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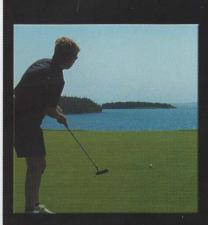
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Residence assistants – they're part chaperone, part friend, part security guard. As big brothers and sisters to Dal's 2,400 residence students, RAs exude a mix of talents and traits, including creativity, strong time management and plenty of heart

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By Joanne Jefferson (MA'92)

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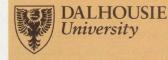
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By Cynthia Martin

Good living

As the School of Occupational Therapy enters its third decade, its graduates – dedicated to helping us with the job of living – have never been more in demand



Dalhousie, The Alumni Magazine

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I expect some people find my habit, one that surfaces during social conversations, rather amusing. (Though I suppose it's possible they may also find it rather annoying depending on their alma mater.)

It's not a bad habit - no vice involved. Rather, I realized recently that I have been name-dropping. I've become aware

that, while in conversation with folks outside the world of Dal, I tend to launch into anecdotes about our alumni and what they're doing. It's stuff I find fascinating, sometimes quirky, often admirable and, usually, reflecting our grads' abilities to make a difference to our quality of life. I became particularly aware of this habit while reflecting on a conversation I'd had with another parent at our children's soccer game. With every subject, my share of the conversation was peppered with Dalhousie alumni verbal vignettes.

We talked, for example, about the seemingly never-ending process of determining a Stanley Cup winner. My contribution: "Hey, you know Dal has a grad who happens to be a trainer with the Colorado Avalanche. Isn't that cool?" (You'll read about Matthew Sokolowski, and find out how the Stanley Cup made its way to his wedding, in a future issue.) Later, we were discussing a 16-year-old daughter's career plans. She was pondering marketing and business. "You know," I chime, "there's a Dal grad who does the marketing for Disneyland Resort Paris. Pretty neat - he says it's a dream job." (You can read that one in Spotlight on Alumni in this issue.)

Fortunately, my children are forgiving of my habit. (Though I suspect, when I'm not around, they may dismiss my name-dropping natter as one more symptom of my impending middle-age.) Dinner conversation at home is often sprinkled with stories of scientific and environmental achievements: "You know, there's a Dal grad living in the U.S. who is the world's leading authority on cranes." That's Dr. George Archibald - he received an honorary degree from Dalhousie at spring convocation. There are sometimes travel tales, including the story of a Nova Scotia law grad who's been retracing the steps of some of Australia's early explorers. (Watch for that one in an upcoming issue.)

And, occasionally, we find ourselves musing about the interesting vocations and avocations of Dal alumni - folks like Erik Demaine. A Dal grad in '95, he's now 21 years old and an assistant professor at MIT. He's also an expert on origami, applying the principles of paper-folding to mathematics. (Yes, Erik will be in an upcoming issue, too.)

My great challenge is being able to tell all these stories. It's an editor's dream. Given the size of our alumni family, I have as many as 70,000 potential story sources. That's one heck of a 'story file.' And a whole lot of name-dropping.



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Our contributors



Halifax freelance writer Cathy MacDonald was amazed at the residence assistants she interviewed for our cover story. "They somehow manage to pack about 30 hours of working, studying and learning into a 24-hour day," marvels MacDonald, who

writes about RAs in "Minding the house, with heart."

Joanne Jefferson (MA'92) lives in West LaHave, N.S. Her work has appeared in the Globe and Mail, Visual Arts News, and Treehouse Canadian Family. Her first article for Dalhousie, "Going the distance," looks at the growing demand for distance education.





After years of senior health care communications, Cynthia Martin escaped Ontario for St. Margaret's Bay, N.S., trading heels for rubber boots to freelance and publish books. "Turning 40 emphasized that time and people are what counts, not power or

possessions." Martin provides us with insight into the muchin-demand world of occupational therapy in "Good living."

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Chancellor, colleague and friend

MY DAUGHTER, DOROTHY ELLEN SCRIVER, and her husband, Kim Hansen, are graduates of the Dal law school. They get the alumni magazine. On the cover is the smiling face of my friend and colleague, Chancellor Goldbloom – and many more pictures of him inside. Good article. Enjoyed your magazine.

Charles R. Scriver
Alva Professor of Human Genetics
McGill University
Montreal Children's Hospital Research Institute



Chancellor Richard Goldbloom

Goldbloom's compassion "equal to no other"

say that she had read an article in the alumni magazine on Dr. Richard Goldbloom, Chancellor at Dalhousie University. Dr. Goldbloom is a very dear family friend who has kept in touch with us since my daughter first saw him at the IWK when she was seven years old. Today she is 23 years old and we still keep in touch with Dr. Goldbloom. My daughter is still undergoing surgeries/procedures and Dr. Goldbloom keeps us sane – he gives us hope. I have never met anyone like him – his compassion is equal to no other.

Nancy Douglas-Elsinga Summerside, PEI via email

Goldbloom story "right on the money"

I JUST READ THE STORY ABOUT RICHARD Goldbloom and it was right on the money! He is one of the kindest people I know.

When my family moved to Halifax in '61 from Montreal, the Goldblooms were the first people they met. My parents are still good friends with them.

Later, when my first child was born in '81, I thought I would call Dr. Goldbloom to see if he would be our pediatrician. He was kind enough to give me an appointment to see him, where he politely told me that he had not done primary care in years . . . I was so embarrassed! At the ripe old age of 22 and just graduating from Dal, I had no idea that I had asked the head of the IWK to personally take care of my daughter. He did recommend another fabulous doctor by the name of Joan Crosby, who had been my pediatrician when I was young. As it turned out, Joan lived just down the street from us and we became great friends.

Thanks for a great story to a well-deserving person.

Colin Fox (BCom'82) Halifax, NS via email

Goldbloom's deli?

I VERY MUCH ENJOYED MS. MACDONALD'S article about Chancellor Goldbloom, who has been a dear friend, teacher and mentor for over 40 years.

How can you not love a man who has said, "If I had my life to live over, I'd live over a delicatessen"?

Dr. Winston E. Gaum (MD'65) Fayetteville, NY, USA

Good on ya!

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH FROM AN ACADIA grad – '64, '72 and '84 – I really like your magazine's new look. Good on ya!

Our daughter is a Dal grad.

James Amos
via email

G'day and good work

I'M A DAL ALUMNUS LIVING IN AUSTRALIA and have enjoyed reading the alumni magazine for many years. I understand your decision to cut back on overseas mailings, but I really enjoy having the magazine in my hands. Would you please put me on the list to continue receiving the print copies? Many thanks. Keep up the good work.

Jim MacDougall (BSc'66, MA'73)

Australia
via email

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Correction

In the Upfront on Campus story, "Music department receives 'grand' gift" (Winter 2002), we incorrectly spelled the name of the family that graciously donated the Steinway grand piano. The proper spelling is Leventhal. We apologize for the error.

In the Winter '02 story "Older students, young students talk science," we failed to identify the Dal grad in the picture. She is Annette Henneberry (PhD'oI).- ED.

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Emergency plans safeguard students

Dalhousie students studying or working abroad can now pack a new item with their passport – a wallet-sized emergency-response card.

The card displays a special telephone number that students can call collect, any time of the day, if they are abroad and need emergency assistance from Dalhousie. The line connects to the university's security services office. An officer can then alert Dal's Student Exchange Coordinator who will determine necessary action.

The card provides additional emergency information, including a toll-free number for Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs, and information about Canada Direct – a service that connects a caller to an operator in Canada.

It's all part of the university's new Emergency Concerns and Response Protocol.

"More and more students are travelling abroad on study or work programs," says **Eric McKee**, Vice-President (Student Services). "Dalhousie now offers 66 programs on six continents. These programs create opportunities for students, but they also involve some risk and it is important that the university be able to respond to potential problems."

McKee cautions that emergencyresponse action will not be taken unless the situation is truly an emergency. "Running out of money... might be a problem, but it is not an emergency as defined by the protocol," he says. "We are talking about serious illness or injury."

For information, visit www.dal.ca/iss
- Mary Somers

A gift of jazz

For jazz musicians, it's the stuff dreams are made of – the gift of a precious collection of jazz memorabilia from a music historian.

And it's exactly what Dalhousie recently received.

The Don Warner Collection was left to the university by Warner's estate. It's a musical treasure trove that Don Warner (BA'57), who was a well-known Halifax musician, collected over decades. It includes more than 11,000 LPs, 3,000 CDs, 2,200 pieces of sheet music and 275 books. The materials are a precious resource for students, and will enrich the community's appreciation of jazz.

Warner was a trumpet player and bandleader. He often performed at campus dances in the '50s and '60s. For many years, he hosted two national CBC Radio programs, "Warner's Waxworks" and "Jazzland." Warner's broadcasts were distinguished by his encyclopedic knowledge of music and unbridled enthusiasm for jazz.

"It's a phenomenal collection. It would be an amazing asset for Columbia University or Julliard – one of the great collec-



Warner, Class of '57

tions in the world," says Don Palmer, an instructor and lecturer in the music department.

The collection reflects the impressive depth and scope of



Medicine's MegaSearch a megahit

Bolstered by its success, the medical school's MegaSearch – a colourful, action-packed research bulletin – is now on desks in every Grade 5 classroom in Nova Scotia. That's 400 schools and 16,000 students.

MegaSearch is part of a campaign to raise health research awareness among elementary students. The program began in 2000 and included Grade 5 classes in the Halifax region. It was so well-received that distribution was expanded to include all

English- and French-speaking Grade 5 students in the province.

"Everything about the MegaSearch project reaches out to the imaginations of Grade 5 students – students who could one day discover a cure or a treatment for a serious disease," says **Dr. Harold Cook** (PhD'73), the medical school's associate dean of research and planning.

MegaSearch includes information on research in such areas as traumatic brain



Warner's 50-year involvement in all aspects of jazz study and performance in Eastern Canada.

"He would buy three copies of everything - one for himself, one for his radio show, and one that he kept in the original shrinkwrap," Palmer says. "These records are in perfect condition. It would be very difficult to measure the value of this collection. Really, it's priceless."

- Peter Murchland

injury, rheumatoid arthritis, DNA and Alzheimer's disease. It highlights work being done by Dal scientists and by grad students like Marianne Stanford.

"I am thrilled to participate in programs like MegaSearch" says Stanford. "It gets young students thinking about research and could influence the students' future career choices."

MegaSearch also includes hands-on activities, experiments and a research competition. Students have a chance to win a tour of the med school's research facilities.

The MegaSearch program is supported by the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation, the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

- Cindy Bayers

Smiling all the way to the Pine State

Residents of Maine may smile a little more easily now, thanks to an agreement with Dalhousie's School of Dentistry that will ease the state's shortage of dental professionals.

The new five-year deal will see students from Maine studying dentistry and dental hygiene at Dal, beginning this year.

"We have a severe shortage of dentists here, partly because there's no university that trains dentists within Maine," says Kevin Concannon, State Commissioner of Health and Human Services.

"Furthermore, the dentists who come into the state tend to concentrate down in the southernmost part of the state so we have severe shortages in the eastern, northern and western part of the state - not only for people with limited incomes, but for people of any income."

Under the arrangement, a maximum of six places will be reserved in dentistry and dental hygiene for Maine students. No places will be taken from Canadian students. U.S. students must meet existing academic qualifications and pay international student fees. It's quite a deal by American standards.

"American dental schools charge \$34,000 or \$35,000 (US) for tuition. Four years out, they have a crushing debt burden," says Concannon. "The tuition costs for an American are much more reasonable at Dalhousie, for a first-rate education." Maine students will pay \$20,000 (US) annually.

Dalhousie's small urban setting is also attractive to Maine students. "We were really very excited about the possibility of a relationship with Dal, because of its excellent reputation and because Nova Scotia and Maine are very similar. We think that people trained in cities like Halifax . . . would be much more comfortable in Maine, as contrasted with dentists who go off to some very large urban training centres."

During a signing ceremony in the State of Maine's governor's office, Concannon said the agreement might be seen as late payback, referring

"The original financing for Dal came as a result of a British raid on Castine, Maine. As I said, this is a long time coming, but it's a modest repayment of the British raid."

- Catherine Young

Researcher explores asthma's catch-22

A Dal researcher has found that our ability to breathe is greatly affected by forces in the lung. That's an important finding for the more than two million Canadians who suffer from asthma.

Asthma is the leading cause of hospitalization in children under 12. Though its causes are poorly understood, what happens during an asthma attack is well-documented. In normal breathing, constant force is exerted on smooth muscle cells in the airway. As we breathe, the airway dilates, extends and retracts as lungs inflate and deflate. Airways in healthy people dilate easily. But in those with asthma, airways are narrower.

"It is my hypothesis that frequent and large forces in the asthmatic lung alter the airway smooth muscle cell so that it is too stiff to dilate after contraction," says **Geoffrey Maksym**, assistant professor of biomedical engineering.

Maksym's research may help explain why asthma can get worse over time. "It is possible that the airway smooth muscle cells get stiffer with each asthma attack. The stiffer cells mean that the inspiratory muscles have to pull harder to dilate the airways so air can get through. The increased force on the airways may make the cells stiffer. This compounds with each attack, so the next attack may be more severe. It's a catch-22. The harder you breathe, the stiffer the cells, and the stiffer the cells, the harder you have to breathe."

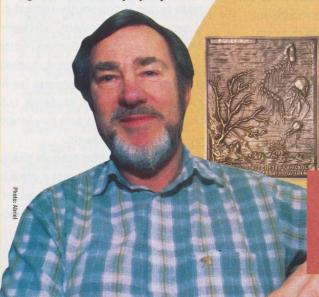
"If we can find a way to manage forces or the cellular signals that mediate the stiffening of airways within the lung, then asthma may one day no longer be known as a deadly disease."

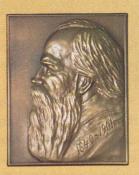
Russian medal an honour and a mystery

It sounds like the plot for a mystery novel.

A medal goes missing in 1910. As wars, revolution and repression sweep Russia in its turbulent 20th century, the medal is forgotten. Then, 90 years later, the medal and its original mould are found in the basement of the State Mint in Moscow. Attached is a piece of paper, stating the medal is the property of the St.

Petersburg Society of Naturalists. But the society, founded in 1868 and still in existence, disavows any knowledge of the Alexander Kowalevsky Medal – except to say it is named after Russia's leading 19th-century experimental biologist, a founder of modern comparative and evolutionary embryology.





Biologist Brian Hall with the two faces of the Kowalevsky Medal cast in bronze from the original Russian mould

Law journal goes on-line

Dal's Law and Technology Institute has launched an electronic journal devoted to technology law issues in Canada and around the world. The Canadian Journal of Law & Technology is one of the first such journals.

Like most law journals, this one is easily accessible to lawyers and legal academics. But unlike many such journals, it's also available to anyone interested in how the law affects technology. Users can tap into the journal from their desktop computers.

"The Internet has revolutionized the way we all get our information," says CJLT editor and Dal law prof, **Michael Deturbide** (LLB'89). "You don't have to go to a specialized library. A scholarly publication like ours is now available with the click of a mouse."

The first issue features articles on Internet gaming in Canada, on-line defamation and freedom of expression, and a guide to the widely-used policy governing Internet domain name and trademark disputes.

Deturbide shares CJLT's editorial responsibilities with Teresa Scassa, another Dal prof.

Visit the journal at http://cjlt.dal.ca

The society's officers investigate, realize the medal was never awarded and decide to make up for lost time. They seek nominations from the world's most distinguished scientists in comparative zoology and evolutionary embryology. And, 100 years after Kowalevsky's death, the society awards the medal to eight scientists. In that small group is one Canadian – Dalhousie professor Brian Hall.

The award recipients receive a diploma and a bronze medal cast from the original mould. The award bears the profile of Alexander Kowalevsky on one side. The other side depicts images of animals he worked on.

"Kowalevsky was extremely prominent," says Hall. "His discovery, soon after Charles Darwin published On the Origin of Species, of the notochord in animals that had been regarded as invertebrates laid the foundation for an entirely

new theory of the origin of the vertebrates."

Hall, too, is prominent. A developmental biologist, he is the George S. Campbell Professor of Biology, and a leader in the emerging field of evolutionary development. He is a prolific author, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, recipient of the Fry Medal from the Canadian Society of Zoologists, and winner of the International Craniofacial Biology Distinguished Scientists Award.

The Kowalevsky Medal honours original work and extraordinary achievement over Hall's entire career. It also includes election as an Honorary Member of the St. Petersburg Society of Naturalists, whose 19th-century members included Charles Darwin and Louis Pasteur.

- Mary Somers

Marketing masters: For the second straight year, a Dalhousie commerce co-op team captured an industry championship at the Manitoba International Marketing Competition. The team won its division and finished in third place overall. Competition featured teams from across Canada, as well as United States, Finland, Mexico and Germany. (1-r): K. Jason MacIntyre, faculty advisor Kent Groves, Tina Vandekieft, Chris Swift, John O'Reilly.

But can he lead the country?

Franklin D. Roosevelt had polio. Woodrow Wilson suffered strokes. Ronald Reagan was shot. These

in the most powerful office in the world.

But were they always capa-

President of the United States?

Dr. Jock Murray has studied that question extensively. A professor of medical humanities and director of the MS research unit at the medical school, Murray was the only non-American to be part of the White House Working Group on Presidential Disability.

"The meetings were very eyeopening," says Murray. "Historically, when leaders become ill, they didn't leave office; they cling to power. . . . In terms of presidential health, there's been much covered up over the years."

Murray worked with the project for about two years. He attended meetings at the White House and other locations with former presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter, presidential physicians and others.

The group's 562-page book, Presidential Disability, was presented to former president Bill Clinton.

- Peter Murchland

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he house heart

by Cathy MacDonald

House rules, emergency trips to hospital, crying parents – they're all in a day's work for Dalhousie RAs

HE ILLUSTRATION, ON NEON PINK paper and stuck to the wall, depicts two stick people showering together. A large X cuts through the image. Beneath the drawing, a printed message barks: "Enjoy your shower, but keep it clean and keep it solitary."

Creating posters that encourage residents to keep the stalls clean – literally and figuratively – was all in a day's work for

Brandi Read (BSc'02), a former residence assistant (RA) on a co-ed floor in Dalhousie's Eliza Ritchie Hall. So was directing students to classes, teaching laundry skills, enforcing quiet hours and a barrage of other duties.

Read was one of about 40 RAs who, each year, act as surrogate big brothers and sisters to Dalhousie's 2,400 live-in students. In exchange for a \$3,750 honorarium that

covers room and meals, RAs agree to help other students – most of them teenagers from different backgrounds, provinces and countries – cope with a new home, new rules and lots of work.

"The first month is always challenging," says Read, who served three years as an RA. With 25 charges – half of them frosh – her job wasn't easy. "It can be tough. The students are homesick, most are away from home for the first time, and they're doing things they are not allowed to do at home. They have complete freedom, but they also have to get used to the rules." The rules include no co-ed showering, respect for one another, zero tolerance for drugs. Violators can expect disciplinary action that ranges from a warning to fines to expulsion.

Along with enforcing rules of order, RAs comfort a surprising number of crying parents, ensure communal irons are unplugged, and share a rotating weekend roster that involves patrolling residence halls from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.

They are part chaperone, part friend, part security guard.

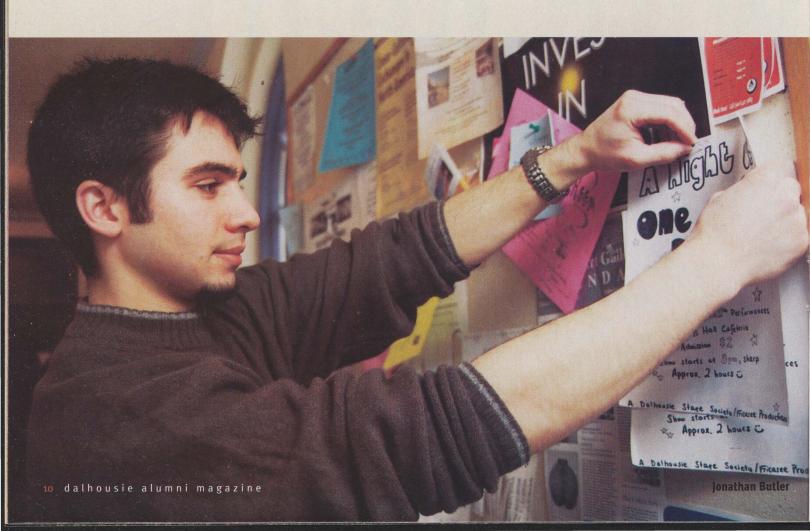
Though only a year or two older (and sometimes younger) than their charges, RAs deal with serious issues. Their training begins in August and covers drug and alcohol abuse, suicide prevention, peer mediation and date rape awareness. "In general, you think that these things might not apply, but they do," says Read. "In the course of a year, I can pretty well guarantee all of those topics will come up."

Jonathan Butler agrees. He just finished his second year as an RA for two allmale floors in Cameron House. "You can deal with anything from roommate conflict to personal problems like depression,

to people being stressed about being away from home or breaking up with a girlfriend."

Like many RAs, Butler, 20, goes beyond what's expected. Before classes started this year, he crafted 60 personalized door banners – boasting names and hometowns – one for each of his residents. Butler became a res assistant after befriending an RA. "I became good friends with my RA my first year," he said. "That was one of the main reasons, but it's also a great job, and a way to stay involved in house activities."

n the other side of campus in Shirreff Hall, Abiola Sunmonu feels the same motivation. Arriving at Dal from her native Nigeria three years ago, Sunmonu relied on her





You get to meet a lot of different people, with a lot of different temperaments, and you learn to live with others. You find a strength that you never thought you had

first RA to help her meet people and develop friendships. Now, Sunmonu's an RA – for the second year – supporting 29 young women in Old Eddy.

"My first year was hard, I won't lie," says Sunmonu, 21. "You encounter a lot of things you don't expect - no matter how much training you have. It's a big responsibility. When people ask you questions, it suddenly hits you - the self-doubt. Can I really do this? But we have training, and when people see that you're really trying to help, it makes a difference."

Camaraderie among RAs relieves job stress. At regular meetings, they share experiences and receive support from university staff. Outgoing personalities and mature attitudes are a benefit for RAs; so is time management.

"You have to be an organized per-

son," insists Read, who squeezed in thesis writing between classes and floor duties.

As part of Sunmonu's coping strategy, she divided desk drawers between personal items and RA papers, kept her room immaculately neat ("I have to know where things are quickly.") and meticulously recorded appointments and deadlines. "You can't leave things to the last minute," she warns. "You can't say, 'Oh, I have an exam tomorrow so I won't study till tonight.' Maybe between now and tomorrow, you'll have to be in the emergency room with someone for all hours of the night. It's happened to me."

Given the demands, stress and time commitment facing an RA, why do students accept the responsibility?

"I love my job. It's a leadership role, and you get to help people," says Read,

who turned down a chance to live offcampus with friends last year. As an RA, even saying goodbye brings rewards. "Some people will be like, 'Yep, thanks, see ya.' Others are like, 'Don't ever want to see ya again.'Then there are others - the ones who will personally thank you, the ones who will say they appreciate it that you took the time to listen."

For Sunmonu, being a residence assistant provides valuable life experience.

"To be an RA, you have to do it with your heart, and then some. You don't do it for the honorarium. It's the friendships, and the memories . . . The best preparation for life is here. You get to meet a lot of different people, with a lot of different temperaments, and you learn to live with others. You find a strength that you never thought you had."



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Distance

Around the corner or across the country, distance learning offers a world of educational possibilities

by Joanne K. Jefferson (MA'92)

HEN ELEANOR HUMPHRIES, MBA(FS)'99, was studying for her graduate degree, she moved her family to central Halifax. It wasn't that Humphries needed to be close to Dal's campus; she simply wanted to cut the commute time to her full-time job at Scotiabank downtown. As a distance education student, she was like others studying outside the traditional face-to-face learning environment - uncompromising in her commitment to family, employer and studies.

Humphries, now President and CEO of Credit Union Atlantic, was one of the first students in Dal's MBA (Financial Services) program when it began in 1996. The only specialized MBA of its kind in Canada, the program is offered through distance learning in partnership with the Institute of Canadian Bankers. That means students aren't forced to relocate to study, can move with their jobs if necessary, maintain work schedules, and still earn a coveted graduate degree.

Ron McKerlie, MBA(FS)'00, was a vice-president with the Bank of Montreal in Toronto when he started the program. Being free of the restrictions of traditional classroom learning suited him perfectly. "With my schedule, I couldn't commit to weekday evenings," says McKerlie, now Vice President, E-Business, at Rogers Communications in Toronto. "I set aside Saturdays for my studying and my son became my study buddy." Distance education satisfied two of McKerlie's personal goals: he gained career mobility, and presented a model of lifelong learning to his children.

Humphries and McKerlie are among a growing number of people who find distance learning an appealing option for post-secondary education. More than 300 students are now enrolled in MBA (FS) courses. "We believe that makes us the second-largest distance education provider for graduate students in the country," says Bill Greenlaw (MPA'93), managing director of the Faculty of Management's office of external graduate programs.

Canada's leading distance ed school is

Athabasca University in Alberta. With an enrolment of 26,000, and over 1,000 students in its MBA program, Athabasca calls itself Canada's Open University. Similar institutions exist in the United States, the Netherlands, Hong Kong and the United Kingdom. Heightened demand for educational access has spawned much of the

growth in distance learning over the past two decades. And, while Open Universities are dedicated primarily to distance learning, traditional universities like Dal - are also recognizing the value of offering degree courses to students who cannot attend classes on campus.

Several factors are contributing to the educational evolution. Like Mc-Kerlie, many people are eager for lifelong learning. People in their 30s and 40s often have established

established careers and families in place. They aren't willing to move. At the same time, economic and technological change demand that employees update job skills. As a result, more people are turning to universities to maintain their competitive edge in the workplace. What's more, pedagogical research shows that learning styles can and should cover a broad spectrum – not everyone learns well in a face-to-face environment.

Dalhousie has been strong in responding to changing educational needs for professional programs, developing the MBA(FS) and, more recently, a master's degree in public administration. The MPA (Management) is designed for mid-career civil servants and has served more than 100 students employed by the provincial government. Through a partnership with Université de Moncton, organizers hope to see the MPA delivered in French and English, making it the only program of its kind in North America.

Other faculties are also extending their educational reach. Health Professions grants both undergraduate and graduate degrees in nursing and occupational therapy. Since 1998, the Maritime School of Social Work has offered bachelor's and master's degrees through distance programs. And, Henson College of Public Affairs and Continuing Education – whose mandate includes reaching beyond Dal's traditional student population – has significant distance program listings.

At one time, distance ed meant students watched televised lectures or waited for mail packages to arrive. These days, materials are delivered in print, on CD-ROM, audio or video tape, and, increasingly, via the Internet. Statistics Canada says 19 per cent of Canadians used the Internet for education in 2000 – more than twice as many as in 1999.

The longstanding model of three hours per week in the classroom will be challenged. The professor will no longer be the sole vector of information

Requirements for course completion vary. MBA(FS) students, for example, receive materials by mail or courier, work on assignments at home, then attend intensive four-day, face-to-face sessions at the end of each course in either Halifax, Toronto, Vancouver, or Kingston, Jamaica.

istance learning's flexibility is great but it's not for everyone. Some find it creates a sense of isolation. Family support can't replace a room packed with students pondering a specific assignment. Humphries was the only MBA(FS) student in Atlantic Canada when she was studying. She remembers the occasional sense of frustration. "I was the only student down here. At times what I missed was the thought process that goes along with a challenging conversation."

Not so for McKerlie. As one of more than 30 MBA(FS) students in the Toronto area, he was involved in local study groups. Four or five students met weekly in homes or offices.

As distance education matures, more links are in place to avoid potential isolation. MBA(FS) students now have access to an online chat service that offers the stimulation and information-sharing of group discussions.

Such social interaction will always be a necessary part of learning, says Sam Scully, Vice-President (Academic and Provost). "People will always want to come together and communicate – it's human nature." While distance education will never replace the traditional campus, "the longstanding model of three hours per week in the classroom will be challenged," says Scully. "The professor will no longer be the sole vector of information."

It's difficult to predict how distance education programs will change traditional education. But Scully says one significant difference involves educational financing. "Distance education programs have been around for a donkey's age," says Scully. "The major difference now is the involvement of employers who are providing the essential underwriting of the costs." That's certainly the case for the MBA(FS) and MPA(Management) programs. Greenlaw credits entrepreneurial innovation for the programs' economic success and independence. "We can generate capital to give us some latitude to get outside the university infrastructure."

That's important because distance programs are costly to develop – up to \$60,000 per course, Greenlaw says. There are additional costs associated with ongoing technical support. But the programs are much easier for students to access, and their content can be more specific to workplace or societal needs. That appeals to employers.

The Bank of Montreal, for example, is a major client of the MBA(FS) pro-

gram. It has 120 employees enrolled. Like other corporations and institutions, the bank pays employees' costs. A distance master's degree can be expensive – \$1,700 per course in the MBA program – but it's an investment for employer and student.

Graduates, too, recognize the value of their degrees. They're already giving back to the university in recognition of that value. MBA(FS) grads are supporting Dal's Management Without Borders Campaign. (The campaign will raise \$25 million to construct a new management building on campus.) "To date, MBA (FS) grads have raised just over \$75,000," McKerlie says.

Alumni may have other roles, as well. "I think there should be an advisory council for the MBA(FS) that includes alumni," says Humphries. "There's a mentoring role to be played. There needs to be a connection made so that people can find support and guidance."

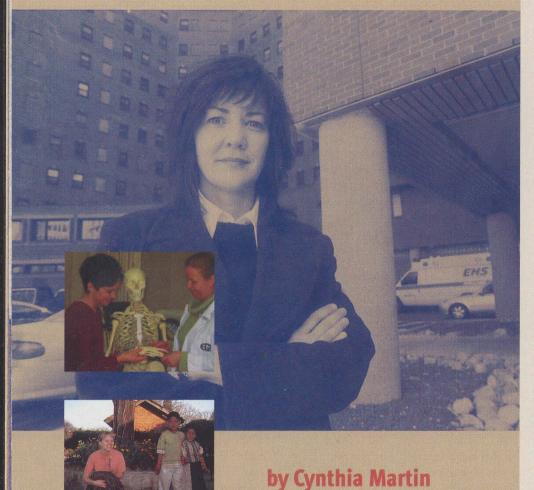
Distance education may challenge traditional notions of the university experience, but if distance grads like the MBA(FS) Toronto crew are any indication, the newest face of learning isn't challenging alumni loyalty at all.

"If you can help students achieve their goals in a painless, efficient and effective manner, you create good alumni," says Greenlaw.

For information on distance education programs, visit www.dal.ca/de

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Te've all got at least one role – be it employee, homemaker, leader, athlete or child – that contributes to our quality-of-life. These occupational roles are culturally defined and include physical, mental, spiritual and socio-cultural components. Sometimes, we need guidance to live our roles to their fullest.

Enter the occupational therapist.

Occupational therapists equip people with skills for the 'job of living.' Their work – considered one of the health professions – is flourishing. Career opportunities are expanding. Grads are being snapped up with \$40,000 entry-level salaries. And student enrolments in occupational therapy programs are doubling. It all mirrors a growing demand for occupational therapists in virtually every segment of society.

Occupational therapists work as clinicians, advocates, researchers, educators, administrators and more. Their work is determined and shaped by client needs. Occupational therapists might guide a child to correctly grasp a pencil; help a mental health agency prepare a brief for government; provide finger splints for a woman with polio.

Whatever the need, occupational therapists respond – empowering clients to live more successfully, comfortably, independently and safely, working around barriers to productivity, self-care and leisure.

Dalhousie is home to the only School of Occupational Therapy in Atlantic Canada, offering both bachelor's and master's degrees. The school marks its 20th anniversary this year, at a time when client needs are shaping the future of Canadian health care.

As clinicians, administrators, researchers, aid workers and more – occupational therapists help others with the 'job of living'

 Occupational therapy grads (from top): Paula Gaudet, Noella Shomphe LeFort and Elizabeth Crosby Daley

Occupational therapy began at Dalhousie in 1982 with 25 students. Most grads found work in hospitals and rehabilitation centres. The school now includes 144 bachelors' and 20 masters' students. and occupational therapists work in almost every sector and industry.

"Communities are changing rapidly, so we prepare students for the most avantgarde practice possible," says Elizabeth Townsend, the school's director. "Alumni work with the offshore industry in injury prevention and back-to-work programs, children with autism, or seniors. Some also work with development agencies to help people deal with disabilities left by war."

Elizabeth Crosby Daley (BScOT'94) hopes to use her skills in the future to do missionary work with physically challenged people in Nepal. But for now, Daley lives in Calgary and uses occupational therapy to teach parenting skills at a local church group. At home, occupational therapy is part of parenting her 20-month-old daughter. "Play is a child's occupation and I take it seriously," says Daley. "I use skills and theories every day (that) I learned in my occupational therapy program, in pushing her to develop new skills."

From newborns to seniors, occupational therapists make it easier for people to live, work or play. That can involve teaching or providing specialized approaches for those who live with cerebral palsy, strokes or mental illness.

After graduation, Susan Duff (BScOT '88) worked at an inpatient psychiatric unit in St. John's, Nfld. "But people were often too ill to participate in activities, so I had to create a role for myself." She established vocational rehabilitation in a supported workplace for people with mental illness.

Mill Lane Enterprises and Ever Green Recycling provide workers with the skills and confidence to manufacture furniture and supply recycling services. From a single site staffed by four people with 21 clients, the business has grown to three sites, 21 staff and 120 clients.

On the other coast of Canada, another grad applies occupational therapy skills in a non-traditional way. At Vancouver Hospital, Mary Nieforth (BScOT'85) is Patient Services Manager (Neuroscience). Her administrative position at one of Canada's largest hospitals reflects health care's shift toward patientcentred philosophies. "When I began in this job I was one of very few non-nurse managers," she says. "Occupational therapy's holistic approach has been an asset, as is a grounding in investigation and research, assessment and evaluation, and the emphasis on client-centered care. Dal fostered leadership in all grads and prepared us for challenges in the health care community."

Paula Gaudet (BscOT'85), now an occupational therapy master's student, works in another hospital, Halifax's QEII. Gaudet is the co-ordinator for research projects involving deep-brain stimulation and neural transplantation. Being an occupational therapy graduate benefits Gaudet's work. "The program has been flexible so that I have been able to make it relevant to the current work I am doing. My graduate thesis examines the functional impact of deep brain stimulation surgery for those with Parkinson's disease."

While Gaudet settled in Nova Scotia's capitol, others have taken occupational therapy beyond the urban setting. Noella Shomphe LeFort (BScOT'99) convinced a rural community of the need for an occupational therapist. In her hometown of Cheticamp, Cape Breton, she found that occupational therapy was relatively unknown. LeFort evaluated needs, discovered a demand and eventually established two occupational therapy departments. "It's very rewarding to work in a community of people who know me," says LeFort. "Most days, I walk out of the hospital with a smile on my face."

It's precisely because of such situations - underserviced communities, emerging challenges and a need for holistic health care - that occupational therapy is flourishing. Education must equip students for careers that last decades, and often include permutations. "We constantly refresh curricula and fieldwork and emphasize theory and problem-solving skills to use throughout a career," Townsend says. "I hope our 40th anniversary will be celebrated by those who've demanded occupational therapy be part of more inclusive health, social services and community life - so that people can be more meaningfully occupied."

This is also the greater challenge being played out on the national stage via the Romanow report, provincial government funding demands, and consumer advocacy. It's health care instead of sick care; developing holistic instead of single-symptom care. These approaches are intrinsic in occupational therapy.

As occupational therapy enters its third decade at Dalhousie, Townsend says the school will retain its adaptable approach to an evolving profession. "Canada needs alternatives to acute care services," she says. "The long-term importance of public, community-based, quality-of-life approaches cannot be underestimated." dal

Nursing joins Sigma Theta Tau

Dalhousie's School of Nursing Honour Society was chartered as an official chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honour Society of Nursing this spring. Dr. Heather Clarke from the UBC School of Nursing led the official ceremony in the Atlantic Ballroom at the Westin Hotel. The organization encourages and sponsors research, promotes development of nursing leadership and nursing scholars.



Members of nursing's new Sigma Theta Tau chapter attend the chartering ceremony

MBA(FS) grads host family social

MBA (FS) grads held an alumni and family get-together at Andrews Scenic Acres, Ontario. More than 30 people took part in games, hay rides, a silent auction and raffles. The event was organized by Ruth McBride, Bob Hill, Denise Michaud, Joseph Macdonald, Kelsey Achen, Terrie Strickland, Rhonda Kotlarchuk and Ron McKerlie.

Alumni also ensured Dalhousie benefited - about \$1,300, raised through the raffle and silent auction, was donated to Dalhousie.

Subarctic day at court

Dal grads find themselves working in the most interesting places. These law school alumni were photographed at Territorial Court in Lutsel K'e, formerly Snowdrift, NWT. The court party - judge, prosecutor, defence lawyer, court reporter, court clerk and, often, translators - all travel together by plane from Yellowknife to Lutsel K'e

and other northern communities. (1.-r.): Court Clerk Jacquelyn Fraser (COMMERCE'98), Sadie Bond (LLB'94), the Hon. Judge E. R. Wachowich, and Paul Falvo (LLB'98). Falvo and Bond are Crown prosecutors in the NWT Regional Office of the federal justice department.

Business success stories

The commerce co-op program marked its 10th anniversary with a reception at the residence of Nova Scotia's Lieutenant Governor. Don Patton, Acting Director of the Faculty of Management's School of Business, enjoys a moment with Lt.-Gov Myra Freeman (BED'71).





▲ Saint John: Margaret Bourne (BA'32), Dr. George Bate (MD'51), host Lynn Irving and Vice-President Dale Godsoe at an alumni and friends reception

Out and about: around the country

We visit with you, you visit with each other - Dal alumni connect around the country. For more chances to meet and catch up, check our listings of events and reunions at www.dal.ca/alumni

▼ Parliament Hill: (l-r) Geoff Regan (LLB'83), Alexa McDonough (BA'65), Robert Craig

Coming up

Receptions

Toronto - Alumni Pub Night

lune 6

Info: Rosanne Cousins, rosanne.cousins@dal.ca

Boston - Alumni Reception

lune 9

Info: Rosanne Cousins, rosanne.cousins@dal.ca

Events

Canadian Physiotherapy Congress

Alumni breakfast with Lydia Makrides July 11

Halifax

Info: Kimberly McDonald 902-494-3595, or kimberly.mcdonald@dal.ca

5th Annual Dal Golf Classic

September 6

Chester Golf Club

Info: 902-494-2137 or Keri-Lynn.Irwin@dal.ca

Engineering Alumni Association AGM

September 24

Halifax

Info: watch www.dal.ca/alumni

Dalhousie Annual Dinner

October 25

Pier 21, Halifax

Info: 902-494-2071

Reunions

Dentistry, Class of 1977

lune 28-30

St. Andrew's, N.B.

Info: georgefindlay_1999@yahoo.com

Law School Classes of '52, '62, '77, '92

September 27-29

Info: April MacDonald at 902-494-5100 or april.macdonald@dal.ca

Dalhousie Reunions 2002

Dal and Tech Classes of '52, '47, '42

and earlier

October 24 - 26

Info: Kimberly McDonald at 902-494-3595

or kimberly.mcdonald@dal.ca

Recreation Program 25th Anniversary

October 21-26

Info: Faye Joudrey,

fjoudrey@abilitiesfoundation.ns

or Jerry Singleton, jerry.singleton@dal.ca

School of Occupational Therapy 20th Anniversary

October 24

Info: Pauline Weagle, pauline.weagle@dal.ca

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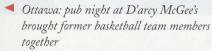
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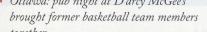
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Commerce alumni - we're looking for you

Commerce co-op organizers want to hear from commerce grads to plan social events in Halifax. Please e-mail april.condon@ dal.ca

Keep in touch www.dal.ca/alumni





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William B. Christie, DENGR'48, BENG(ELEC), and wife Maxine celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on holiday in Bermuda. Bill and Maxine were married in King's College Chapel on February 14, 1942, by Canon A. Stanley Walker of King's College.

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

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Ken Chow, DENGR'62, BENG(MECH), will retire in June after 33 years as a mathematics instructor at Mohawk College in Hamilton, Ont.

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Rameshwar D. Srivastava, MEng'64 (TUNS), BA'66, PHD (TUNS), organized the Second Topical Conference on natural gas utilization at the AIChE spring national meeting in New Orleans.

William C. West, LLB, is agent supervisor for Standing Agents of the Attorney General of Canada in the Interior and North Island Districts of British Columbia.

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Gordon A. Boyce, BSc, retired after 30 years as Manager Drug Analysis Services Laboratory with Health Canada. Gordon and his wife lovce Bovce, BA/BED'70, are enjoying their restored century farmhouse in the Annapolis Valley.

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Bill King, BCom, and Darryl D. Haley, BCom'69, have a consulting company in Halifax, called ValueNet Canada.

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Stephen Hart, BA'64 (K), MD, has been named Canadian Family Physician of the Year.

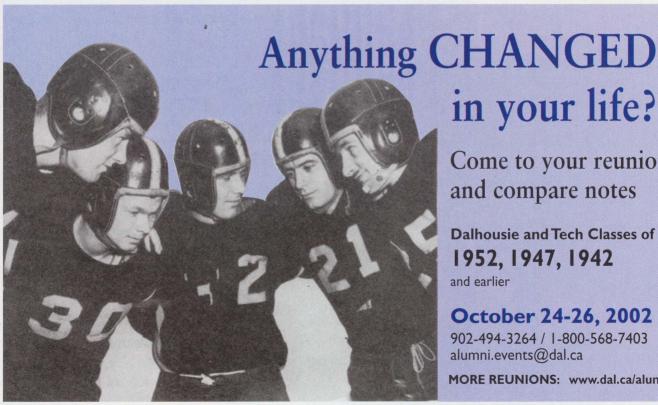
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Ron MacIntosh, BA, recently returned to Ottawa from an assignment as Counsellor of Environment and Fisheries at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. Ron has been appointed Director, Policy Coordination at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

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Craig Karpilow, MD, is Medical Director of Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Princeton, Ind. He continues to consult on health care in developing nations.

Judy Simpson, BN, MED'98 (MSVU), and husband Jim Simpson, BSc'73, BA'74, MBA'80, live in Sheldrake Lake, N.S., with their sons Peter Simpson, DENGR'OI, and Eric, grade 11. Judy is coordinator of palliative and supportive care with Cancer Nova Scotia. Peter is marketing manager of Nova Scotia Business Inc.



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Peter J. Urcuioli, MA'76, PhD, is the 2002 Fellow of the American Psychological Association. Peter is a professor in the Department of Psychological Sciences at Purdue University.

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lacqueline Anne Hart, BScPH, and David Nicholas Owen married on February 2, 2002, in Halifax. Jacqueline and David work at the OEII Health Sciences Centre.

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Robert V. d'Amato, MA'67, PhD, has held full-time faculty positions at Prince of Wales College (P.E.I.), Loyola College of Montreal, and Algoma University College in Sault Ste. Marie, where he founded and still serves as Artistic Director for Theatre Algoma.

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Allan Fairhurst, BA, joined the computer service company EDS as Managing Director for the Financial Services Industry Group in Asia Pacific.

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Willena (Milley) Angus, BSc, and Randall "Randy" Angus, BSc'78, BScHC'79, live in Cardigan, P.E.I., with daughters Alysia, 16, and Aidan, 11. Randy is director of the Cardigan Fish Hatchery and Willena works seasonally with Statistics Canada and is an organist and choir director for her church.

Martha E. (Duplisea Devanney) Grantham, BSc, BA'82, and Robert G. Grantham married on June 9, 2001, in Halifax, at the Museum of Natural History. Martha is taking a one-year leave from the museum to join her husband in Newfoundland. Friends can contact her at martha@grantham.com

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Walter Glenn Speirs, BSc, graduated in August 2001 from the Utah Physician Assistant Program in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City. Walter is in family practice at Columbine Medical Associates.

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Victor H. Perry, BENG(CIV)'78 (NSTC), MASc(CIV) (TUNS), lives in Calgary where he is General Manager Ductal for Lafarge America.

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J. Thomas Murphy, MD'78, PGM, has relocated from Saudi Arabia to Lexington, Kentucky, where he is Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Kentucky.

Shannon Murray, BA'83, was named one of the 3M Teaching Fellows for 2001. Shannon teaches English literature at the University of Prince Edward Island.

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Robert W. "Bob" Robertson, MPA, has been appointed City Manager in Hamilton, Ont.

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Darrell L. Brown, BSc'80, BScHC'81, LLB/MBA, has moved to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu's Commercial Law Centre to assist the Government of Ukraine to draft and implement commercial law reform.

Karin Brown-Harrison, BScN, RN, lives in Beaverbank, N.S., and works as a Medical-Surgical ICU nurse at the QEII Health Sciences Centre. Karin and Sean announce the birth of Jacob Alexander Harrison on October 25, 2001, a brother for Brandon, 4, and Kaitlyn, 3. Friends can contact them at karinharrison@accesswave.ca

Leslie (McAvoy) Ghanai, BA, and Fathi Ghanai, BSc, announce the birth of Ayman, born Nov. 23, 2001, a brother for Najet.

Stephen Jenkins, BPE, MSc'93, MBA'01 (Queens), and Brenda Stewart, BN, announce the birth of Leah Grace on March 30, 2001, a sister for Daniel and Michael. Stephen is Senior Ergonomist with Auburn Engineers and can be reached at sjenkins@auburnengineers.com

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Daniel Chan, MBA, is operations manager at International SOS, a global medical assistance company in China. Daniel is completing a second master's degree in electronic business.

Steven Jacques Roby, BA'84, MLIS, and Laura Lee Thomas married September 11, 2001, in Ottawa. Friends can contact him at siroby@well.com

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Pamela Eliason, BN, is a hematology nurse practitioner at the Medical University of South Carolina. Friends can contact her at eliasopl@musc.edu

Heather Gillis, BSc'87, and Darren Hopper, BSc'88, announce the birth of Lauren Sophia Gillis Hopper on October 28, 2001, in Oakville, Ont.

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Jamie Baillie, BCom, has been appointed chief of staff with the Nova Scotia Premier's Office. Jamie is a senior partner at the Halifax office of Ray and Berndston/ Robertson Surette.

Heather L. MacLean, DENGR'85, BENG(CIV), is Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Toronto.

Pamela d'Eon Nickerson, BSc, and her husband announce the birth of Lauren Grace Nickerson on June 14, 2001, a sister for Alexander Cameron Nickerson, 3. Friends can contact her at pamdeon.nickerson@ns.sympatico.ca

Scott W. Nickerson, BSc, is Director of Networks and Systems at UCIS at Dal.

Lisa Ostiguy, BREC, and Robert Hopp, announce the adoption of Maya Yunfang born in May 2000 in the province of Zhejiang, China, a sister for Hannah Feiyan, 4, adopted from Jiangxi province, China, in January 1998. Lisa and Robert are professors in the Department of Applied Human Sciences at Concordia in Montreal. Friends can contact them at ostiguy@vax2.concordia.ca

Vivian Russell, LLB, is counsel in the Legal Services Unit of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

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Grant Borbridge, LLB, and Tanis moved from New York City to Menlo Park, California, where Grant continues to work in the Energy Group of Prudential Securities.

Joanie Conrad, BSc'85, BScOT, and Don Wells announce the birth of Benjamin Conrad Wells on July 24, 2001, a brother for Sam, 2.

Michael Craig, LLB, is Aliant Telecom's Manager of Marketing Operations for Consumer Services in Halifax.

Sandy MacFarlane, BA, and husband Myles announce the birth of Jennifer Lauren on December 20, 2001. Sandy is a teacher with the Halifax Regional School Board.

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Pam (Weeks) Burey, BScN, husband Omar and sons Joseph, 4, and Benjamin, 1, live in Windsor, Ont., where Pam works at the Windsor Regional Hospital and operates a home business with Reliv Nutritional Supplements. Friends can contact them at energizeyourcell@aol.com

Tory S. Thorkelson, BA, BED'91 (UPEI), MED'96 (MANITOBA), has been promoted to Assistant Professor with Hanyang University in Seoul, Korea. Friends can contact him at thorkor@canada.com

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Raffi Balmanoukian, LLB, recently completed a 139-day, 35,000 km solo traverse of 11 of Australia's 13 deserts. Raffi's adventures have been featured on CBC's Maritime Noon and elsewhere.

Laura Cortiula, and Fred Melnyk announce the birth of Eric Daniel on December 20, 2001, in Hamilton, Ont., a brother for Mark Anthony, 4.

Kim Hawkins, BScPH, lives in Toronto, Ont., and was recently married to Jason

Annette (Parker) Murray, BScPH, and Scott Murray, BScPH, LLB/MBA'98 (Ottawa), announce the birth of Jack Anthony on September 9, 2001. Annette and Scott married in Halifax on June 20, 1998, and live in Toronto where Annette is a pharmacist at the Hospital for Sick Children and Scott practises corporate law with Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP.

Andrew Staples, LLB, announces the birth of Alexandra Myles Staples O'Brien on April 10, 2001. Andrew is Director of Corporate Affairs with Human Resources Development Canada in Hull, Que.

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Christopher Baker, BSc'88, DDS, and Stephanie (Crowe) Baker, BScN, announce the birth of Charlotte Elizabeth on February 21, 2002, a sister for Fiona, 3. Chris wants to remind his classmates to register for the dentistry 10-year reunion to be held this summer. Friends can contact them at drcbaker@accesswave.ca

Haron Daud, BENG(MECH) (TUNS), extends greetings to friends and wishes the mechancial engineering class of '92 a jubilant 10-year reunion.

Caroline (Kristofs) Graham, BSc, and Peter Graham, BCom'91, announce the birth of Alexander Peter on Oct. 4, 2001, a brother for Andrew, 3. Caroline is supervisor of extension services for Heritage Salmon and Peter is credit officer for Connors Bros. They live in St. Stephen, N.B. Friends can contact them at pcgraham@nb.sympatico.ca



Kelvin King, BCom'90, MBA, and Lori (Clow) King announce the birth of Nicholas Patrick King on October 28, 2001. Friends can contact them at *kelvin.king@dal.ca*

Dale J. Levandier, BED, and Frances announce the birth of Suzanne on September 3, 2001, a sister for Marie.

Frank Solinger, BED, and **Claudia (Gagnon) Solinger,** BED, announce the birth of Hanna on June 19, 2001. Hanna is at home in Chilliwack, B.C., with brother Noah, enjoying life with mom and dad. Friends can contact them at *claudiasolinger@aol.com*

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Sheri (Berriger) Gallivan, BScN, and Danny Gallivan announce the birth of Jorja Jo-lynn Victoria, born August 12, 2001.

Eric Hetherington, BA'92, BAAMC, is the transportation manager for Fraser Pacific Lumber Company in North Vancouver.

Bill MacGregor, BSc'87, BScHC'88, MD, and **Daphne Mitchell**, BA(HoN)'90, announce the birth of Peter MacGregor on April 23, 2001. Bill is practising emergency medicine in Thunder Bay, Ont.

Troy Myers, MLIS, and **Katie Orr,** MA'92, announce the birth of Tyler Munro Myers on November 26, 2001. Troy is a librarian with the Halifax Regional Library and Katie manages international activities for the Dalhousie Medical School.

Rick Neale, MBA/LLB, and Lori welcomed their first child in June 2001. Rick is Vice President of Discovery Partners International.

Jeffrey "Jeff" Quinn, BA, and Kori Inkpen, BSc'92, announce the birth of Gabrielle Marie Quinn on June 18, 2001, in Vancouver.

Laura B. Stewart, BSC'90, LLB, is a partner at Gowling, Lafleur Henderson LLP. Laura practises in the area of medical defence in Ottawa.

Sherry Mosher Taillefer, BSC'87, BSCOT, is a consultant specializing in aquired brain injury rehabilitation. Sherry, husband Martin and son Tristan, 2, live in Ottawa.

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Kim Bond, MPA, and Charles Long married February 22, 2002, in Vancouver. They live in Sydney, N.S., where Kim is Vice President of Product Development for CrossOff Inc.

Glen Gorveatte, BENG(MECH) (TUNS), and wife Susan announce the birth of Robin Elizabeth Ann on October 5, 2001, in Halifax.

Andrea Pilichos, BA (ADVANCED MAJOR), and Stephen Graham, BSCPH'97, announce the birth of Nicolas Christos Graham Pilichos on October 20, 2001, in Gainesville, Fl. Steve is working on his PhD at the University of Florida in pharmacy healthcare administration.

SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI

On top of the world

The event may not draw the media coverage or world attention like those other Games, but the World Arctic Games held last March in Iqaluit were equally special for Barbara Muller (BSc'98).

That's because Muller, a science teacher representing Nunavik, walked away from the 2002 Arctic Games with four medals – one silver and three bronze.

The 30th World Arctic Games attracted almost 2,000 athletes, coaches and cultural performers. Canada, Alaska, Greenland and Siberia all sent teams to the Games, where many events are rooted in Inuit and Dene traditions. Events included everything from the familiar (basketball, gymnastics and hockey) to the less familiar (snowshoe racing and dogsled racing), to the completely unfamiliar (knuckle hop, onefoot high kick, snow snake and pole push.) Most of the unusual events are generations old and help to preserve Northern traditions and culture.

Muller received a silver medal for triple jump, and bronze medals for arm pull, sledge hop and Alaskan high kick. As well, she was a team coach and, for that, also received a medal.



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Greg Barro, LLB, and Kimberley (Stead) Barro married on August 26, 2001, at White Point Beach Resort. Greg is practising with Pink Nickerson Star in Yarmouth, N.S., and Kim teaches with the Tri-County District School Board.

Ramesh Swam, BCom, moved to Vancouver following graduation, earned his CMA and completed his MBA at Pepperdine University in Malibu in 1999. Ramesh lives in Beverly Hills where he works as a management consultant.

Joel Westin, BENG(IND) (TUNS), graduated from Telia's Management Trainee Program and is a full member of Telia's Group Management team.

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David Barton, DENGR'89, BENG'92, MENG, and Kelly (O'Leary) Barton, announce the birth of Taylor Moira on October 16, 2001, in Palm Beach County, Fl. David is Assistant Project Engineer with Globex Engineering & Development in Deerfield Beach.

Anita Gibbings, BCom, is General Manager at Agtron Enterprises Inc. and lives in Saskatoon. Friends can contact her at agibbings@hotmail.com

Karen E. Lawson, BScPH, and Richard I. Reeves married on October 6, 2001. They live in Thunder Bay, Ont., where Karen is a pharmacist at St. Joseph's Care Group and the stepmother of Ricky, Arty and Tiffany.

Mei-Fu Zhou, PHD, is the recipient of the 2001 Young Researcher Award from The National Natural Science Foundation of China.

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John E. Miller, BSc'97, completed a diploma at ITI, Halifax, in 1998 and is staff consultant/programmer analyst with Computer Sciences Corporation in Cincinnati, OH.

Jason Taylor, BSc, is Education Manager at the Ecological Society of America in Washington, DC.

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Elizabeth MacLellan, BCSci, and Mark Rhodenizer married on September 1, 2001, in Cape Breton, N.S. They continue to live and work in Ottawa, but their hearts will always be in Nova Scotia.

Paul Moore, MBA, is senior communications officer at the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency in Halifax. Paul and wife Mary live in Dartmouth, N.S. Friends can contact him at pmoore@acoa-apeca.gc.ca

Kissa Mwakiyongo, BSc, lives in Malawi and works for the Malawi Government's Fisheries Department as a fisheries research biologist. Kissa sends regards to '98 marine biology alumni and friends.

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Chris Coffin, BENG(MIN), and Tracy Ironmonger married on January 25, 2002, in Brampton, Ont. Chris works as a consultant with Compass Consulting Ltd. in Mississauga.

Brian A. Coolen, BScPH'96, BSc, graduated in 2001 from Queen's University with a Master's of Science in mathematics.

Cheryl Hovell, BScOT, is the Neuromuscular Clinic Coordinator at Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary.

Shauna (MacDonald) Smith, BA, and husband Aaron announce the birth of Piper Laura Smith on Oct. 31, 2001.

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Erin Kristine Cater, BA, is attending NSCAD in the fine arts program (BFA), major in photography.





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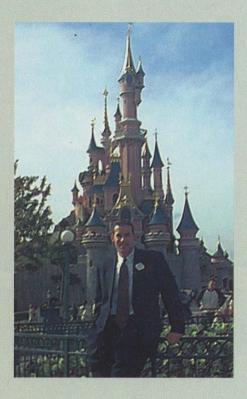
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Combine the thrill of Disneyland with the sophistication of a European capitol, and you've got Shawn Hiltz's job.

Hiltz (BCom'89, MBA'91) is brand manager for Disneyland Park at Disneyland Resort in Paris. How did his road extend from Dal to Disney?

"I worked as marketing manager for a commercial products manufacturer, then manager of national accounts for the same company, splitting my time between Orlando and Atlanta," says Hiltz. "In 1999, I was hired by The Walt Disney Company as marketing manager for Disney Vacation Club. When visiting Paris on vacation in January 2001, I took time out to meet the brand management team at Disneyland Resort Paris. Seven months later. I returned to interview for this role and I have been living in Paris ever since."

While Mickey, Donald and others have their origins in American culture, Disney films have been translated into so many languages that the animated classics are Disney's "number one equity" in Europe. "Although there were growing pains in the beginning, Disneyland Park is now the most visited tourist attraction in Europe, drawing more guests than the Eiffel Tower," he says.



"It's a dream job for a brand marketing person. People don't just have a preference for the Disney brand . . . they have an emotional attachment to it."

And, yes, Hiltz has fun at work. His office window overlooks Catastrophe Canyon, an attraction that bursts into flame several times a day. But Hiltz's favourite pastime is observing park visitors.

"Watching people respond to the shows, attractions, characters, parades, and the reaction of their loved ones is the most rewarding part of the job."

- Susan Brown

Janice Hiltz, DDH, and William Hiltz, BSc'98, MBA'or, along with their family, have moved to Port Williams, N.S., where Janice works with King's Family Dentistry and William is Manager of Part Time and Distance Education for the Nova Scotia Community College.

Deaths

Amy (McKean) Jones, BA'24, Chester, N.S., on November 28, 2001.

Harry Stafford, BA'25, MSc'27, Halifax, N.S., on December 8, 2001.

Margaret Agnes (MacLean) MacKay, BA'30, Mahone Bay, N.S., on December 9, 2001.

Muriel Allison (Langstroth) Clarke, BA'31, MA'32, Toronto, Ont., on December 21, 2001.

Dorothy Elizabeth Guy, BA'31, Windsor, N.S., on December 6, 2001.

Ruth M. (Macaulay) Morton, BA'32, Halifax, N.S., on March 1, 2002.

Marjorie Ball, Arts'34, St. John's, Nfld., on January 18, 2002.

Donald B. Stewart, BCom'34, North Hatley, Que., in May 2001.

Florence Keniston Laurence, BA'35, BED'63, Halifax, N.S., on November 17, 2001.

William King Pace, BA'35, Weston, Ont., on November 16, 2001.

George A. Ferguson, BA'36, DED'37, Montreal, Que., on December 26, 2001.

Reid Vincent Dexter, BA(Hon)'37, Halifax, N.S., on February 24, 2002.

Harry E. Wilson, MD'37, Lower Ship Harbour, N.S., on December 23, 2001.

Lawrence Sanford Mushkat, BA'38, Halifax, N.S., on November 7, 2001.

Mary Constance "Connie" Olsen, BA'39, DED'40, Lunenburg Co., N.S., on November 7, 2001.

Christopher S. McAlden, BA'40, Dartmouth, N.S., on February 1, 2002.

Catherine Murray Smith, BA'40 (K), Hilden, N.S., on November 25, 2001.

Karl H. Tufts, BA'40 (K), LLD'77 (K), Hantsport, N.S., on January 19, 2002.

Mary E. Doull, BA(Hon)'41, Halifax, N.S., on January 11, 2002.

Aaron D. Solomon, DENGR'41, BSC'46, BA'71, Dartmouth, N.S., on January 29, 2002.

Madeleine J. (Evans) Crosby, BA'42, Hants Co., N.S., on March 6, 2002.

Donald F. Sutherland, MD'43, Rothesay, N.B., on November 22, 2001.

E. Lorraine (Johnston) Vezeau, LLB'44, Vancouver, B.C., on September 11, 2001.

J. Bruce French, BSc'42, MSc'45, the Andrew Carnegie Professor Emeritus of Physics at the University of Rochester and one of the world's leading nuclear theorists, on February 1, 2002.

Kirk J. Adams, BSC'47, DPHARM'47, Glace Bay, N.S., on March 3, 2002.

Wilbur Joseph "Bill" Chaffey, DENGR'48, BEng'50, Mitchell, Ont., on November 20, 2001.

E. Finlay MacDonald, LLB'48, Ottawa, Ont., on March 2, 2002.

John E. Campbell, DPHARM'49, Westville, N.S., on January 13, 2002.

Margaret M. Cragg, DPHARM'50, LLD'93, Halifax, N.S., on January 29, 2002.

Arthur L. George, BENG(CIV)'50, St. John's, Nfld., on September 9, 2001.

Daniel Ronald Hartigan, BSc'50, Calgary, Alta., on December 14, 2001.

George K. McRae, BENG(MECH)'50, Ottawa, Ont., in November 2001.

Alan Gore "Rocky" Trites, LLB'50, Toronto, Ont., on December 13, 2001.

John Blake "Jack" Baker, LLB'51, Stellarton, N.S., on December 23, 2001.

Paul E. Taylor, BENG(CIV)'51, St. John's, Nfld., on December 15, 2001.

Nola Olive (Murray) Tzagarakis, BA'51, DED'52, Halifax, N.S., on January 14, 2002.

Elliott M. Claude Franklin, DDS'52, Fredericton, N.B., in December 2001.

Ramona Mary Moore, DPHARM'52, Truro, N.S., on November 27, 2001.

Scott Henderson, LLB'53, Wentworth, N.S., on January 24, 2002.

William R. "Bud" Kennedy, LLB'53, Tatamagouche, N.S., on January 18, 2002.

James B. Moriarty, BENG(CIV)'53, Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Que, on March 8, 2002.

Ralph L. Prime, MD'53, Niagara Falls, Ont., on November 14, 2001.

Harry Allan Wade, DPHARM'53, Dartmouth, N.S., on December 29, 2001.

Helen Maude Watson, DPH'54, Halifax, N.S., on December 29, 2001.

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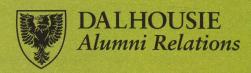
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Marjorie Helen (Cannell) Kelly, MA'56, Isle of Man, Great Britain, on July 13, 2001.

Gary Douglas Hiseler, DENGR'57, BENG (MECH)'59 (NSTC), Halifax, N.S., on November 14, 2001.

Margaret P. Doyle Scull, DTSN'57, Wicomico Church, Va., formerly of Arichat, N.S., on March 6, 2002.

I. Timothy Snow, BSc'52, MD'57, Windsor, N.S., on February 13, 2002.

Jane (McCurdy) Kimball, BA'59, Lunenburg Co., N.S., on December 11, 2001.

Claire Isabel (West) Metham, BED'59, Powell River, B.C., on December 10, 2001.

Kenneth "Ken" B. Shephard, MD'59, Truro, N.S., on January 28, 2002.

I. Louis Coughlan. BENG(MECH)'60, from Ouebec.

Duncan MacMaster. MD'60, Washington, on December 10, 2001.

John W. Rogers, PGM'60, Victoria, B.C., on June 4, 2001.

F. Joseph MacDonald, LLB'61, Ottawa, Ont., on September 7, 2001.

Shirley Ella (Lewis) Bartholomew, DPHARM'63, Grand River, N.S., on December 6, 2001.

Ceila G. Best, DNSA'63, Kings Co., N.S., on January 30, 2002.

H. Ross MacDonald, BCom'66, New Glasgow, N.S., on March 3, 2002.

Robert Henry Martin, MD'66, Halifax, N.S., on November 19, 2001.

F. David McGee, LLB'68, Halifax, N.S., on December 8, 2001.

Stephen Frederick Michael, BSc'71, Halifax, N.S., on December 28, 2001.

Kenneth W. Schnell, MSW'71, Edmonton, Alta., in January 2002.

Isaac Stern, LLD'71, New York, NY, in September 2001.

F. Norman Hughes, LLD'73, Aurora, Ont., on February 4, 2002.

Rodney G. "Rod" Walsh, LLB'73, North York, Ont., on November 29, 2001.

Richard H. Kitley, BPE'78, Tantallon, N.S., on February 10, 2002.

Erin P. Carter, BSc'84, Dartmouth, N.S., on March 4, 2002.

"Beth" (Harriott) May Gahagan, BScOT'85, Peterborough, Ont., on November 21, 2001.

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Sandra Blackwood Sullivan, LLB'88, St. John's, Nfld., on November 11, 2001.

Patricia Gay "Trish" Pearson, BSc'88, BScPT'91, Burlington, Ont., on January 2, 2002.

Niels Windekilde Jannasch, LLD'88, Holzminden, Germany, on November 9, 2001.

Barbara Kelly, LLB'89, Vanier, Ont., in October 2001.

Kendall Gail "Kelli" Smith, BA'89, Bridgewater, N.S., on December 6, 2001.

Patricia M. Pitt, BSW'91, Halifax, N.S., on February 11, 2002.

Gordon Frederick Hughes, DENG'94 (TUNS), Windsor, N.S., on December 3, 2001.

Kimberly D. Jenkins, BA'95, Eastern Passage and Sydney Mines, N.S., on February 27, 2002.

Monique Cecilia (Delorey) Partridge, BENG(IND)'95 (TUNS), Calgary, Alta., on November 14, 2001.

Barbara Norman, MBA'98, Orleans, Ont., on December 19, 2001.

Melanie Joy Wright, BA'00, Lower Sackville, N.S., on December 16, 2001.

Marieke J. Wiersma, BSc'or, Halifax, N.S., on February 1, 2002.

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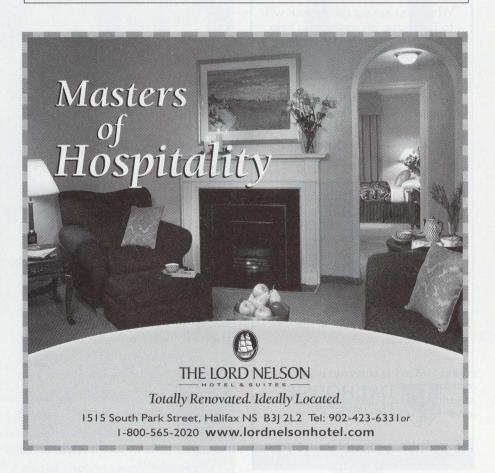
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Ocean activist Elisabeth Mann Borgese dies

Elisabeth Mann Borgese (LLD'98), professor emerita and a woman of remarkable accomplishments, died suddenly last February while on a ski trip in Europe. She was 83.

The daughter of renowned author Thomas Mann, she studied piano prior to extensive studies in political science and law. She lived in Germany, Switzerland, Italy and the United States before settling in Canada. Her career was varied - encyclopedia editor, author, playwright, essayist - but she was most known as an advocate for the peaceful use of the ocean, and its preservation as the common heritage of mankind.

In 1970, Mann Borgese organized a pioneering conference on the law of the sea, called Pacem in Maribus. Thirty such conferences have taken place since that time.

Mann Borgese's affiliation with Dalhousie spanned more than 25 years. She was the founder and honorary chair of the International Ocean Institute, headquartered on campus. Her reputation as an expert and consultant to the United Nations, the World Bank and other international organizations raised the profile of ocean studies at Dalhousie.

Mann Borgese's work earned her many laurels, including the Order of Canada. She received the Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit from the German government.

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Chemistry legend Gerald A. Dauphinee

Gerry Dauphinee (MSc'53) died in March, after retiring from the chemistry department in 1984 as associate professor. His MSc thesis was directed by Prof. Walter Chute and he joined the department as a lecturer in 1958, becoming an excellent and sought-after teacher. His legacy of innovative chemical experiments and computer programs, developed in conjunction with Tom Forrest, are still important in chemistry teaching. He developed a rapport with high school teachers, founded the present High School Week Program for students wishing to explore university chemistry and other sciences, and served on Nova Scotian Science Curriculum and Chemistry Committees.

Gerry was a careful and precise synthetic chemist with a razor-sharp mind and eagle eye. He and Tom Forrest worked closely for years and together published several scientific papers. In his retirement he read, according to Gerry, every book in the Halifax City Library. He also lovingly tended several neighbours' gardens.

Gerry had the knowledge, vocabulary and intellectual agility of a scholar. He admired character, unfailing personal integrity and persons motivated in their endeavours without desire for personal glory. The lessons he gleaned from his passions for history and literature were that it was ever thus, man's inhumanity to man and human nature remain static.

Introspective, private and fiercely independent, Gerry was generous in praising others but sincerely humble and dismissive in accepting praise or gratitude himself. His conversations were peppered with quotes from classic literature, especially when he wanted to convey feeling or emotion. On the afternoon of his death, he quoted a Shakespearean character, aptly-named, Feeble, from Henry IV:

By my troth, I care not . . . we owe God a death . . . he that dies this year is guit for the next.

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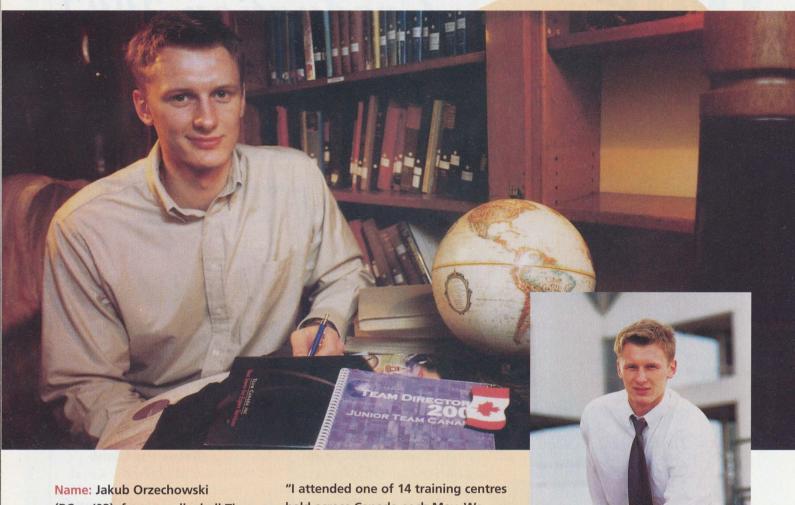
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of the State of Hidalgo who, unofficially, could be the next president of Mexico. • We were all very impressed with the tremendous progress that Mexico has made since the implementation of NAFTA. • All meetings were very official. We were even escorted by the Mexican police in Pachuca as a group of Canadian diplomats. But we also had a chance to meet and hang out with Mexican students, as we visited a few universities – the University of Monterrey, Monterrey Tech and University La Salle in Pachuca. • We also saw the pyramids outside Mexico City but generally our schedule was very hectic, with meetings from early mornings to late afternoons."

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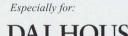
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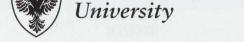
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