www.dal.ca/cactus)

- Mary Somers



## Howe's west wing takes shape

**T**he west wing is taking shape at Dalhousie – not television's political drama, rather Howe Hall's much-needed residence extension.

The new construction, which completes Howe Hall's fourth side – facing the Dunn Building – will provide an additional 64,000 square feet of living space. It will result in a five-level structure and 201 new single rooms. All floors will be wheelchair-accessible; four rooms will be designed to meet the needs of persons with disabilities.

The \$7.5-million wing, a cost-recovery project, is to be finished next summer. The extension is part of a plan to expand Dal's student housing, to respond to a growing demand for campus accommodation. A new



*New digs will be available for Howe Hall students next summer (ABRIEL)*

apartment building on South Street will provide housing for 64 students.

In addition, with the opening of the FASS building on University Ave., houses on Henry, Seymour and LeMarchant streets, formerly used by departments, were renovated and upgraded to provide accommodation for 78 students.

## Cancer research gets \$10M boost

**M**ore than 24,000 Nova Scotians live with cancer. A recent \$10-million gift is giving Dalhousie researchers an opportunity to help improve their lives, and the lives of an additional 5,000 individuals diagnosed with cancer annually.

"This injection of funds couldn't have come at a better time," said Dr. Andrew Padmos, associate dean of cancer programs at the medical school. "The cancer burden is getting heavier each year; research offers our best chance of lightening the load."

The bequest – the largest in the history of the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation – was made by the late Beatrice Hunter, in memory of her parents, Owen and Pearl Cameron. In their name, a research chair in cancer cell biology will be established.

The endowment will generate \$400,000 annually.

## "It was a blast," movie extra says of cinematic adventure

**Matt Clay** (BSc'01) made it into the movies recently. Returning home from Dal, Clay was approached by a casting director for the made-for-TV thriller, *Phase IV*, filmed on campus last spring. The director asked Clay to work as a movie extra. Thus, the adventure begins:

"The movie is about a scientist who finds a cure for AIDS. The pharmaceutical industry wants to cover up the discovery as it will mean billions in lost revenue.

For three hours that night, we did background scenes in front of the chemistry and A&A buildings. A couple of scenes were chase scenes, with lines such as "Don't let him get away!" and "If he resists, take him out!"

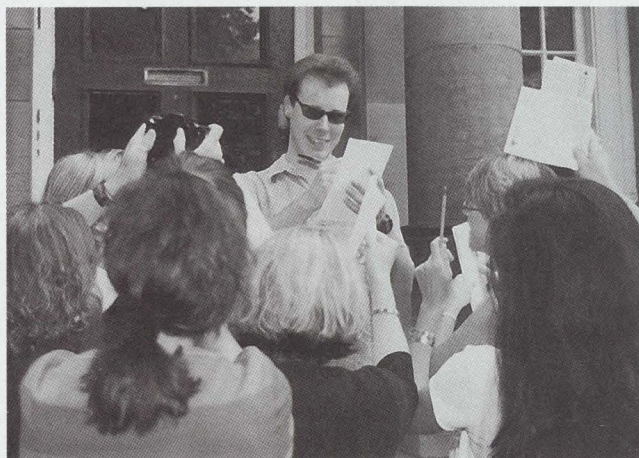
On a funny note, action was cut for about 20 minutes as the director waited for a breeze to blow the U.S. flag raised on our flagpole. When no breeze materialized, and with darkness approaching, the scene was shot with a droopy U.S. flag.

After our scenes, we went to get paid. I received a funny look from the extras' co-ordinator who sent me to someone in wardrobe, who agreed I would make a good cop. I was sent to the wardrobe trailer and decked out in full police uniform – hat, badge, and (fake) gun. Then, to the makeup trailer. Enough said.

Unfortunately, we five "new" cops never did get to do a scene. At one point, we were called up to the roof of the Chase Building to chase a jumper, only to be sent back down when the director decided there were too many cops. Most of our night – which went until 4:30 a.m. – involved talking to various directors and playing as cops, walking into "extras holding" (the chemistry resource centre), yelling "This is a raid!" and the like.

All in all, it was a blast!"

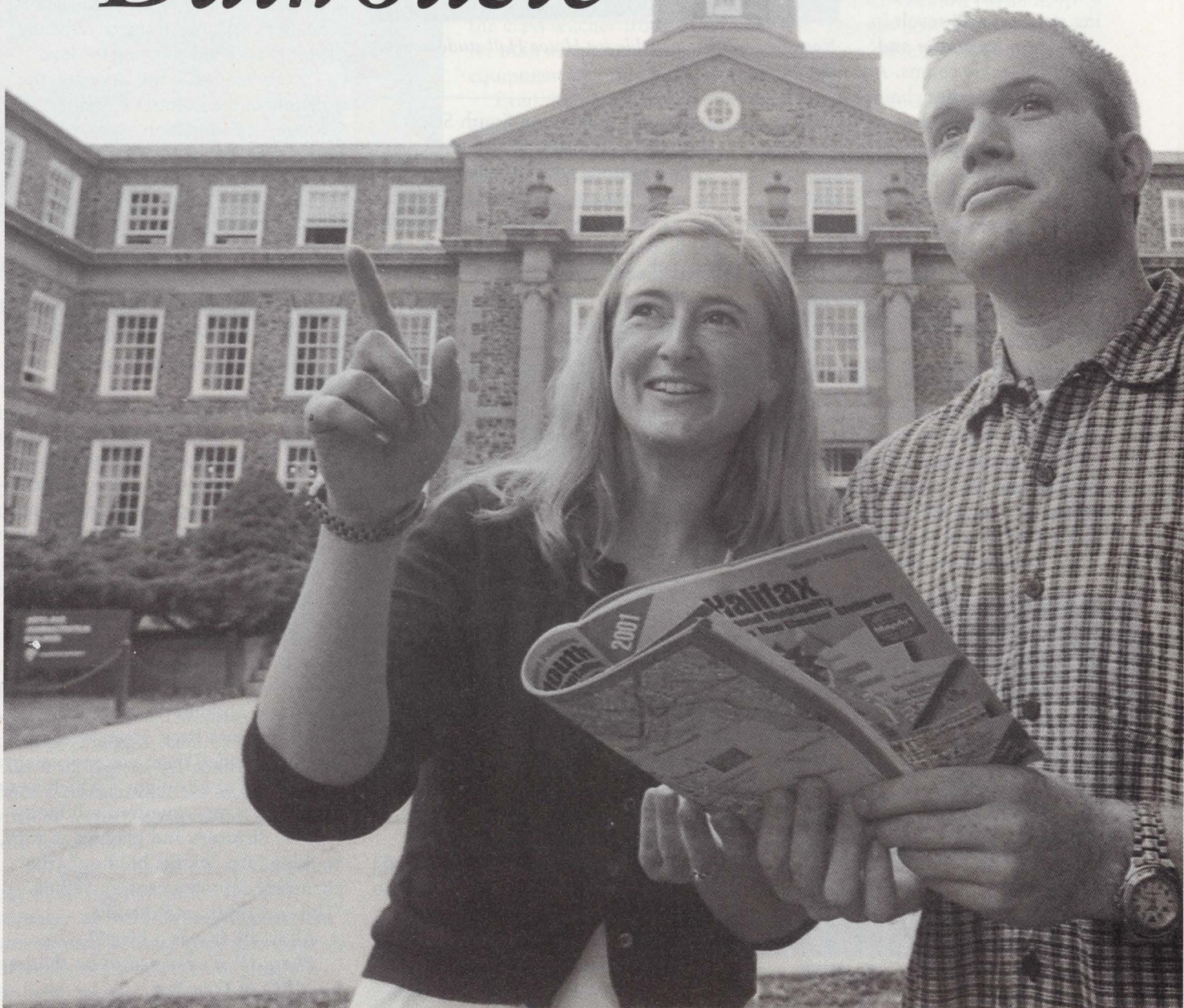
*Phase IV is expected to be shown on HBO in October.*



*Movie extra Matt Clay enjoys a celebrity moment (ABRIEL)*

# *O Canada!*

## *American students di Dalhousie*



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It's cross-border shopping at its best. Strong marketing, attractive tuition fees, and a safe and friendly location are drawing American students in record numbers

*by Cathy MacDonald*

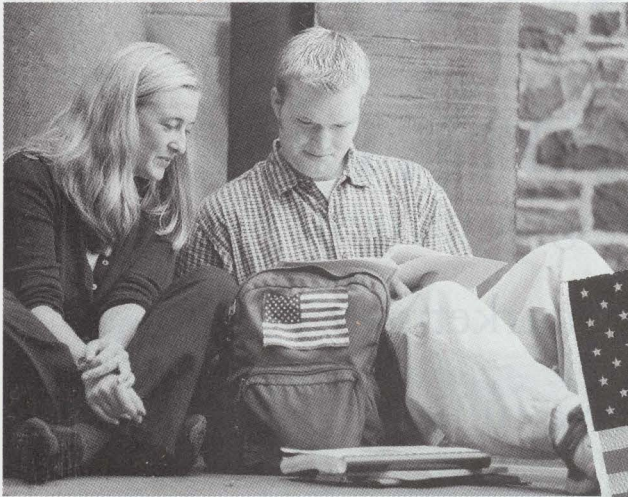
**W**ITH HIS SHOCK OF RED HAIR, freckle-dusted face and boyish grin, William Richard Orton IV (BCom'01) looks like the quintessential all-American boy. In many ways, he is.

Orton grew up in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine (pop. 6,000), and took the mound as a Little League pitcher. Later he pulled down an A average at Foxcroft Academy, the town's high school. Like most of his buddies, he always planned to go to university.

But while his classmates packed suitcases for universities in Maine, or New Hampshire, this All-American boy packed hockey gear and headed north – to Canada.

"A doctor from Labrador came to work with my father at the Mayo Regional Hospital in Dover-Foxcroft, and he mentioned how good Canadian universities were," said Orton, 22, whose friends call him 'Rich.' "He gave us a list of universities we should look at."

The Ortons hadn't considered Canada, but were pleasantly surprised by the idea. Bill Orton, an anaesthetist, and his wife Julie, a kindergarten teacher, wanted to pay for



American student Rich Orton (BCom'01) gains insight into studying in Canada from Louise Matheson (BA'02)

their son's education without loans. If he went to a state university like the other neighbourhood kids, it would cost about \$28,000 US annually, twice as much as an equivalent Canadian education.

Based on that, the family quickly made summer vacation plans for Canada. The summer before his senior year, Orton, his parents and two little brothers piled into the family minivan and drove 10 hours to do a little cross-border shopping. They had one thing on the list: the best university for the best price.

"We checked out Dalhousie, McGill and Carleton University," Orton recalls of the trip – his second visit to Canada. The first visit was a junior high journey to see the Boston Bruins play the Nordiques in Quebec. "I really liked Halifax. I liked that it was a coastal city, like Portland, Maine, and that it was not too big and not too small," he said. "It had all the good points of a big city, and none of the bad."

Orton was also pleased to discover his A average would earn him a \$1,000 entrance scholarship, but what clinched his Dalhousie decision was the work experience he'd get through the university's commerce co-op program.

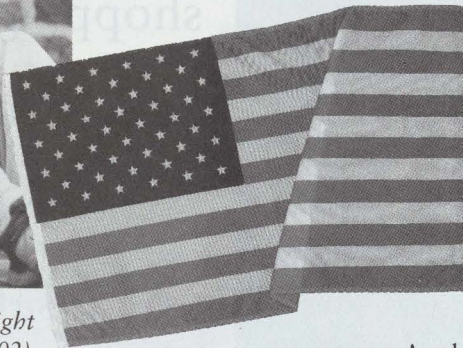
"A lot of other universities don't allow international students to do work terms," says Orton, who graduates this fall and will spend next year teaching English in Korea. During his four years at Dal, Orton had co-op stints in the

marketing departments of both Symphony Nova Scotia and the Fundy Geological Museum in Parrsboro, and also worked in the accounting department of a Boston pharmaceutical company.

"By coming here, I'm graduating from a recognized school with three jobs already on my resume," he declares. "And I'm one of the few people I know graduating without any debt."

Orton arrived at Dalhousie on the leading edge of an emerging import trend. In 1997-98, Nova Scotia began a concentrated recruiting campaign in the New England

*"There's a lot of competition. Just think how many universities – in Boston alone – American students would have to drive by to get here."*



states. At that time, only 119 American students were registered in all of the province's universities.

This year, nearly 200 American students applied to Dalhousie alone – an enrolment jump of 180 per cent over last year (of those, 147 chose Dal). The American dollar's clout, lower Canadian tuition fees and an increasingly successful marketing campaign are all contributing to Dalhousie's growing American profile.

The four-year-old unified marketing campaign was devised by Nova Scotian universities and the provincial government's Department of Economic Development in response to federal funding cuts throughout the '90s. The finely-tuned marketing strategy includes joint advertising for Nova Scotia universities, a collective web site, attendance at American education fairs, and an annual collaborative tour of provincial campuses for American high school guidance counsellors.

The stakes are high for both universities and Nova Scotian communities as they seek approval from south of the border. International students each spend approximately \$24,000 Cdn annually in Nova Scotia. Getting their attention is paramount and tough. The playing field is very crowded.

"There's a lot of competition," says Ava Czapalay (MEd'95), former assistant registrar at Dalhousie and now education marketing co-ordinator for the provincial De-

partment of Development. "Just think how many universities – in Boston alone – American students would have to drive by to get here," she says, referring to the 70 post-secondary institutions in the Massachusetts capital. That's almost equivalent to the total number of universities and colleges in Canada. "These students could find a good school anywhere," Czapalay continues. "What we offer is value, an excellent education that is recognized everywhere, and a very straightforward admissions process based on marks."

Over the years, the recruitment drive has been fine-tuned to deliver what American students say they want in Nova Scotia: a quality university with less expensive tuition and cost of living, and an international experience on a safe campus. So while lower tuition for a world-class education grabs the attention of American students, Nova Scotia's proximity to the United States, its reassuring friendliness and its physical similarity to the New England states are also promoted.

"You've heard of the tourist slogan 'foreign, familiar, friendly and near'?" Czapalay asks. "That applies to our U.S. recruitment."

The whole package appealed to Tracy Bisson, a third-year student from Portland, Maine, who's studying anthropology at Dalhousie and King's. She visited Dalhousie's information booth while a student at Catherine McAuley High, an all-girl Catholic school in Portland.

"At first, like everyone else, I didn't consider Canada at all," she confesses. "But my parents and I started looking at the numbers and we couldn't afford the private schools in Vermont that I was looking at. Then I read an article about Canadian education, and my parents and I spoke to my guidance counsellor about it. I started thinking, 'Why didn't anyone else think about going to Canada?' It's inter-

esting, and it's different, yet at the same time it's so logical to go there."

Her high school friends may be attending "some pretty prestigious universities" back home, but Bisson, 21, says she's getting an equal, if not better, education. She's enthusiastic about her courses and her future. "When I graduate I'll have an extremely manageable debt load. They will have an extremely unmanageable debt load."

Though Bisson lives in a different country, she doesn't feel like a foreigner. "Not at all," she laughs, then amends her response as she remembers a first-year lesson about different cultures. "No one in my family knew there was a Canadian Thanksgiving, too." Bisson stays on campus for the fall holiday – both of them – but flies home at Christmas. "I just take a quick flight to Boston. It's wicked easy."

Willie Merrill knows there's a Canadian Thanksgiving. In fact, the 18-year-old from Northwood, New Hampshire, knows plenty about Canada and its universities. A graduate of Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, he spent hours on the Internet researching computer science courses before settling on Dalhousie's four-year program.

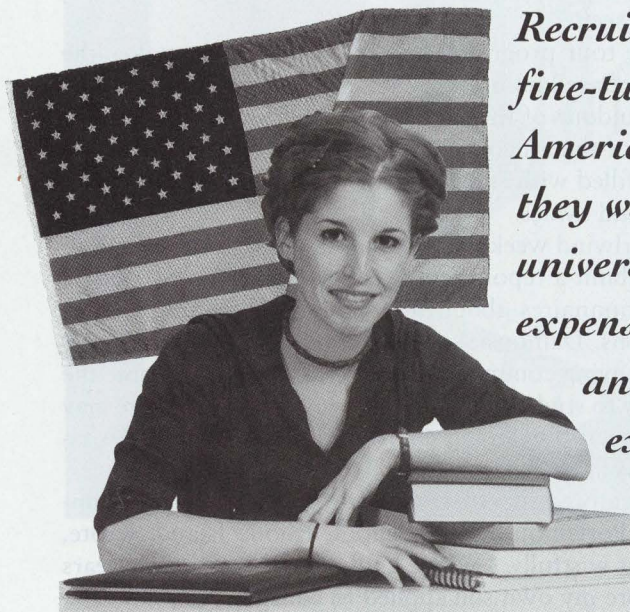
"My friends are kind of astonished that I'm going to a different country," he admits, but his parents "are pretty cool with it, and with the cost."

Although Merrill did much of his own research, he also relied on his guidance counsellor.

When it comes to recruiting American students, personal contact with guidance counsellors is essential. High school students start talking to counsellors about post-secondary options two, sometimes even three, years before graduating.

That's why Leigh Evans, Dalhousie's assistant registrar, heads to New England every fall. The leaves may be changing to beautiful gold and red colours outside, but Evans is inside – in gymnasiums, athletic centres and school halls. There, she meets counsellors and talks about Dalhousie's qualities at annual conferences such as the one hosted by the New England Association for College Admissions.

"It's been a real learning experience for us, too," says Evans, who also spends nearly two weeks at education fairs in the spring. "We have learned what to put on our display boards, and to use American terminology. While there aren't that many differences, there are some. For instance, you don't say 'university,' you say 'college;' you don't say 'Grade 12,' you say, 'senior year.'

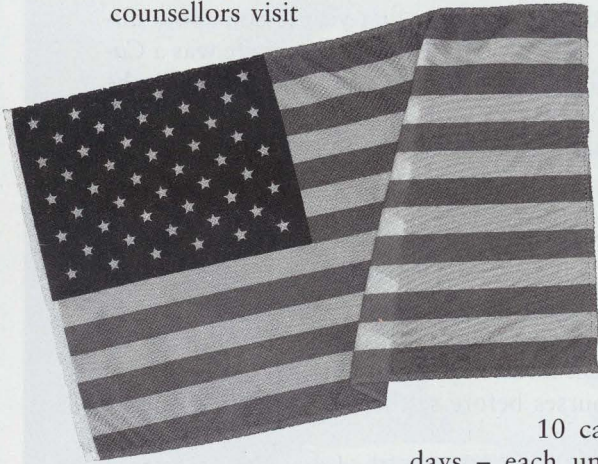


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Tracy Bisson,  
Portland, Maine

Evans makes independent school visits, as well, talking to students she describes as savvy consumers. They want financial information up front. They want Web site addresses and as much program information as they can get.

Evans is also the primary contact when American guidance counsellors tour Dalhousie's campus. The summer tour is the heart of the U.S. recruitment drive. Although it's a collaborative effort among Nova Scotia universities – counsellors visit



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10 campuses in five days – each university has its opportunity to shine individually.

The tour is very popular – 133 American guidance counsellors have visited the Dal campus since it began four years ago. There's even a waiting list of applicants wanting to take part. It's made such a good impression that, at the National Association of College Admissions Counsellors Convention in the U.S., organizers of Nova Scotia's display invite those who've visited the province to spend 15 minutes telling other counsellors what they liked. Many accept the invitation.

"Sometimes they stay even longer than that," says Czapalay, who attends American conferences as a government representative, and accompanies counsellors on the annual tour. And why would counsellors eagerly volunteer to promote Canadian universities?

"They are totally sold on the idea of their students studying here," Czapalay says. "They are under pressure from parents and students alike to find a quality institution. They see Dalhousie as a real find."

That's clear from the murmurs of approval from 34 counsellors who toured Dalhousie on a sunny day last July. Lunch and informal speeches took place in the Macdonald Building. Its soaring ceilings and ivy-covered facade evoke a reassuring Ivy League image. The university's nearly two-century-old pedigree lines the walls for the American counsellors to see. Glorious portraits of past Dalhousie presidents peer down at the diners seated at heavy mahogany tables. Artifacts, including photos of the

class of 1869-1870 and the 1889 football team, and a black-and-gold beanie from 1898-1900, are carefully preserved inside wood-trimmed cabinets.

The atmosphere is relaxed on this sultry sunny day but counsellors quickly put down dessert forks and pick up pens to take notes as Dal faculty begin discussing programs and available funding. Back home in September, hundreds of American students – and their parents – will be looking to these counsellors to help pick the right college. The pres-

sure, one counsellor says, "is immense."

As a result, campus tours are imperative, says Robin Murphy, guidance counsellor at the 750-student Medomak Valley High School in Waldoboro, Maine. No grads of the school have yet gone to a Canadian university, but last year students started asking for information. "This tour is a chance to find out specialty areas, what kind of students go here, get a feel for the campus," she says. "You can't get that out of a brochure."

Claire Law of Educational Avenues, an East Greenwich, Rhode Island, consulting firm that matches students with the "best schools for an affordable price," is blunt about the tour's importance: "I don't recommend kids to schools I haven't seen."

As the tour progresses, it's clear Dalhousie makes the grade. Counsellors are delighted to discover that the historic splendour of the Macdonald Building co-exists with the state-of-the-art computer science building on University Avenue, filled with students using the latest technology on laptops and iMacs.

A whirlwind week of travel and touring later, the counsellors submit a report card of sorts to Czapalay, completing questionnaires about the schools and making recommendations. Dalhousie's final mark: an 'E' for 'excellent.' Accompanying comments include promises to promote the university to students, and some counsellors hint there may be some recruiting going on around their own kitchen tables, as well.

"Very impressed with your school," Jan Williams, counsellor at Portsmouth High School, Rhode Island, wrote, somewhat wistfully. "Wish I had made this visit two years ago, before my own son applied to colleges." ①

# Peripheral vision



Photographer Paul  
Doucette observes  
beauty around  
Dalhousie's campus  
in places that many  
of us never quite see

**S**EEMINGLY MUNDANE CAMPUS locations hold beauty for Paul Doucette, a resident of Lawrencetown, N.S. After retiring from a career in international transportation and logistics management, Doucette began studies at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

"My time is now spent pursuing the artistic side of my nature which had to be shelved due to the vagaries of life," Doucette says. These days, his cameras are constant companions. They were at his side in recent months as he explored the architectural features of many Dalhousie and King's campus buildings. Here, we present a sampling of Doucette's striking images, accompanied by his words.

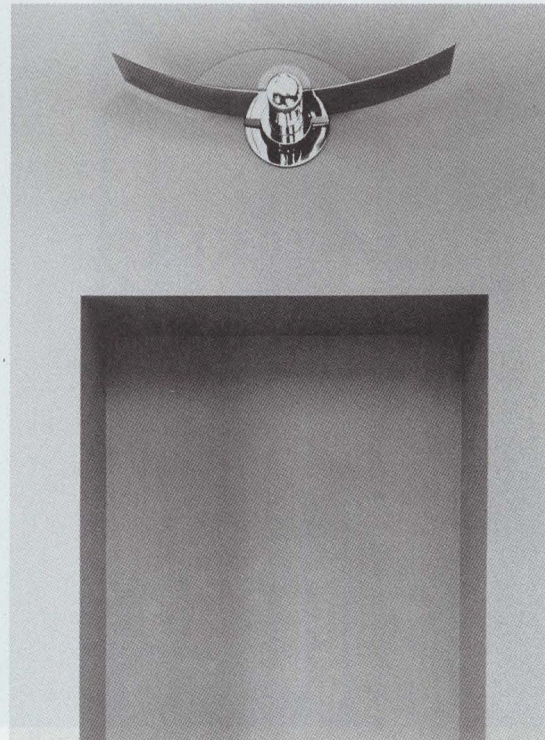
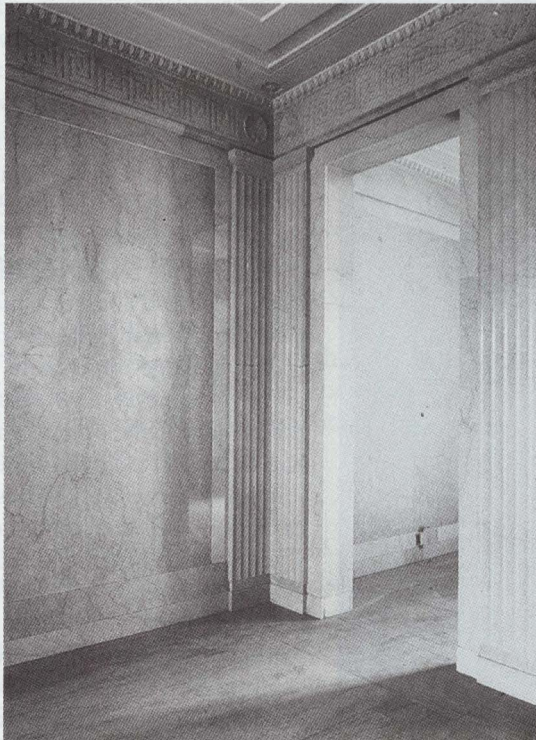
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Architecture embodies the aesthetic nature of geometry through the marriage of form, shape and dimension with light and elements of the surrounding environment; landscape is more than a pictorial representation of pastoral scenery.



The relationships between the materials taken from the natural world, and the objects made from them and then placed back within that world, have always held my interest.





I believe that we, as a society, build our living and working environments to reflect our sense of ourselves. We want the buildings that we raise to project security, power, stability and progress.

I hope that when people see the images I have taken of these sites, both on and off the Dalhousie campus, they will note the enduring strength of the bones upon which our society has been raised.



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(COURTESY ANNE-MARIE WOODS)

# One-woman wonder

by Kelly Marie Redcliffe

**A**NNE-MARIE WOODS (BA'93) BEGAN performing at age five, entertaining elementary school classmates while her teacher's back was turned. Wood's early teachers may not have appreciated her talent for voices, crazy faces and jokes, but organizers of the 2001 National Black Theatre Festival sure did. Woods, 33, was the first Canadian invited to perform at the prestigious festival – a testament to both her persistence and talent.

*The New York Times* describes the National Black Theatre Festival, held in August in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as “one of the most historic and culturally significant events, not only to black theatre in general, but American theatre as a whole. . . .” The event attracts North America's black theatre, film and television elite. Guests have included Cicely Tyson, Lou Gossett, Jr. and Oprah Winfrey. Sidney Poitier, Harry Belafonte and Billy Dee Williams have chaired the festival. Up to 50,000 people were expected to attend this year. Among those performing: Anne-Marie Woods – actor, dancer, narrator, poet, singer, writer and Dal grad – delivering her one-woman show, *Waiting to Explode*.

At the 1999 Halifax Fringe Festival, *Waiting to Explode* earned critical praise for Woods. One review described her as a “powerhouse of

endless energy and a magnetic performer.” Through a humorous amalgam of eight characters, *Waiting to Explode* explores women's experiences – everything from gynecologist visits to old age. “I use comedy to talk about real issues,” says Woods. “When you grow up as a class clown, you learn to do a lot of things that others don't.”

**N**o longer the class clown, Woods' no-nonsense yet gentle confidence is a personal trademark. She's stamped that confidence, along with considerable enthusiasm, all over Nova Scotia's arts and culture scene as a performer and dedicated youth worker. Most recently, she's taken her talents to Ontario. In all that she does, Woods' style reflects the three strands that converge in her life: culture, youth and the arts.

“What impresses me most about Anne-Marie is how much she gives of herself in her performances,” says filmmaker Sylvia Hamilton (MA'00, LLD'01). Woods offers a “vital” voice to people

From mischievous class clown to a prestigious North American theatre festival, it's been quite a show for Anne-Marie Woods



Woods, left, enjoyed critical praise and international travel as a member of *Four the Moment*.

of African descent, Hamilton says. “She is not disengaged. You have all of her.”

Woods was born in London, England, and, until age four, was raised by her godmother in Trinidad. She then moved with her parents to Nova Scotia; her artistic side surfaced during her youth. “I think creative kids have a different energy. I was always thinking of funny things I could do to disturb other kids.” But not everything was funny. As one of a handful of black students in a mostly-white school, she was taunted and once watched her older sister beaten by white kids. Despite the racism, Woods loved to sing and often asked to sing in front of her class, ignoring the jeers of other students. And in junior high, when she started attending the Cultural Awareness Youth Group of Nova Scotia, led by her brother, David (now a poet), Woods realized a young black woman could become much more than a class prankster.

“When I learned that there was more to black history than slavery, when I learned that there were black scientists, anthropologists, kings and queens, I thought, ‘Wow, we did something.’” Woods’ anger turned into pride: “When you’re young and black, and people are stepping off the sidewalk to avoid you, you get angry. But when I learned about black history, I had something to be proud of.” Inspired, her creativity soared. By 16, she had completed her first full-length play, a black version of *The Christmas Carol*, and was performing in talent showcases at every available opportunity. She was also running a drama program for Halifax City Recreation. Her passion eventually brought her to Dalhousie’s theatre department, where Woods displayed more than talent.

“I’ve had a lot of students but Anne-Marie stands out,” says Kathryn Edgett, who teaches movement and dance. “She knew where she was going. She had the talent. But talent will only take you halfway . . . maybe. She has ‘stick-to-it-iveness’ and a good soul.”

Talent certainly drove Woods’ success with the professional a cappella group, *Four the Moment*. For 12 years, she poured herself into the all-woman quartet that produced three CDs, won the East Coast Music Awards’ first African Canadian artist award, and traveled nationally and internationally.

After graduation, Woods became director of the Cultural Awareness Youth Group of Nova Scotia – breathing new life into the same program that had inspired her as a youngster. She also penned a series of one-woman shows that she performed in more than 100 local schools. It was simply something she wanted to do. “That’s just the kind of person I am. If I want to do something I find a way to do it.”

Woods is certainly a doer. She also believes in herself. “A long time ago, I don’t even remember when, I decided that I would always face my fears.” That’s a message she carries to as many young people as possible – including members of The Imani Women’s Artistic Project. Woods founded the program in the late ’90s to encourage young black women to explore their creativity and social issues – while building self-esteem and self-confidence – through theatre, movement and dance.

Even at Imani’s height, and while performing with *Four the Moment*, Woods constantly sought acting roles. Over two years, she landed parts in *Whylah Falls* by George Elliott Clarke (MA’89) and several other plays. But Nova Scotia isn’t known for “inclusion theatre” and Woods discovered there simply weren’t enough black roles to satisfy her voracious appetite. Her solution? Create her own.

That approach led to her 1998 Halifax Fringe Festival production – a one-woman show that explored the shortage of black men in Nova Scotia (“ . . . happy, saucy and full of laughter,” one reviewer extolled). Following that, she delivered *Waiting to Explode* – the show that earned her an invitation to the National Black Theatre Festival. Organizers of that festival likely recognized the same traits in Woods that appealed to arts’ patron, Mary Sparling (MA’78).

“When she is performing,” says Sparling, “you’ve no doubt about how tough she is and yet her delivery is very convincing and suspiciously gentle.” Sparling has admired Woods for years. “She is so in your face. She’s always pushing boundaries.”

Recently, Woods expanded her boundaries – she left Nova Scotia for Toronto: “to plant my artistic seeds in a bigger garden.” As playwright-in-residence at the Young People’s Theatre, she is now writing a show about the history of African Nova Scotians.

Anne-Marie Woods – writer, performer, youth worker and cultural advocate – is not only recording and performing history, she has, in fact, become a part of it. ①

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

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## Donna Curry (BSc'62, MD'67)

- President, Dalhousie Alumni Association 1981-82
- Former Board of Governors member
- Former chair, Dalhousie Annual Fund

*"If you're active as a student, you can't help but be active as a graduate. Dr. Gordon Archibald was one of my favourite people. It's great that his name is being remembered this way."*



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A. Gordon Archibald Award

## Doug Reid (BCom'82)

- President, Dalhousie Alumni Association 1994-95
- Former Board of Governors member
- Former chair, Dalhousie Annual Fund

*"At one time I would have suggested that universities prepare people to work, and they do that. But as a few years have passed, I would now suggest that what university does so well, what Dalhousie does so well, is prepare people to think."*



Award for Teaching Excellence

## Wayne MacKay (LLB'78)

- 21 years as a law professor
- Instrumental in creating Dal's IBM program
- Recently named president, Mount Allison University

*"It's important to take away with you the concept that you have an obligation to give back to the larger community, that you are in a privileged position - I think that's always been part of the law school tradition."*

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### RECEPTIONS

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#### YARMOUTH

*November*

#### MONCTON

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November 8*

#### SAINT JOHN

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#### DALHOUSIE ANNUAL DINNER

*Guest speaker, Rex Murphy  
October 26, 6:30 p.m. for 7:30 p.m.,  
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#### MEDICAL SCHOOL

*Classes of '51, '56  
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*Class of '91  
October 19-20, Halifax*

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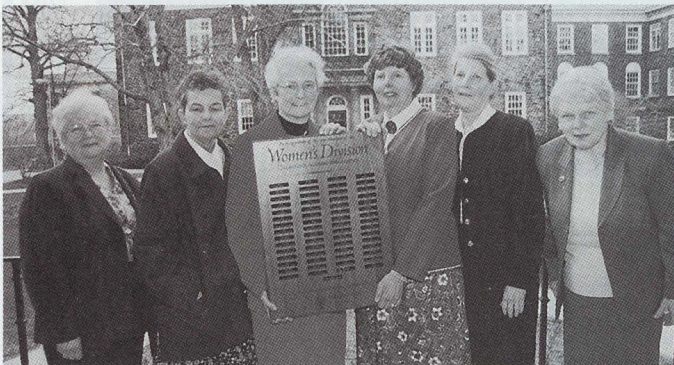
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A new board of directors was approved at the Alumni Association annual general meeting in June. Meet the volunteers who represent Dalhousie's 70,000 graduates:

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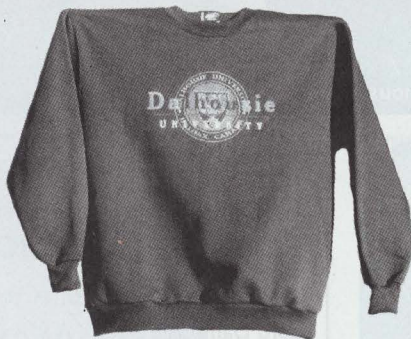
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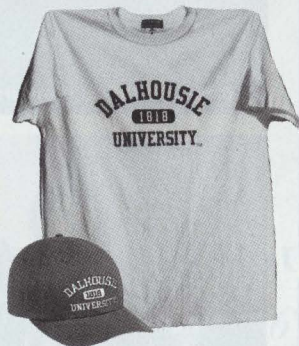
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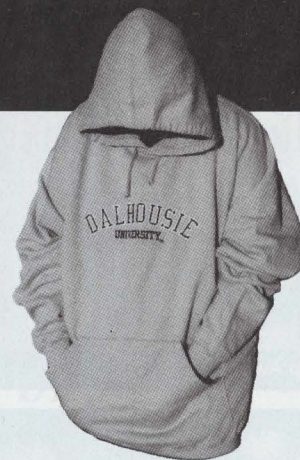
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**1942**

Lewis Benjamin Woolner, MD, Professor Emeritus at the Mayo Clinic, received an honorary degree at Dalhousie's spring convocation for "his distinguished accomplishments and contributions to the world of medicine."

**1949**

Thomas Melville DeBlois Jr., DEngr'39, BEng(Elec)(NSTC), married his Dalhousie sweetheart, Helen (Rogers) DeBlois, BCom '42, and worked with Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd. until retiring in December 1979. Thomas has published a book entitled "*The Unified Life Theory- A Philosophy for Living.*"

**1953**

John D. Vachal, BEng(Mech), is enjoying retirement from Boeing. John lives in Bellevue, Washington, and invites friends to contact him at [jvachal@hotmail.com](mailto:jvachal@hotmail.com)

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notable and distinguished contributions to the profession of engineering, to the world of higher education, and to industry and public service."

**1958**

William H. Charles, LLB, Professor Emeritus and former Dean of Law, 1979-1985, received an honorary degree at spring convocation, presented "with profound admiration for the dedicated contribution of his life in the law; as teacher, scholar, colleague, mentor, leader, law reformer and public servant."

**1960**

Gena Velcoff, BA, BEd, is holding an exhibit of drawings, paintings and photographs of her father and his family entitled, *Niden Velcoff: One Immigrant's Story*. The show runs Dec. 6-22, 2001, at Pier 21 in Halifax. Gena has taken part in the Dalhousie Art Show for three years. She works and exhibits in Toronto.

**1961**

Robert A. Cunningham, BCom, MBA '63(Western), is president of R.A. Cunningham & Associates Consulting Limited. Friends can contact him at [rcunningham@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:rcunningham@ns.sympatico.ca)

**1962**

Ruth (MacKenzie) Tolmie, BA, in partnership with her husband Ken Tolmie, owns and manages the Tolmie Gallery in Toronto. They invite friends to visit the website at [www.kentolmie.com](http://www.kentolmie.com)

**1966**

John William Graham, BCom, received an hon-

orary degree at spring convocation 2001, for "his outstanding contributions to the university in the remarkable combination of roles he has played at Dalhousie for almost four decades, and his efforts to improve the quality of students' experience at Dalhousie.

Alan Ruffman, MSc, was the Halifax-based Titanic expert on a recent project led by researchers from Lakehead University. The project involved partial exhumations to do DNA testing on the unidentified victims buried in Halifax following the sinking.

**1968**

Diane (Tramley) Tinkham, DPH, received an award from the Maritime Centre of Excellence for Women for her 30 years of dedication as manager of Mount St. Vincent University Health Services.

**1970**

Nancy (Nichols) McLeod, BA, BEd'71, is vice-principal at North Toronto Collegiate Institute. She looks forward to retiring in Nova Scotia.

**1971**

Bob Erickson, MSW, and his wife Harriet celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 3, 2001, with family and friends. Bob and Harriet met at Augustana College, and were married on December 15, 1951.

**1972**

Thomas L. MacKenzie, MSc, is Professor of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences at San Diego State University and Adjunct Professor, Department of Pediatrics, University of California, San Diego. He was selected as Alliance Scholar, 2001-2002, by the American Alliance

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### 1973

Michael L. Stewart, BA'73, completed his MBA at Athabasca University. Michael is manager of the bookstore at British Columbia Institute of Technology in Burnaby, B.C.

### 1976

Mary A. Kimball, BSc'71, LLB, is working on the Statute Law Revision Project at the New Brunswick Department of Justice.

### 1977

Christine MacLean, BA, moved to Moncton where she works as an independent TV writer and director.

### 1978

George Burden, MD, and wife Krista (Bailey), announce the birth of Ariana Faye on June 20, 2001. George is in group general practice in Elmsdale, N.S.

Brian MacKay-Lyons, BEDS'77, BArch, has been named Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows.

Brian was invested on May 18 at the 2001 AIA National Convention and Expo in Denver, Colorado.

Kathy Sullivan, PhD, LLD'85, has been elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Elected in Education, "for leadership and inspiration in education and the public understanding of science."

### 1979

Iqbal Cassim, BSc, announces the birth of his second son, on April 21, 2001, in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

### 1980

Robin Metcalfe, BA(Hons), is curator of Contemporary Art for the London Regional Art and Historical Museum in London, Ont.

Laurier L. Schramm, PhD, has been appointed President and CEO of the Saskatchewan Research Council in Saskatoon.

### 1981

Leslie J. Dellapinna, LLB, was elevated to the Nova Scotia Supreme Court on June 7, 2001. He received his QC designation in December 2000. Les lives in Halifax with his wife

Jennifer and their children Spencer, Erin and Samuel.

June Duesburry, BN, MBA, is the National Project Manager CIBA (Continuous Improvement of Booked Admissions) and Clinical Leadership Development for the NHS's Modernisation Agency. Friends can contact her at [june.duesburry@btinternet.com](mailto:june.duesburry@btinternet.com)

Andrew Grose, BCom, will star in his own sitcom on The Comedy Network and CTV this fall called "Point Blank." In 2000, Andrew was nominated for a Gemini and a Canadian Comedy Award for television writing for his work with the CTV show "Double Exposure." He invites friends to visit his website: [www.andrewgrose.com](http://www.andrewgrose.com)

Heather MacAulay, BSc(Physio), has a multidisciplinary physiotherapy practice in Burnside, N.S., and has opened a European-style spa.

Shalini Patel, BSc'77, BEng(Civ), is in a senior municipal engineering position with the federal government. He and wife Pradip have two daughters, 7 and 14.

Ayobami R. Scott, BSc, is the Senior Placement Specialist at D.C. Powers & Associates in Vancouver.

### 1982

Robert N. Geldart, BEDS'80, BArch, MPI'90(Queens), joined the Planning and Development Department in Edmonton, November 2000, as their principal heritage planner. He and wife Nancy now have two daughters, Jenna and Rachel. Friends can contact them at [geldart@telusplanet.net](mailto:geldart@telusplanet.net)

Cindy (Cole) Hood, BPE, and husband David Hood, MSc'81, announce the birth of twins, Erin and Michelle, on July 12, 2000, sisters for Andrew and Ryan. David works in the Kinesiology Department at York University.

John McNair, BCom, graduated from the NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy. John is serving on NATO duty, in Mons, Belgium.

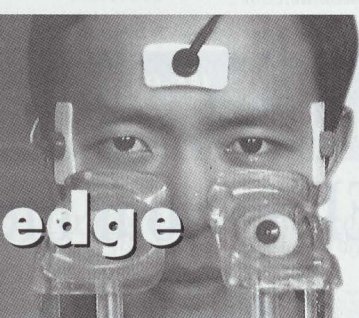
David Wallace, BSc, BArch, is a Computer-Aided Facilities Management consultant in Halifax. David is the recipient of the ARCHIBUS/FM Top Gun Award for 2001.

### 1983

Stephen Fraser, BPE, a major in the Canadian Air Force, has returned to Canada after a four-year exchange tour flying the P3C Orion with the US Navy in Jacksonville, Fl. Steve and his wife Lisa and their sons Andrew, 10, and Bradley, 7 have moved to Ottawa where he will be working on the project to upgrade Canada's fleet of CP-140 Aurora Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

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K.C. John Ting, BEDS'82(TUNS), BArch (TUNS), is honorary treasurer of the Singapore Institute of Architects for the 41<sup>st</sup> Council, 2001/2002.

### 1984

Sandra Curwin, DPhysio'76, BSc(Physio)'82, MSc, PhD'88(UCLA), is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Physiotherapy at the University of Alberta.

### 1985

Karen Alcoe, DDH, and husband Derek announce the birth of Taylor Ann on January 29, 2001. A sister for Riley.

### 1986

J.P. Barry, BA, his wife, Cynthia Culmer, and children, Brendan and Kiera, moved to Calgary. J.P. opened a new office for the International Management Group in Western Canada.

Jeff Goodall, BSc, received his degree in veterinary medicine from the Atlantic Veterinary College in 1994. Jeff opened the Sunnyview Animal Hospital in Bedford.

Eva Marks MacIssac, BRec, is executive director of the Debert Military Family Resource Centre at Canadian Forces Base Halifax.

Thom Mason, BSc, has been named to lead construction of the \$1.4 billion Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) project in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

### 1987

Judith Balch, BSc'85, BCom, and Ken Tanner married in 1997 and announce the birth of Madeline in 1998. Judith works at Nova Scotia Power as regional customer service manager.

Elizabeth MacDonald, BA, and her husband Blair Brown, BCom'92, announce the birth of Samuel George Alexander on May 7, 2000, a brother for John David. Elizabeth is a regional marketing officer for Parks Canada, in Halifax and Blair is a commercial account manager with the Bank of Montreal in Dartmouth.

### 1988

Andrew Easton, BSc, works with the Department of Public Safety in New Brunswick. He and his wife, Cst. Debbie Easton, live in Nerepis with daughters Morgan, 5, and Raine, 2. Friends can contact them at [andrew.easton@gnb.ca](mailto:andrew.easton@gnb.ca)

Rina (Elster) Pantalony, BA'85, LLB, and Michael Pantalony, LLB, and sons Seth and Jared live in New York City. Michael is practising international commercial litigation and Rina is in-house intellectual property counsel for a media company.

## Spotlight on Alumni

### McNeill celebrates ironclad strength

There may be several ways to gain the title of Miss Canada. Sarah Jane McNeill (BScH'00) chose the toughest.

The patriotic title was assigned to McNeill last July by a race announcer as she was zipping through a small village, cycling at speeds of 20k to 58k per hour, on her way to becoming the only North American woman of her age to complete the Quelle Ironman Europe triathlon in Roth, Germany.

"I proudly wore the Canadian flag on my shirt and helmet, and from the first moment I rode my bike, and throughout the day, I was known as Miss Canada."

The Ironman is arguably the most difficult athletic event in the world. A gruelling test of strength, athletic ability, endurance and sheer guts, it involves a 3.8k swim, 180k bike ride and 42k run. (For perspective, imagine this: swim for several hours, hop on a bike and cycle – return trip – from Bedford to Wolfville, then run a marathon.) McNeill completed the event in 12 hours, 45 minutes and 48 seconds – finishing ninth in the women's under-25 age group, and 140th of 3,000 competitors. Incredibly, it was her first Ironman competition. It was also her 24th birthday.

"It was the most amazing thing I've ever done," she says. "When I crossed the line, I can't explain how it felt. I was so proud. But it wasn't exhilaration and dancing around and cheering – it was just so much more personal."

McNeill, who earned an honours

degree in psychology and a Board of Governors Award at Dal, relates a particularly memorable moment during the cycling leg of the event, as she emerged from a long wooded road and entered a village that, at first, seemed devoid of spectators. "Then, you see it – a very steep, long



A triumphant Sarah Jane McNeill at the finish line of the Quelle Ironman in Germany

hill. Huge. Lined with thousands of people. The crowds fill the street so tightly that there is only enough room for one person on a bike to squeeze through. The children reach out their hands in hopes that an Ironman will touch their palm."

So, what does McNeill do now?

While studying for a degree in school psychology, she's planning her next few events. She hopes to qualify for the Boston Marathon and is registered for next summer's Ironman USA in Lake Placid. What she'd really like is to compete in the Canadian Ironman Championship in Penticton, B.C., next August. "That's my dream," says McNeill, "if I can find the sponsors to help me get there."

For information, contact her at [sarahjanemcneill@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahjanemcneill@hotmail.com)

## 1989

Steven S. Bryson, BCom, returned to Halifax in September 1999 after eight years in management with the North West Company in the Eastern Arctic. Steven is pursuing a full-time career as a trader in the financial markets.

Amy Pugsley Fraser, BA(Kings), and Hugh Fraser, BA(Hon)'89, MJ'92(Carleton), announce the birth of Patrick Ronald on January 30, 2001, a brother for Ted, 3. Amy is a reporter for the The Halifax Herald and Hugh is a news and current affairs producer with CBC-TV and Newsworld.

Jane (Taylor) Walton, MBA, and Charles Walton, married June 1, 2001. Both Jane and Charles are faculty at the Nova Scotia Community College. Friends can contact *jain@accesswave.ca*

### University women meet

The Canadian Federation of University Women, Halifax Club, meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at the Barrington Market Superstore, 1075 Barrington St. For information call (902) 457-0845.

## 1990

Debra Burleson, BSc/MPA, and Christopher Purcell, PhD(Physics)'88, live in Dartmouth with sons Robert, 9, Alex, 10, James, 17, and friend Ryan, 17. Chris is a scientist with Defense Research Establishment Atlantic and Debby is Director of the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History.

Doran Donovan, BCom, MBA'94, and Laura Leslie, BScN (St.FX.), married on April 23, 2000 and announce the birth of their first child, Alexis Leslie Donovan on February 6, 2001. Doran works with CIBC Wood Gundy and Laura works at the IWK. They can be contacted at *donovand@cibc.ca*

Richard Levangie, BSc'81, BJ (Kings), has launched an online art gallery that celebrates Atlantic Canada's artists and artisans. You can see it at *www.gathering-of-artists.ca*

Peter Lynds, BEng(TUNS), and Heather (Logan) Lynds, BScN'93, announce the birth of Hannah Kathleen on January 23, 2001, a sister for Sarah Nicole on March 30, 1999.

D'Arcy McDonah, BSc'85, BEd, and wife, Anne (Clark), announce the birth of Alexander Henry on August 18, 2000, a brother for Evan James, 2. They live in Waverly, where D'Arcy is a teacher with the Halifax Regional School

Board. Friends can contact *mcdonab@ns.sympatico.ca*

Lori (Lee) Scotvold, BCom, CA, and husband Sean live in Calgary, AB, with twin daughters Jessica and Hanne, born November 28, 2000, and son Joshua, born October 1, 1998. Friends can contact *scotvold@home.com*

Heather Stairs, MD, announces the birth of Caleb Wesley Stairs on October 5, 2000. Heather continues to work in family practice in Oromocto, N.B.

Helen Weir, BScN, MS (Nursing Informatics, UMAB Baltimore, Md.), works with South-East Health Care Corporation in Moncton, N.B. Helen is co-ordinator of the Order Entry system, which is a module of the corporation's Meditech health care information system.

## 1991

James W. Bell, BCom, and Rhonda (Greizis), BA(UofT)'93, married on September 16, 2000, in Toronto. Charles Hanna, BCom'90, and Donald Clancy, BCom'89, were groomsmen. James is employed in the income tax department of the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency.

Denise (MacPherson) Friars, BA'89, BEd (Hon), MEd'99 (Acadia), and husband Scott announce the birth of Chloé Marie on February 2, 2001. They live in Dartmouth where Denise works with the Halifax Regional School Board as a guidance counsellor/teacher.

John J. Jodrey, DEng(TUNS), Chairman of the Board of Scotia Investments Ltd. and honorary chairman of CKF Incorporated, received an honorary degree during spring convocation 2001 for "his outstanding business leadership and exemplary philanthropic contributions."

Nancy MacConnell-Maxner, BSc, and Charles Maxner, BScK, announce the birth of their first child Grace, born March 11, 2000. Nancy works at Mount Saint Vincent University and Charles has a business in ergonomic consulting- Ergonomic Systems Associates.

Anne-Marie Smith, BSc (Pharm), and Dr. Carl Davis announce the birth of Christopher Ray on August 23, 2000, a brother for Ryan, 3. They live in Halifax.

## 1992

Bill Abbott, LLB, and Amy Bell, MA'91, MPA'93, announce the birth of their second daughter, Margaret, on February 11, 2001. Bill has recently graduated from the University of Ottawa with an LLM in IT Law, and Amy is an evaluation analyst with Health Canada.

Fiona A. Black, MLIS, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Library and Information Science, Faculty of Management at Dalhousie.

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***Fire prevention and management studies provide constant learning for Burgan***

**Robert J. Goguen**, BEng(Chem)(TUNS), lives in Schomberg, Ont., and works with Kinetics Modular Systems. Robert would enjoy hearing from fellow grads at [rjgoguen@hotmail.com](mailto:rjgoguen@hotmail.com)

**Margaret (Cruikshank) Groves**, BSc(Pharm), and her husband Maj.(CF) Richard Groves announce the birth of Rachel Catherine on March 11, 2001 in Nashua, New Hampshire.

**Michael J. Hanlon**, LLB, joined the Montreal office of Fraser Milner Casgrain, where he will continue to develop his specialized practice in bankruptcy, insolvency and commercial litigation.

**Leeanne Lauzon**, BScN, MSc(UofT)'98, and husband Tom McCutcheon, announce the birth of Conall on May 4, 2001, a brother for Catherine, 3. Leeanne is the research analyst for Halifax Assisted Reproductive Therapies.

**Ron Matlock**, BSc(Pharm), and **Jodi (Thorburn) Matlock**, BSc(Pharm)'93, announce the birth of Jillian Rae on February 9, 2001. They live in Exeter, Ont. Friends can contact [rj.matlock@sympatico.ca](mailto:rj.matlock@sympatico.ca)

**Scott C. Miller**, BA, is Director of International Sales for Ten Digits Software Inc. in Vancouver.

**Susanne (Verberk) Nisar**, BEd, and **Kamran Nisar** announce the birth of twins, Adam Mustafa and Noah Ahran, on Nov. 10, 2000.

**1993**

**Gaye Johnston**, BCom, CA, CPA, and **Daryl Antoniuk**, married July 7, 2001, in her hometown of Miramichi, N.B. They live in Hawaii where Gaye is the Director of Finance for Homeless Solutions and Daryl is a pilot with Japan Airlines flying the DC-10.

**Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Yaacob**, BEng(Civ), MSc(U of Warwick), and **Ros Arniza Jantan** married. Nik Abdul Aziz is a Business Development Manager for HP in Malaysia.

**Jennifer (Ingham) Soares**, BCom, and husband Andrew announce the birth of Samantha Drew on March 24, 2000. Jennifer is an accountant for XL Capital Ltd. in Bermuda and can be contacted at [ajsoares@northrock.bm](mailto:ajsoares@northrock.bm)

**Virginia Stites**, BSc(Pharm), works for Lawtons and is president of the Rotary Club of Hampton.

**Tengku Azahan Bin Tengku Alli**, BCom'92, BA, is with the Capital Market Division at Alliance Merchant Bank Berhad, Malaysia.

**1994**

**Edward F. Card**, MSc, is an Associate at William M. Mercer Incorporated, a global consulting firm that helps organizations use the power of their people to enhance business success.

**Holly Burgan** was at home caring for her two young sons when volunteers from the Sackville Fire Department came to her door recruiting new volunteers. They were looking for the 'man of the house' but Burgan, her interest piqued, asked "Can I do it?" That question changed her life. "It's not something I ever thought of doing until that day," she remembers.

Before she was accepted, she had to undergo a barrage of aptitude tests to determine whether she had the mental, emotional and physical ability to deal with firefighting.

She did.

A decade later, in November 2000, Holly Burgan – also a student in Dal's bachelor of management program – was promoted to Fire Prevention Officer, becoming the first paid female firefighting officer in the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM).

Burgan, originally trained as a bookkeeper, has spent 10 years as a firefighter – first as a volunteer in Sackville, then with the Department of National Defence. She moved to the HRM Fire and Emergency Service and became the second female firefighter hired in Dartmouth. Though only about 1.5 per cent of firefighters in the HRM are female, Burgan says they have the same career options as male firefighters.

The best part of her career is the constant learning – courses in CPR, water and ice rescue, even knot-tying. In 1993, Burgan became the first woman to top her class in a training course at the Borden Fire Academy in

Ontario. Burgan also completed Henson College's fire service certificate program.

Burgan's current focus involves prevention and public education. She continues to pursue the education credentials that will bring a wider variety of skills and understanding to her job. "I decided that a management degree would be the best way to go."



*Management student and firefighter, Holly Burgan (ABRIEL)*

Ramona Ryan, program administrator at the faculty of management, agrees that Burgan's choice is a good one. "It's a unique program, combining management courses in environment, information, public sector and entrepreneurship," says Ryan. "There are no co-op work terms, so it's good for part-time students."

Full-time work and part-time studies combined with parenting make for a busy schedule, but Burgan says it's more than worth it. She did, however, take a Wednesday off in August – to get married.

For information on the Bachelor of Management program, call 1-902-494-2871, or go to [www.mgmt.dal.ca/BMGMT](http://www.mgmt.dal.ca/BMGMT)

– Susan Brown

**Jill Ramsay-Stewart**, BScOT, and **Derek Stewart**, BSc'91, CNE, announce the birth of Gabriella Suzanne Stewart on March 5, 2001. They live in Sydney, N.S.

**Rosemary Sibanda**, BA(Hons), MLIS, is accepted to the Doctor of Business Leadership at the University of South Africa. Friends can contact her at [rsibanda@nust.ac.zw](mailto:rsibanda@nust.ac.zw) or [dsibanda@zesa.ac.zw](mailto:dsibanda@zesa.ac.zw)

**Christabel Stewart**, BA(Psych), completed her MBA at the University of Miami in June 2000. She is the Human Resources Administrator for

Colombian Emeralds International, Nassau, Bahamas. Contact her at [christastuart@hotmail.com](mailto:christastuart@hotmail.com) or [cstuart@dutyfree.com](mailto:cstuart@dutyfree.com)

### 1995

**Michael R. Ball**, BA, graduated on May 17, 2001 with a master's degree in history from the University of New Brunswick.

**Andrew Bennett**, BA(Hon), MA'97(McGill), has completed his PhD in politics at the University of Edinburgh. Andrew is a policy analyst at the Privy Council Office in Ottawa.

**Wanda Staples**, DDH, BA'95, has completed her Bachelor of Education Degree from the University of Ottawa. Wanda is a resource teacher in Ottawa and practises dental hygiene on a part-time basis.

### 1996

**Moussa Abdallah**, DEng'86, BEng'89, MAsc'92, PhD, is an assistant professor at Princess Sumaya University in Amman, Jordan. Moussa and his wife Baraa Sweiss announce the birth of Sarah on January 25, 2001, a sister for Habib, 4.

**Linda E. Klaamas**, LLB/MPA, is a Senior Policy Advisor and Negotiator with Climate Change International at Environment Canada.

**Deanne MacLeod**, LLB/MBA, and **Mark Forward** announce the birth of John Alexander "Jack" MacLeod on October 20, 2000. Deanne practises corporate law at Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales in Halifax.

**Natalie McDonald**, BA, BEd'97(U of Maine), teaches Grade 6 part-time with the Halifax Regional School Board and works at the QEII Health Sciences Center.

**Peter D. Reid**, BEng (TUNS), and **Catherine McOwan** married on February 10, 2001, in Melbourne, Australia. Friends can contact [pete+cath@ains.net.au](mailto:pete+cath@ains.net.au)

### 1997

**Carolyn (Huestis) Coulson**, BSc(Pharm), and husband **Cory** announce the birth of their first child, **Jessica Erin**, May 6, 2001. Carolyn is a pharmacist at Shoppers Drug Mart in Charlottetown, P.E.I. Friends can contact her at [ccoulson@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:ccoulson@pei.sympatico.ca)

**Kyle Forden**, BCom, and **Martha (Purvis) Forden**, BSc'95, have moved to Dallas from Toronto. They can be reached at [canadiantexan@hotmail.com](mailto:canadiantexan@hotmail.com)

**Katrina Hurley**, BSc, and **Arik Drucker** married on August 19, 2000. She graduated from the Doctor of Medicine program at Memorial University in May 2001 and was awarded the University Medal of Excellence for Medicine.

**Jason J.A. Whitehead**, BRec, is a stand-up comedian in the UK, living in London and traveling extensively. He has been hired by BBC to be part of a new talk show and to develop his sitcom ideas.

### 1998


**Nick Cassis**, BSc'96, BScCAMD, has expanded his Financial Planning licenses so he may advise within Nova Scotia. For more information contact 1-877-352-1724.

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David Holder, BA, and Iashi Kantrow, BA'99, married September 23, 2000. They live in Port Moody, B.C.

Roderick MacKinnon, BScK, graduated in 2001 from the UofT with a BSc in physical therapy. He works in the cardiovascular unit at Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre in Toronto. Friends can contact [rjpmackinnon@hotmail.com](mailto:rjpmackinnon@hotmail.com)

Sean McMurtry, MD, and Natalie (Baker) McMurtry, BSc(Pharm)'97, announce the birth of Thomas James McMurtry on May 4, 2001. Sean is pursuing his fellowship in cardiology and Natalie works for a research network in Edmonton. They can be reached at [mcmurtry@telusplanet.net](mailto:mcmurtry@telusplanet.net)

Randee (Drucker) Walker, BA, and Derek Walker, married May 5, 2001, in New Beach, California.

## 1999

Lori Andrews, DEng'96, BEng(TUNS), has moved to Toronto and works with Enviros RIS Ltd.

Rosanne Cousins, BScK, is the Alumni and Stewardship Officer for Alumni Relations at Dalhousie University. Friends can contact her at [rosanne.cousins@dal.ca](mailto:rosanne.cousins@dal.ca)

Ernest Dingle, BCom, and Laura Kelloway, BA, married on October 28, 2000, in Dartmouth.

Heidi Eaton-Stagg, MSc, and Trevor Stagg, BSc'93, announce the birth of Wyatt Anthony Eaton Stagg on October 31, 2000. Heidi is an audiologist with Argus Hearing Aid Center in Moncton, N.B., and Trevor practises law with Zed & Company in Saint John, N.B.

Shauna Margaret MacDonald, BA, and Aaron Robert Smith married on May 14, 2000, in Perth, Australia. They live and work in Taiwan.

Terence Tam, BA, has been traveling around the world working on cruise ships.

## 2000

Jennifer Blundell, BSc'96, BSc(Pharm), and Kirk Ramsay, BSc(Pharm)'99, are the new owners of Janelle's Pharmasave in the Rockingham Ridge Plaza in Halifax.

Karen Furneaux, BScK, won gold in K1 at the World Senior Canoe Championships in Poland in August.

Sylvia Daphne Hamilton, MA, received an honorary degree at spring convocation for "her work to preserve a history which might otherwise have been lost, for her continuing fight against racism and her constant efforts to give voice to the Black experience in Canada.

## Spotlight on Alumni

### Shinerama – a Dal tradition

For a few days each September, Halifax is overrun with lively gangs of Dal frosh, polishing shoes, roving in boisterous packs gathering boxes full of change. Shinerama time.

Through Shinerama, Canadian students have helped raise over \$12 million for research into cystic fibrosis – an inherited, genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system.

"Dalhousie has been one of the top 10 schools for Shinerama for as many years as I can remember," says Lilli Ju (BSc '92, BA'94).

"It was my favourite activity of fall orientation. Shinerama played a critical role in getting to know Dalhousie and actually having fun here," says Ju. "It really brings out the best of spirits among students."

Ju has been on Shinerama organizing committees since 1989, and was the national Shinerama chair

for 1999 and 2000. Now working on her third degree, this year was the first time in seven years she missed Shinerama's national conference. "But I occasionally find time to help out with the local Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF) chapter here in Halifax. And I've made some long-lasting friendships."

The friends include Curtis Cartmill (BScH'98). "In my first year at Dal, I shined shoes like hundreds of other frosh. Then I met Lilli Ju, and she asked me to be part of her committee doing sponsorship." He co-chaired the '95 and '96 Dalhousie campaigns. Cartmill, now a software developer in Vancouver, continues

his involvement with Shinerama as national chair for 2001-2002.

Cartmill is not the only Dal grad working for CCFF nationally. Peggy Green (DPT'75) is serving a two-year term as CCFF president. Green, a physiotherapist, has been a volunteer since 1983. David Ripley, staff at Dal's school of occupational therapy, also serves on CCFF's board of directors.

What is it that motivates such commitment? Dean Naugler (BA'99), now a corporate administrator

in Calgary and Shinerama's regional director for British Columbia and Alberta, remembers a specific incident at Dal: "After a fundraiser, I took my committee out for pizza. When I went to pay the bill, I learned that another customer had paid for us. He had seen us out fundraising. He had a family

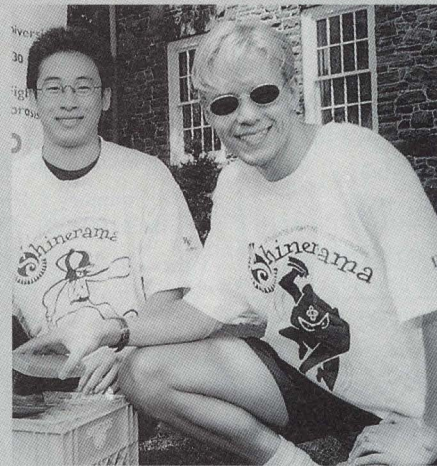
member who had CF."

Shawn Tracey (BSc'00) co-chaired Dal's 2000 Shinerama, which raised over \$30,000 for an "awesome cause." This year, Tracey is both DSU president and Shinerama Atlantic regional director.

For Lilli Ju, it's all about the people. Ju and Cartmill both describe Dal students, staff and grads who live with cystic fibrosis as 'incredible motivators.' As for student and alumni dedication to the cause, Ju sums it up this way: "Dal dominates Shinerama!"

For information, go to [www.cysticfibrosis.ca](http://www.cysticfibrosis.ca)

- Susan Brown



Fund-raising efforts for cystic fibrosis research are a fall tradition at Dal. Above, in 1998, Shinerama co-ordinator Terence Tam (BA'99) with Dean Naugler (BA'99)

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### 2001

Scott Harold Melvin, BEng(Elec), received the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Medal at spring convocation.

### Deaths

Marguerite I. (MacDougall) Bishop, BCom '27, on March 15, 2001.

Margaret Mary Zinck, Arts'30, Halifax, on May 29, 2001.

Robert W. Braine, BA'31, St. John's, on July 4, 2001.

George Isner Cole, DPharm'34, Dartmouth, on May 10, 2001.

A. Borden Stoddard, BCom'34, Wolfville, on March 7, 2001.

William James Archibald, BA'33, MA'35, LLD'79, Halifax, on May 29, 2001.

Gladys Enid (Johnson) MacLeod, MD'37, LLD'85, Ottawa, on May 17, 2001.

Tobias Beeber, MD'38, Florida, April 27, 2001.

O.W. Crummey, DDS'38, Guysborough, N.S., on April 10, 2001.

Grace Elizabeth (Carten) Gosse, Arts'38, Halifax, on May 3, 2001.

Frederick Rees, BEng(Min)'38(NSTC), St. John's, on June 4, 2001.

James Alexander Doull, BA'39(Hon), Professor Emeritus of Classics, on March 16, 2001.

Andrew Hollett, BSc'37, MSc'39, Ottawa, on November 2, 2000.

John "Jack" Stewart Miller, BSc'35, MD'39, Creston, B.C., on March 8, 2001.

Margaret (Remmes) Palmer, BA'39, Carlisle, Mass., on November 4, 1991.

Murray Ferguson Fraser, Science'40, Lunenburg Co., N.S., on April 18, 2001.

Ruth Elizabeth (Cornelius) Fraser, Mus'40, Halifax, on May 16, 2001.

Gordon Henry Thompson, BCom'37, LLB'40, on June 8, 2001.

Frances G. Gower, BA'41, Moncton, on April 24, 2001.

Shirley Brenda (Campbell) Chevary, Arts'42, Halifax, on April 27, 2001.

John S. Foster, DEngr'41, BEngr(Mech)'43, BEng(Elec)'46, DEng'67, Toronto, on March 26, 2001.

James Lawson Bell, BA'47, Halifax, on June 14, 2001.

Clinton Bernard Havey, LLB'47, Dartmouth, on January 20, 2001.

Andrew Eric Armour Love, BEng(Mech)'47 (NSTC), on May 12, 2001.

Richard Walton Moulton, BEngr'45, BEng(Mech)'47(NSTC), Halifax, on March 27, 2001.

John Seward "Jack" Stevens, BEng(Civ)'47 (NSTC), Sydney River, formerly of East Bay, on March 19, 2001.

Olin P. Gardner, BCom'49, November 10, 2000.

Patricia Mary "Patty" Spicer, BSc'49, Cumberland Co., N.S., on March 30, 2001.

John H. MacDougall, BEng(Civ)'50(NSTC), Antigonish, N.S., on June 10, 2001.

Charlotte Frances Kitchin, BA'49, BEd'51, Stellarton, N.S., on April 18, 2001.

A. Gregory Lambros, DEngr'51, in November 2000.

Elaine Devara (Zive) Leventhal, BA'51, Halifax, on April 13, 2001.

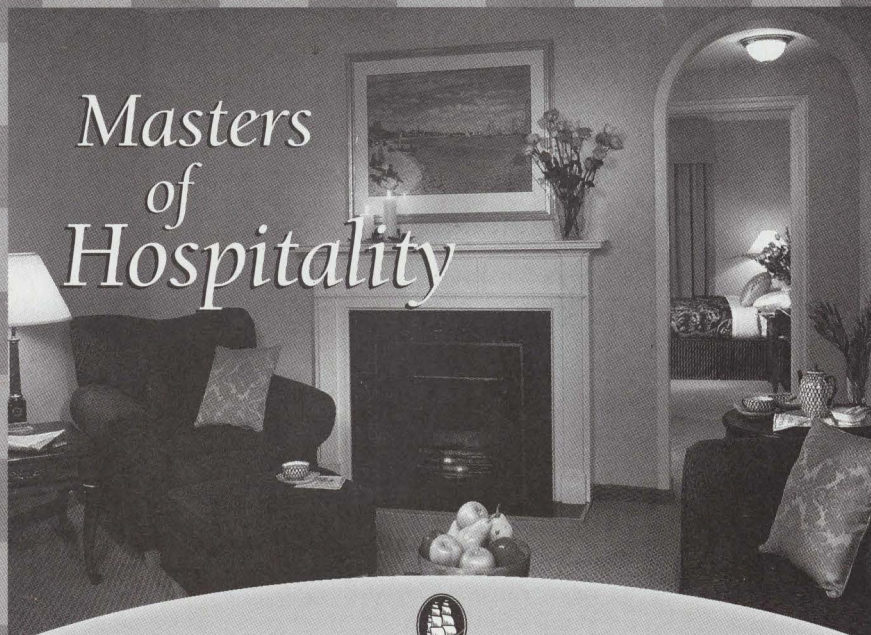
Charles L. "Bud" Dodge, BEng(Civ)'52 (NSTC), Fall River, N.S., on May 26, 2001.

Alvin A. Nunn, BSc'52, DPharm'52, Chester, N.S., on June 26, 2001.

David G. Anglin, LLB'53, Calgary, on March 14, 2001.

Thomas Francis Clahane, BEng(Elec)'53 (TUNS), Annapolis Co., N.S., June 5, 2001.

Anne Louise (Parker) Smith, BA'53, Halifax, on June 28, 2001.



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John Francis Lamb Doig, BCom'54, Halifax, on January 14, 2001.

John Morrison "Jack" MacLeod, BEng'54 (NSTC), DEng'81(TUNS), on May 18, 2001.

Jane Lindsay (Bennet) Douglas, BEd'57, Halifax, on June 12, 2001.

Gerald Joseph Cullinan, BEng(Elec)'59 (NSTC), on May 24, 2001.

Timothy K. Lenahan, BEng(Civ)'63, on December 11, 2000.

Doreen Elaine (Little) Nicholson, DPH'64, Truro, on June 27, 2001.

G. Gordon Ingersoll, LLB'65, Alberta, on November 23, 2000.

A.W. "Jack" Conrad, BA'48, BEd'66, Shelburne, on June 24, 2001.

John Forster Canmore Ardenne, DEd'60, BEd'63, MA'67, Seabright, N.S., May 1, 2001.

Sylvia Elaine (Dobson) Cox, DNSA'67, Petawawa, on July 1, 2001.

Dennis Frank Somers Ashworth, BA'64, LLB'68, on March 14, 2001.

Claire Patrice Melnyk, DTSN'68, of Port Hastings, N.S., on May 24, 2001.

Alexander Grant "Sandy" Cameron, MD'69, Bedford, on June 4, 2001.

R. Gordon MacLean, BA'69(K), Union Centre, on June 20, 2001.

James Hughes Arkwright, BEng(Elec)'57 (NSTC), MBA'70, Pictou Co., on April 5, 2001.

Zita Eileen MacNeil, MSW'71, Sydney, on March 23, 2001.

Angus Pefhany, MBA'71, Halifax, on April 26, 2001.

Ferdinand William Morrissey, BEng'73 (TUNS), St. John's, on March 31, 2001.

Bernadette Marie Schmid, MLS'73, Hubbards, N.S., on May 6, 2001. She was a reference librarian at the Killam Library.

Jane Elizabeth Holmes, LLB'76, Port Williams, N.S., on May 3, 2001.

Patricia Pauline "Pat" Martin, MA'76, on May 19, 2001.

Dan C. McIntyre, MSW'77, in February 2001.

Helen Mary (Nicholson) Gault, LLD'79, Montreal, on March 18, 2001.

Maurice Lewis Van Vliet, LLD'79, Edmonton, on April 4, 2001.

Jeannette Barbara Florence Dwyer, BA'80, BSW'80, Halifax, on January 18, 2001.

George Richard "Rick" Hanebury, BSc'80, formerly of Three Brooks, Pictou Co., N.S., on June 22, 2001.

William Anthony "Tony" Cole, BA'82, Eastern Passage, N.S., on May 10, 2001.

*In memoriam*

*Physics professor Dr. George Forbes Otty Langstroth*

Forbes Langstroth, 65, died last April in Halifax. He spent his early years in Alberta and received his BSc from the University of Alberta. Following an MSc from Dalhousie, he went to the University of London. He received his PhD in physics in 1962 and came to Dalhousie as an assistant professor.

Langstroth taught at Dalhousie for the next 39 years, serving as dean of graduate studies and, most recently, as assistant dean of science, student affairs. In that role he greatly cared about students, and did his best to help them resolve problems. Langstroth held a number of other administrative positions with the university. He was an assistant to the vice president for 15 years, served on numerous university policy and planning committees, and was radiation safety officer for 17 years. In all these roles, he was always willing to help far beyond the call of duty.

*Former assistant dean and music professor Ray D. Byham*

Former assistant dean (student affairs) and music professor Ray D. Byham died suddenly at his home in August at age 73.

Byham earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Illinois Wesleyan University (1951, 1952), with doctoral studies in musicology at the University of Washington, Seattle. Byham's 40-year teaching career included academic appointments at Milton College, Wisconsin and Southern Colorado State College, and summer teaching included coaching and opera assistance in various locations, including Tanglewood, New England.

In 1969, Byham came to Dalhousie, where for more than two decades he offered classes in music history, keyboard skills, and music literature (piano and chamber music). He was known for a love of teaching, a mordant wit and a much-admired ability to produce talented writers.

Byham was a highly valued colleague and was highly esteemed for his intelligent, empathetic charm, and his plain-spoken, conscientious dedication to Dalhousie. He served with distinction for several years as chair of the music department. He was assistant dean for student affairs from 1991 until he retired in 1993, continuing on a part-time basis until 1997. He undertook his duties with diligence and great humour, guiding and advising a host of grateful students. His interests included gardening, carpentry, travel, art, theatre and, always, fine music, jazz and classical, and piano pedagogy.

Don McRae, MD'86, Halifax, on April 28, 2001.

John M.C. Facey, DEng'87(TUNS), St. John's, on February 3, 2000.

Karyn Glenn, MSc'88, London, MB, on July 2, 2000.

Janice Anne (Rankin) Mutzweiser, CCS'92, on October 21, 2000, in Toronto.

Fred Matcairn, MSc'93, Williamswood, N.S., on June 9, 2001.

Christopher Edward Flynn, BA'96(Hon), formerly of Halifax, on March 15, 2001.

Gina Blundon, BScOT'97, on May 18, 2001.

Douglas Hideo Shinyei, MA'95, MHSA'97, Lunenburg Co., N.S., on May 19, 2001.

Geertruida Gerrieta "Trudy" Meyer, BA'97, on March 8, 2001.

Katherine A. Bryan, BA'00, on March 9, 2001.

**Name:** Dr. Ivar Mendez, neurosurgeon and artist

**Occupation:** Head of neurosurgery, Dal med school and QEII Health Sciences Centre



**Before Dal:**

Grew up in La Paz, Bolivia; studied in Ontario

**Accomplishment:**

Invented a system for transplanting healthy cells into the brain; is donating future royalties and patent rights to the QEII. Neural transplantation is a potential treatment for Parkinson's disease

**Honours:**

Received the Royal College Medal Award in Surgery in 1999 for outstanding research leading to new developments in treating Parkinson's disease and spinal cord injury

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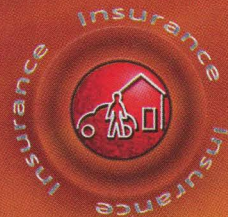
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