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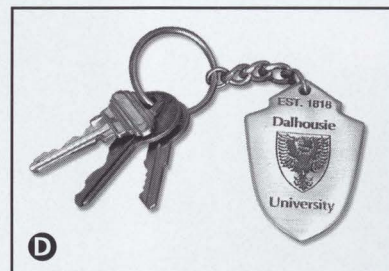
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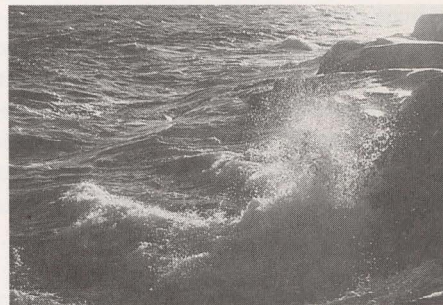
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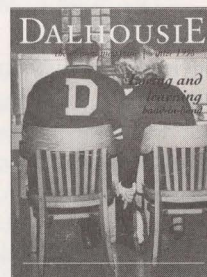
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One serene day last fall, I slipped out of my office in the Macdonald Building to steal a lunch-time jog through Point Pleasant Park. Chugging along the gravel paths that hug the park's waterside edges, I was struck by our affinity with the ocean.

Almost anyone reared by the ocean shares an emotional response to its strength and beauty. I've always told born-and-bred central Canadian friends: "It's difficult to explain - it just gets in your blood."

Of course, it's much more than "in your blood" for those whose lives - in any number of ways - revolve around the daily rhythms of the world's waters. And, with 1998 deemed the International Year of the Oceans, the diversity of connections with the oceans is strikingly obvious. At Dalhousie, interest in the oceans spans a multitude of disciplines. The university rightly claims a position as one of Canada's strongest ocean studies locales. Our strength shines in our oceanography department but, as well, crosses many other faculties and departments.

That sense of interconnections became apparent to Halifax freelance writer Joey Fitzpatrick who wrote our feature story, "Oceans of opportunity."

Fitzpatrick, who grew up on the shores of the Cardigan River in P.E.I., remembers the ocean as a life fixture.

"On a clear night, the beam from a lighthouse 20 miles away would flash through my bedroom window. On misty nights, the deep bellow of the foghorn would seem to echo into eternity. These beckonings from a dark and mysterious place were enough to instill an early sense of awe."

Fitzpatrick has been writing about the oceans for some time. His interviews with Dalhousie's oceans experts have added to his appreciation of the waters around us:

"The more I read and write about the oceans, the more I realize how little I understand about this world. The sea, by its nature, illustrates the connections of all life on earth. Fitting, then, that our relationship to the ocean should be a cornerstone of social evolution on a global scale. When Elisabeth Mann Borgese said the oceans were going to be 'a great laboratory for the making of a new international or-

der,' my initial reaction was deep and profound: I said, 'Huh?'

"Eventually, it all began to make sense. The history of humans on land has been one of carving up, and then incessantly fighting over who has the biggest or the best piece. That the oceans, covering three quarters of the earth's surface, should become a venue for global co-operation, to save the whales and to save ourselves, is a revolutionary idea whose time has come."

As this issue finds its way to you, we'll be in the depths, not of water, but of another sort - mid-winter and its chilling February doldrums. In an effort to lighten mid-winter blues, and in keeping with our near Valentine's Day arrival, Dalhousie includes a look at love.

For "When love is academic," Halifax writer Sandra Porteous talked to several couples who discovered their future partners at Dal. Porteous and I were both surprised when her first draft came in much longer than expected. By way of explanation, she pleaded: "I don't know what it was - the kind couples, their delightful stories or the fact I am obviously an incurable romantic but I did overwrite." So, 2,000 words lighter, you can read our alumni tales of love.

Finally, with this issue we introduce DalSPARK (Students Promoting Awareness of Research Knowledge), a new student communications group dedicated to writing research-related stories about Dal. Founding members are Katharine Dunn, *Dalhousie* production assistant, and Ken Smith, a master's student. DalSPARK is supported by alumni affairs, public relations, the offices of the vice-president (development and alumni affairs) and the vice-president (academic and research). You'll find the first DalSPARK stories in our Upfront on Campus section.

Enjoy the issue. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

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Changing with time

Thanks for the article in the Fall '97 *Dalhousie* magazine describing the need to change the accessibility of Dalhousie, and the steps that Dalhousie has taken so far. I graduated, able-bodied physically (and mentally, too!), from Dalhousie with a master's in development economics in 1988. I was in a car accident later and am now, too, a member of the physically disabled club. This club is very diverse so I suspect you have a lot of changes to make. But thank you for doing this. I look forward to the day when I can come visit the new, old Dalhousie.

Gabrielle Beckermann (MDE'88)
 Niagara Falls, Ont.
 via e-mail

More from the fringe

As I am working as a director and producer in London, I was really interested to read about John Jay and the other Dal grads ("Staged and managed in London's West End," Winter 1997) who work in Theatreland.

I have to echo John's remarks about having to do a bit of everything to make it in theatre. When I first came here it was enough of a challenge to find a job to pay for living in what is a very expensive city. Learning what was necessary to find my way into the London theatre world seemed almost impossible.

I established a "profit share" company of my own - The Totally Portable Theatre Company. One of the main things I wanted to do with the company was bring new writing, including Canadian writing, to the U.K. If the reviews for Goodnight Desdemona are anything to go by, I think we are getting somewhere.

But what John Jay said is absolutely right; my last show may have been called one of the best six shows in London, and may have made money (a rarity, even for a big west-end play) but it only made a profit of 200 pounds.

Here on the fringes of Theatreland, when there are no wealthy parents to support you, no trusts, scholarships or bursaries to pay your way, and there is no one to do the work for you, you just have to produce as much good work as you can on your own, and get it seen. Then again, if I wasn't doing this work, I don't know what else I would do.

I have been trying to stay in touch with friends and former professors at Dal but most of them are as busy as I am here, so we don't speak much. It sounds like Dal's theatre department is hanging on, despite dwindling resources. After the confusion of my final year at Dal, in which the theatre department was threatened with closure, I find the same thing happening to another group I am working with on this side of the ocean. The Lost Theatre Company, where a young Ralph Fiennes started his career, is threatened with eviction from its premises under a Methodist church in Fulham. After 30 years of doing 10 productions a year with no outside funding of any sort, its community support has dwindled, as has its membership. Hopefully, it can survive its troubles like Dal's theatre department did.

The nice thing about a place as small as Halifax is that, generally, your work gets seen. If you have ever done a show where (for three nights in a row, in a city of five million) you get five people in the audience each night, you learn to appreciate having a community to support you. I hope the Nova Scotia community sees what a valuable place Dal's theatre department can be. I hope the next time I am in Canada, that one of the things I will get to see is a really well-acted, directed, costumed and designed play produced at Dal.

Michael Cowie (BA'94)
 London, England

Pause for reflection

For 21 years, I have looked forward to receiving my copy of the alumni newsletter. I have watched with interest as it evolved over the years into the very polished and professional format in which it now appears. In fact, I look forward to reading it from cover to cover.

I guess we never really appreciate life at Dal until sometime later in our lives. We graduate and move along our separate paths and only too quickly get caught up in the whirlwind of life. Memories become just that.

The alumni magazine provides me the opportunity to do just that. I can pause and think back on so many fine memories of classmates, classes taken and professional demands. I "think" I can also remember the classes skipped due to numerous unscheduled meetings in the Grawood Lounge. I do know for certain that my memories of Dal are among my most cherished.

We tend not to think of those times on a daily basis. Life has a funny way of keeping us busy in whatever day-to-day endeavor we have chosen and affords us precious little time for past reflection. Unless there is a conscious effort to keep in touch, faces and friendships fade only to be resurrected when the alumni magazine appears.

Of course, I am deeply embarrassed that I would ever have to write this letter. I would never have known, but for the Class Notes, that a part of my life is no longer here. My room-mate, Stuart A. Dalton, aka 'Dink,' is gone. The memories flood back: the smiles, the assignments, Philosophy 217, Godfrey and Cook's History 100, SUB nights, Fenwick parties . . . so many memories.

Barry E. Lewis (BA'76)
 Kingston, Ont.

In memory of John

My husband and I wish to say how touched we were to read the article on Sable's seals ("Birth control on the breeding ground," Fall 1997) that was dedicated to our son, John.

We were so pleased to learn that his efforts were appreciated. He was always so interested in the work he did and loved every minute.

Hugh and Mary Parsons
 Hudson, Que.

In touch with Kentucky

I found the alumni magazine very interesting, especially the edition with the merging of Dal and TUNS (Spring 1997). Keep up the good work.

Stephen D. Wilcox (BSc'82)
 Paducah, Kentucky
 via e-mail

TeleHealth links Dal, St. Kitts-Nevis

A new technology called TeleHealth, which links the Dalhousie Medical School and the Caribbean nation of St. Kitts-Nevis, is enabling Halifax doctors to help diagnose patients more than 2,400 km away.

Doctors in St. Kitts-Nevis will be able to send video images of patients to the medical school's Centre for TeleHealth. The system will also transmit heart sounds, blood pressure readings and EKGs. Patient X-rays, which will be analysed by radiologists at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, are also being sent.

"We expect this agreement will have a very positive impact on health care in St. Kitts-Nevis," says Dr. John Ruedy, dean of Dal's medical school. "Right now, a radiologist visits St. Kitts once every two weeks. Through this new partnership with Dalhousie, patients will be diagnosed within 24 hours of having an X-ray."

The agreement with St. Kitts-Nevis resulted, in part, because of the connection that the islands' governor-general, Sir Cuthbert Sebastian (MD'58), has with the medical school.

"I have come to the conclusion that, in addition to primary health care, the introduction of telemedicine is a way forward, (a way) to attain health for all in the early years of the 21st century," says Sebastian. "It should be entertained as a global strategy for the health for all. And it is ironic that I returned to my medical roots at Dalhousie to make this declaration."

The agreement also presents potential for medical research between the two countries. "Telemedicine hasn't been exploited as a research tool but it's a natural because you can store the images and study the images in retrospect," says Ruedy.

Most funding for the TeleHealth agreement comes from the Central Caribbean Bank.

- Ken Smith, DalSPARK

Biomedical engineering, research surge

Booyed by a \$1.2 million grant from an American foundation, Dalhousie is about to become the first university in eastern Canada to offer training in biomedical engineering.

The grant will establish an Institute of Biomedical Engineering and offer both master's and doctoral programs in the field.

"The grant provides Dalhousie with an opportunity to train a new generation of young engineers who could feed into the biotechnology and medical products industry in the region,"

says Mike Lee, interim director of the biomedical engineering program.

"This is an excellent opportunity for engineers, basic scientists and clinicians at the new Dalhousie to work together and enhance our collective research potential."

The Whitaker Foundation awarded the grant – the only one given to a Canadian university. Only seven of 80 applicants from across North America received such funding.

Biomedical engineering is technol-

ogy-based medicine – the design and development of devices used in medicine, such as surgical implants, heart-lung machines, prosthetics, hearing aids, and MRI and CAT scans.

Nova Scotia Health Minister Jim Smith described the institute as "one of the first tangible accomplishments of a new Dalhousie and a sign of what's to come."

Just one day after the Institute of Biomedical Engineering was announced, the health minister was back on campus to celebrate another success as the Dalhousie Medical Research Founda-

tion (DMRF) unveiled an anonymous \$2.2 million donation.

Most of the money – \$2 million – will be used to provide matching funds for Dalhousie's application for support from the Canada Foundation for Innovation. The remainder will boost cancer research at the medical school.

The funds were given in memory of Dr. Owen Cameron, a physician who practised for many years in Cumberland Co., N.S., and his wife, Pearle MacDonald-Cameron.

This is an excellent opportunity for engineers, basic scientists and clinicians to work together and enhance our research potential

Names . . . in the news



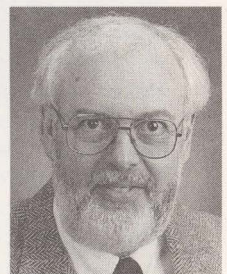
Nadine Tanner

• **Nadine Tanner (BE'd'91)**, co-ordinator of the Science and Technology Awareness Network (STANet), has received a prestigious Michael Smith Award for Science Promotion. The award honors outstanding efforts to promote science to Canadian youth outside the formal education system. STANet began in 1995. It links more than

200 organizations, businesses and individuals involved in science and technology-related activities in Nova Scotia.

• A popular biology prof is among 10 Canadian professors chosen as 3M Teaching Fellows. **Tom MacRae's** award recognizes exceptionally high leadership and commitment to university teaching across disciplines.

• **John Risley (Arts '68)**, co-founder of



Tom MacRae

Crystals become out-of-this-world research project

A DalTech professor will be 'out-of-this-world' busy over the next several months preparing a space-bound experiment that could have implications for everything from computers to Corvettes.

Noubar Yemenidjian, a professor of metallurgy, wants to determine whether crystals grown in space are purer than those grown on earth. He's hoping his experiment, scheduled to blast into orbit aboard a NASA space shuttle in May, will help him in that quest.

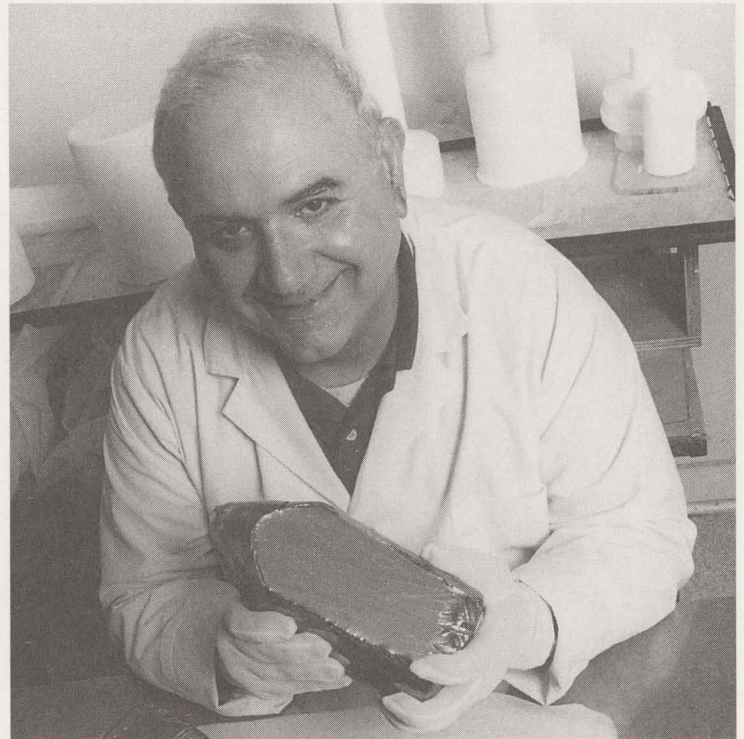
On earth – inside a DalTech building, to be exact – Yemenidjian and associate engineers, Michel Deveau and Derrek Cole, grow crystals of gallium arsenide. Such crystals are semi-conductors, used in high-speed computers, lasers, solar cells, calculators, even the tail-lights of Corvettes. The crystals' purity determines their effectiveness.

"The purer the crystal, the better the electrical properties," says Yemenidjian. "But we are not doing this with the intention of commercial production in space. Even if it was practical to produce crystals in space, the costs would be prohibitive. This is pure research to find out how much better it is and how we can simulate such techniques in terrestrial applications."

One of Yemenidjian's first challenges will be to simulate his lab environment in the shuttle's compact quarters.

At present, the grapefruit-sized crystals – which look like giant, mercury-colored bullets – grow in a massive 12-foot-long furnace. For the shuttle experiment, Yemenidjian must recreate a version of the furnace that is seven times smaller than its earthly equivalent.

Yemenidjian plans to develop the shuttle furnace by February and deliver it to Cape Canaveral in time for the May 29, 1998, launch.



Space crystals: DalTech professor Noubar Yemenidjian with a sample of the crystals he hopes will grow as part of an experiment aboard a NASA space shuttle mission next May (MUIR)

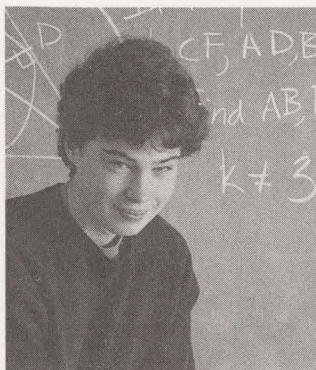
The DalTech project was selected as part of the space mission by the Canadian Space Agency, which also provides funding.

- Ken Smith, DalSPARK

Clearwater Fine Foods Inc. and national chair for the university's Capital Ideas Campaign, was named 1997 Atlantic Entrepreneur of the Year and was nominated for recognition as Canada's top entrepreneur.

• First-year math student **Ian Caines** is new to university life but not to academic success. The 19-year-old beat more than 5,000 students from across Canada

last spring to claim first in the Sir Isaac Newton Physics Competition.



Ian Caines

at strengthening Canada's research capability. The federal government

• Chemistry professor **Mary Anne White** is joining the board of directors of the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI). White is one of 14 prominent Canadians who will help the CFI launch national programs aimed

has committed \$800 million to the program.

• **Jacob Slonim** is the first dean of the new faculty of computer science. Slonim, previously with IBM Canada, has impressive credentials from both the corporate and academic sectors.

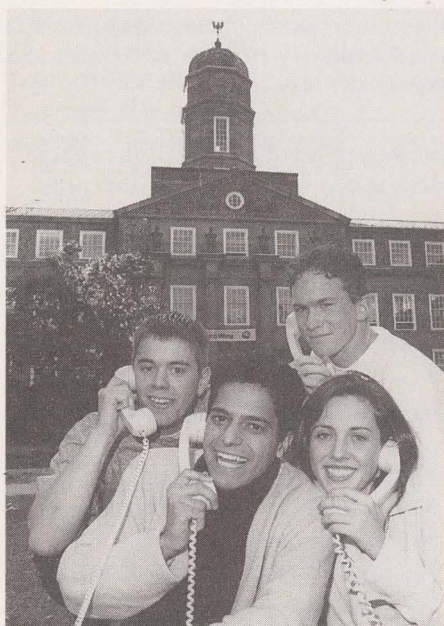
• An environmental engineering student is taking part in the National Research Council's Women in Engineering and Science program. **Jane Yetter** is among 26 women chosen for the program which enables young women to work with some of Canada's top scientists. Yetter will receive \$33,000 in financial support.

New meaning for Munro

If you've had any contact with Dalhousie, you'll recognize the first Friday of February as Munro Day – a welcome holiday heralding a bleak month. Now, plans are in the works to mark Munro Day in a style more suited to the day's namesake.

Munro Day was established in the 1880s, at the request of students, to honor George Munro, a Nova Scotian who became a successful New York businessman. Munro gave Dalhousie more than \$300,000 (about \$9 million in 1990s value) – making him one of the greatest benefactors the university has ever known.

Though plans are still in the early stages, a group representing alumni, development and the Capital Ideas Campaign is hoping to see that future Munro Days evolve into a celebration of those who give – either dollars or their time – to Dalhousie.



Great students, great school: More than 30 students found employment as part of the university's annual phone-a-thon. Aaron Brown (BCom'99), far left, was the program's supervisor. Others who helped raise \$220,000 were (l.-r.): Raj Chowdhry (BSc'99), Melissa Stewart (BCom'01), Jeff Munro (BScK'99) (ABRIEL)

Climate is right for physics' first woman scientist

A little discouragement can be all it takes for a young woman to turn her back on science forever.

But unkind words did not dissuade Ulrike Lohmann, 31, from becoming a scientist. And now, she's the first woman faculty member in Dalhousie's physics department.

"When I was in high school (in Germany), people were often telling me, 'Oh you're a girl, you can't study physics,'" says Lohmann. "This happened early on so I was not sure for quite some time that I would be able to do this."

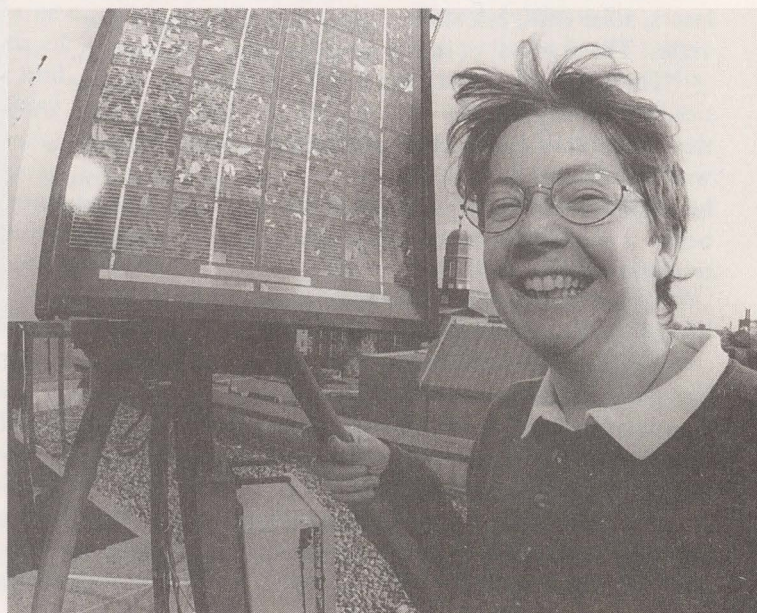
But Lohmann followed her instinct and embraced her passion for physics. She pursued natural science at university and was drawn to physics. Her speciality is atmospheric science.

That doesn't mean, however, that she's predicting tomorrow's weather.

"I'm not into weather forecasts but, rather, interested in problems having a climatic impact. We're dealing with much longer time scales. We're not looking at day-to-day weather." In fact, if Lohmann is curious about tomorrow's forecast, she checks out the weather charts in Dal's oceanography department – a place she knows well since she holds a joint appointment between that department (where she is also the first woman faculty member) and physics.

Lohmann grew up in the northern German town of Kiel and received her PhD at the Max Planck Institute in Hamburg, where a woman in physics is not such an anomaly.

"I was never the only woman there. If you study atmospheric science, there are probably 30 to 40 per cent women – much more than in theoretical physics."



Physics' first: Ulrike Lohmann (MUIR)

Lohmann is not only the sole woman in Dal's physics department, she's also the faculty's youngest member.

"I still feel a bit unique. I'm being taken very good care of. The people are very friendly. I don't know what happens once I lose this exciting kind of status," she laughs.

Lohmann says a lengthy stay in Halifax would suit her just fine.

"Kiel is about the same size as Halifax. Kiel is also at the coast so it has a similar climate." And if you are drawn to meteorology as Lohmann is, the climate is something very comforting, indeed.

- Katharine Dunn, DalSPARK

Competitive athletes in the 1990s are among the most driven, hard-working and motivated students in universities.

Rachelle Beaton (BPharm'97) is a case in point. During five years at Dalhousie, Beaton excelled in both sports and academics. And her athletic story is the stuff of legends.

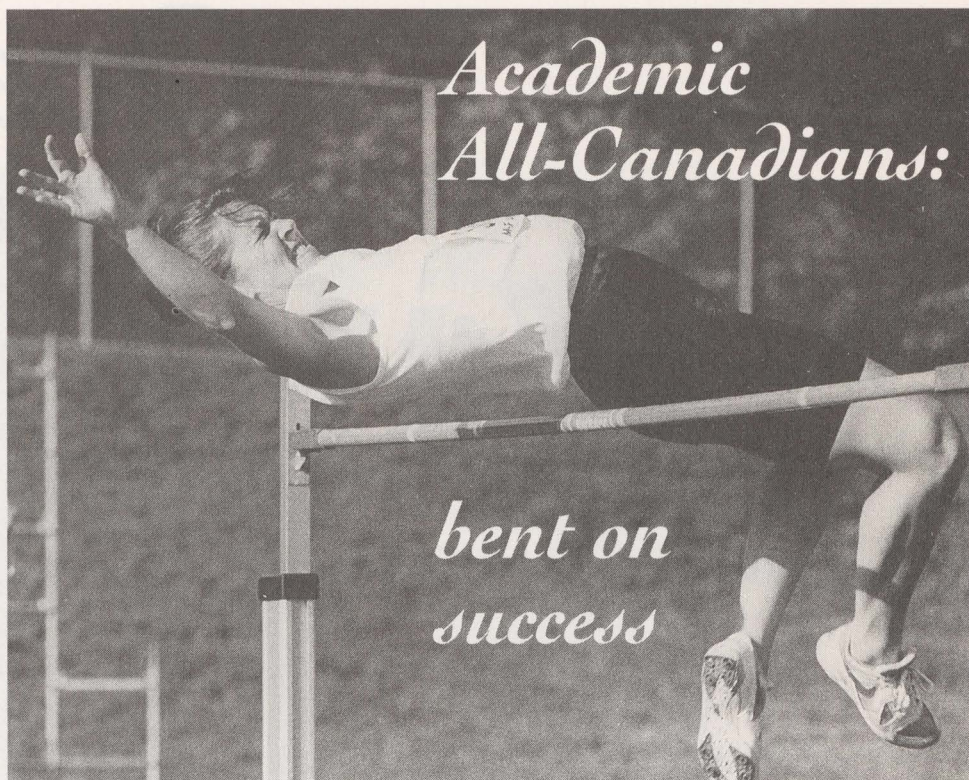
Last year's CIAU championships marked the end of Beaton's distinguished varsity career. She was unranked entering the high jump competition in Windsor, Ont., but the day of her event, she found herself ahead of the pack. Clearing the high jump bar, set four centimetres above her previous best, guaranteed her a gold medal. A miss would mean a fourth-place finish.

"A lot of people were very close," says Beaton. "In my head, I thought, 'Wouldn't everybody be shocked if I made this?' I knew I wasn't going into something that was impossible."

There was tremendous pressure but Beaton made the jump, leaving the bar untouched and bringing home gold for Dalhousie.

Beaton's academic story is not unlike her athletic one. She graduated from pharmacy last spring with only one mark below an 'A' and, because of a high GPA and her varsity participation, was named an Academic All-Canadian in each of her five years at Dal.

Beaton's fierce commitment to her



Academic All-Canadians:

bent on success

Committed to school and to sports: Rachelle Beaton (BPharm'97) (CHRONICLE-HERALD AND MAIL STAR)

sport complemented her grades.

"There are a lot of people who over-study or they take lots of little breaks. For me, it was easier to do work when I had to and go take a *full* break to do track. It gave me time to exercise and have fun."

The number of Academic All Cana-

dians is climbing at Dalhousie. In 1996-97, 30 student-athletes made the standing, compared with 15 such students five years ago.

With outstanding student-athletes like Beaton choosing Dalhousie, the university's roster of Academic All-Canadians can only continue its winning ways.

Tiger Talk

Men's soccer: The Tigers completed 1997 with a CIAU bronze medal. Paul English was MVP for the tournament and a second team All-Canadian. Stuart Cochran and Marc Rainford were also All-Stars. Dal hosted the CIAU Men's Soccer Championships.

Women's soccer: The team claimed an AUAA championship and a trip to the CIAU championships in Laval. At nationals, the Tigers tied one game and lost one. Rookie Mary-Beth Bowie was CIAU

Rookie of the Year and a first team All-Canadian.

Women's cross-country: The Tigers extended their undefeated streak in AUAA events to 12 years. Star rookie Kristen Lewis won every AUAA event this season.

Men's cross-country: The Tigers competed strongly at AUAA's, where they finished second. Scott Simpson earned AUAA rookie of the year honors after a third-place finish at CIAUs.

Men's swimming: The Tigers expect to challenge UNB for the AUAA banner this year and

expect to have more swimmers meet CIAU standards.

Women's swimming: The Tigers placed second to UNB at the AUAA invitational at Dalplex but expect to peak at AUAA's in February.

Men's volleyball: All-Canadian Terry Martin is having another outstanding season as he looks to lead the Tigers back to the CIAU final for the second consecutive year.

Women's volleyball: This team is one of the league's best this year and will host the AUAA championships at Dalplex in February.

Women's basketball: The team captured its first five pre-season games, including the Subway Centennial Tournament.

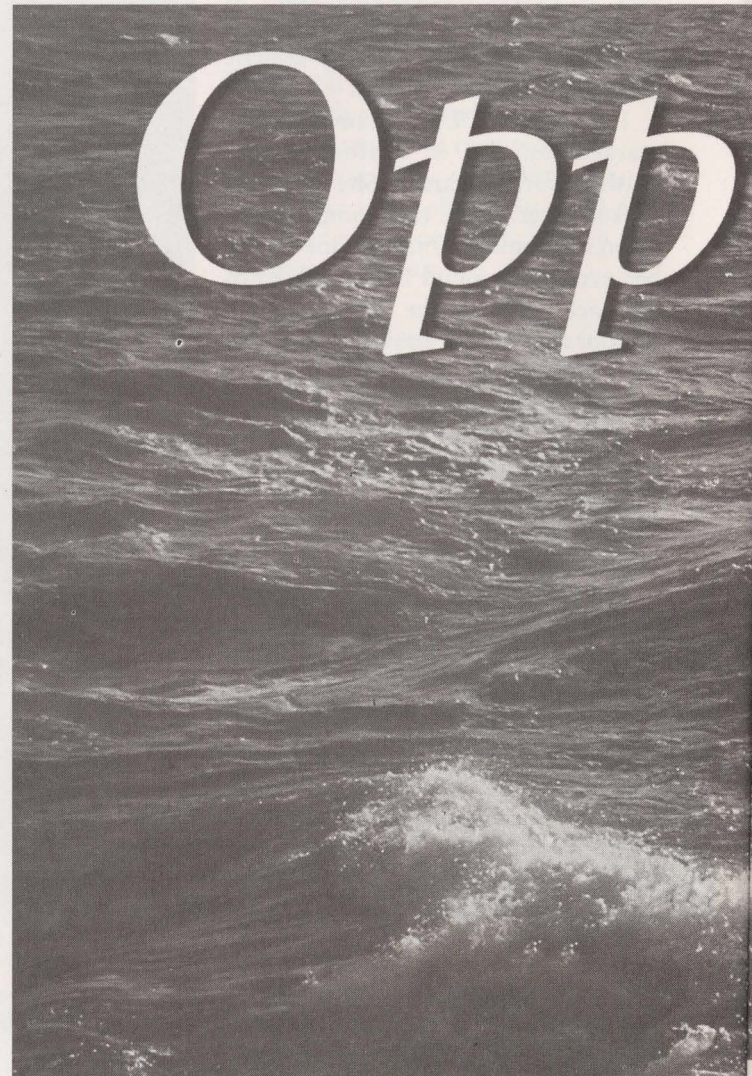
Men's basketball: The Tigers headed into Christmas with a 2-2 record in league play. The team played through the pre-season with a limited bench due to a number of injuries but most key players returned for AUAA league play.

Men's hockey: It looks like the Tigers will contend for an AUAA banner this season. Heading into Christmas, the Tigers were 7-7.


Oceans of

Since its infancy as 'the college by the sea,' Dalhousie has harbored a special affinity with the oceans. These days, the university's expertise is increasingly being embraced by industry, government and those charting the future of the world's oceans

by Joey Fitzpatrick



CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS associated with Halifax Harbor. Now multiply those by at least 20 and you will have some idea of the stress facing the Rio de la Plata – a coastal estuary that supports one of Uruguay's most valuable commercial fisheries, along with some 15 million residents, a busy tourism trade, shipping and industry.



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Since 1992, a multi-disciplinary team led by Dalhousie researchers has been helping the Uruguayans determine how to handle the Rio de la Plata's environmental problems. The project is called Eco Plata. The expertise contributed by Dal comes from a diverse group of sociologists, historians, environmentalists, oceanographers, geo-chemists, pollution specialists and biologists.

"It was originally done as a way of cementing the two ocean communities and creating bonds," explains Bob Fournier, team leader for Eco Plata and executive director of ocean studies at Dalhousie.

Those bonds and personal connections could soon begin paying tangible dividends, as several Nova Scotia firms are negotiating a \$1- to \$2-million underwater mapping project for Uruguay's continental shelf. Uruguay is also looking for technical expertise in defining the margins of its territorial water to meet its obligations under the Law of the Sea. This could be a \$5-million project.

"We've taken our ideas and technology from the university to a foreign country," Fournier says. "And now it looks like it will bring something back to Nova Scotia."

Since the days of tall ships and wooden ships, the oceans have played a critical role in the economies of Nova Scotia and the other Atlantic provinces. Today, applied technology is the fastest growing oceans sector. Dalhousie is in on that growth. Research and development at Dal are increasingly occurring in partnership with the private sector, and with assistance from programs such as the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).

Marlon Lewis's businesses illustrate what's possible. Lewis is an oceanography professor at Dalhousie and presi-

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Dalhousie's reputation as one of Canada's foremost universities in marine education and research is largely a result of its history and geography. Known in its early days as "the little college by the sea," Dalhousie's immediate neighbors now include the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, the Defence Research Establishment Atlantic and the National Research Council Institute for Marine Biosciences. There are about 500 doctoral-level marine professionals living and working in the Halifax area. In 1989, the university officially declared ocean studies an area of special emphasis.

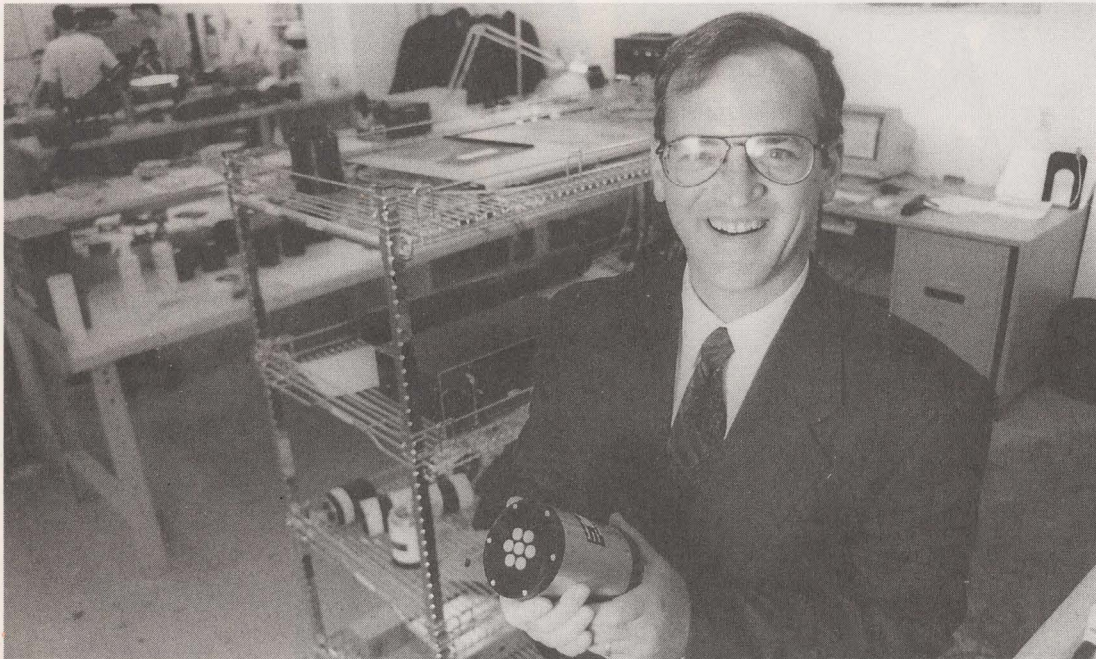
"It was a recognition of the strength that exists in this institution," says Pat Lindley (MSc'76), coordinator of the ocean studies program. "It's ocean studies in the broadest sense. This includes people in medicine, science, law, policy - anything where people are sticking their feet or their noses in salt water."

Oceans expertise is becoming an increasingly precious currency in the hi-tech offshore sector. And, as of last fall, Atlantic Canada has a new imperative to become a centre of world class

scientific expertise in yet another oceans field - offshore petroleum development. In October, a federal-provincial panel approved a \$3-billion energy project that should see natural gas from six fields off Sable Island coming ashore by November 1999. Estimates are that within 10 years, 40 per cent of Canada's light oil and gas production could be coming from hydrocarbon fields off Canada's east coast.

Scientists are already responding to the project's potential. Dr. Hans Vaziri, chairman of civil engineering in the faculty of engineering, is leading an initiative to see a multi-faceted offshore research program based at Dalhousie.

"It includes components like environmental impacts, reservoir engineering and stability of structures on the seabed," says Dal oceanography professor John Grant, who's helping develop the proposal. "We thought this would be a good time to bring together a number of universities, as well as government institutions and the private



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dent of Iosat Inc., a Halifax firm that's blazing new trails in receiving and processing satellite imagery. Earlier this year, Iosat unveiled the Sentry, a self-contained transportable ground station that displays and analyses data from satellites. The Sentry provides unparalleled ocean monitoring capabilities, making it possible to detect vessels, monitor slicks and examine ocean features. Iosat is a subsidiary of Satlantic, which began through R and D at Dal in 1991.

"We formed Satlantic on the basis of new sensors that we had developed at the university on NSERC and DFO grants," Lewis (PhD'84) recalls. The reciprocal university-industry benefit has now come full-circle - 18 months ago, Satlantic committed \$1.5 million for two research chairs at Dalhousie; funding for a third chair is being negotiated.

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sector, into what's called a Network Centre of Excellence."

With the involvement of 10 universities, 12 government organizations and research institutes, and 30 private companies, the centre of excellence would deliver knowledge and technology solutions directly to East Coast developments. That experience could then be translated to the international stage to apply in future to other offshore projects.

The birthplace of life, the inspiration for poets and songwriters, the repository of dreams – the oceans have always been more than an economic resource. In the 20th century, they have also become an arena for social change.

Political activism was an early passion in the life of Elisabeth Mann Borgese, professor of political science and law at Dalhousie. Born in Germany, she was, by age 12, a member of the Pan Europe youth group promoting European federalism. Her family was forced to leave Germany when Hitler rose to power because of her father's anti-fascist politics.

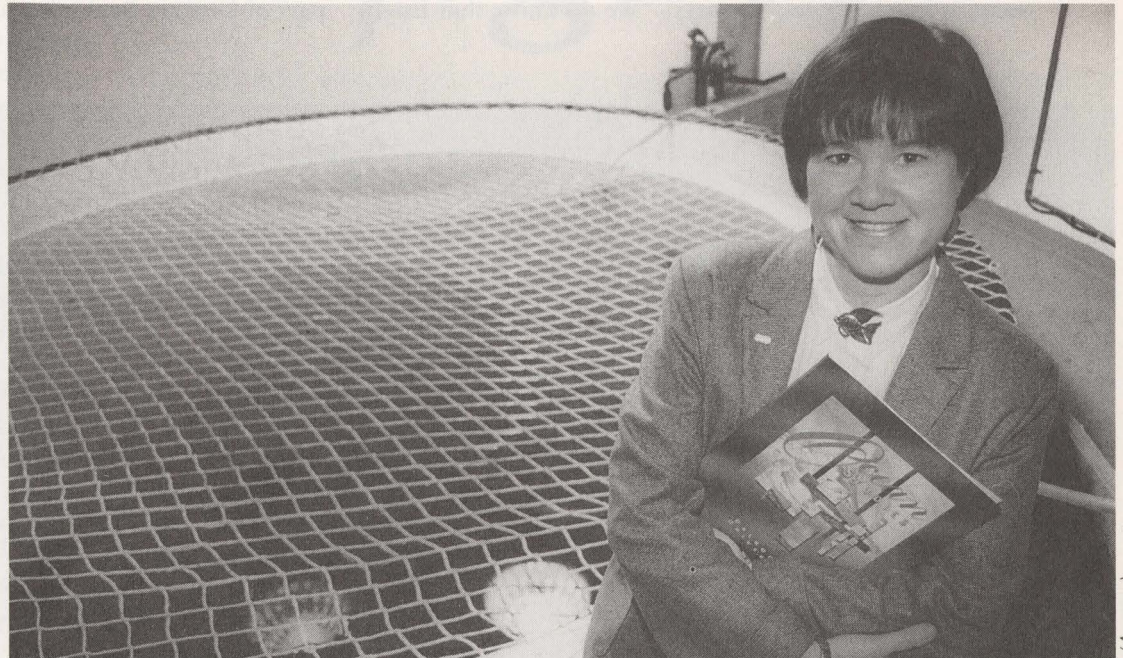
"I grew up among exiles, so international organizations and international relations were always very high on my agenda."

Borgese travelled to the United States in 1938 and, with her husband, the Italian exile G.A. Borgese, founded the Committee to Frame a World Constitution at the University of Chicago – one of the first think-tanks on world order studies. By 1967, she realized that the world's oceans "were going to be a great laboratory for the making of a new international order." The concept of the oceans as mankind's common heritage seemed hopelessly Utopian 50 years ago but it's now recognized internationally in the Law of the Sea.

"By the mid-1970s, it was clear that the new Law of the Sea was going to make tremendous demands on the capacity of poor countries. If they didn't have the proper training, and the proper development of their human resources, they could not possibly gain the benefits we hoped they would get."

Driven by her commitment to global social justice,

Mann Borgese founded the International Ocean Institute (IOI) in 1972. The IOI's training program, now carried out in 11 operational centres of the International Ocean Institute all over the world – including Dalhousie – deepens the understanding of importance of the oceans, and their resources, in world politics and sustainable development. The program helps developing countries build a core of decision-makers who are well-versed in the complex issues of ocean management. The program's success makes it clear that the new science of ocean management requires not



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only oceanographers and technicians, but people who are at home both on the sea and in the academic spheres of economics and social science.

"We really did design the first interdisciplinary training program which then was copied by many other institutions," says Mann Borgese. "Dalhousie has been enormously generous in helping us to build this program here."

At the same time, Dalhousie has allowed its researchers to follow their own paths in everything from genetics to the therapeutic value of shark cartilage. That approach is promoting an interdisciplinary approach to ocean studies, building linkages within the university and with the larger external community.

"I've seen a real change in the university – a new willingness to get involved with industry and others," says Lindley. "Faculty members realize it's not good enough to be effective among the academic community in isolation."

Martin Willison is another example of oceans expertise moving beyond university walls. A biology professor, writer, researcher and ecologist, he spreads the message to all who will listen that declining biodiversity is the largest environmental crisis facing mankind. It's more than just a hot topic. The mass extinction of species caused by human activity raises profound and troubling ethical issues.

"As agriculture spread across the earth, it had a huge impact on terrestrial biodiversity. We're now having that impact on the ocean but we really don't know what we're doing because our knowledge base with respect to the ocean is much poorer," he says. "We do know that fisher-

looming. Willison began preaching his gospel of fisheries enhancement through marine reserves – areas protected from exploitation that could replenish the areas that are exploited. As chair of Dal's biology department from 1991 to 1996, his academic life and passion for conservation began to merge. But the concept of marine protected areas met skepticism from most fisheries scientists.

"People my own age, and older, didn't take me seriously. But students did," he says.

One student, Rick McGarvey, developed computer models of a marine reserve. His models simulated the closure of part of Georges Bank's lucrative scallop fishery. McGarvey studied the projected biological effects.

"The fishery productivity didn't go down," Willison explains. "It's simply because when the scallops are very large they produce huge numbers of eggs. But, with the present level of fishing, they never have time to get large on Georges Bank."

Willison and McGarvey wrote a paper based on their findings. Recently, some American scalloping areas have been closed – a decision based partly on the team's work. And, marine protected areas are counted as one of three strategies included in Canada's new Oceans Act. Still, Willison only reluctantly takes any credit for fostering a ground swell of support for marine protected areas.

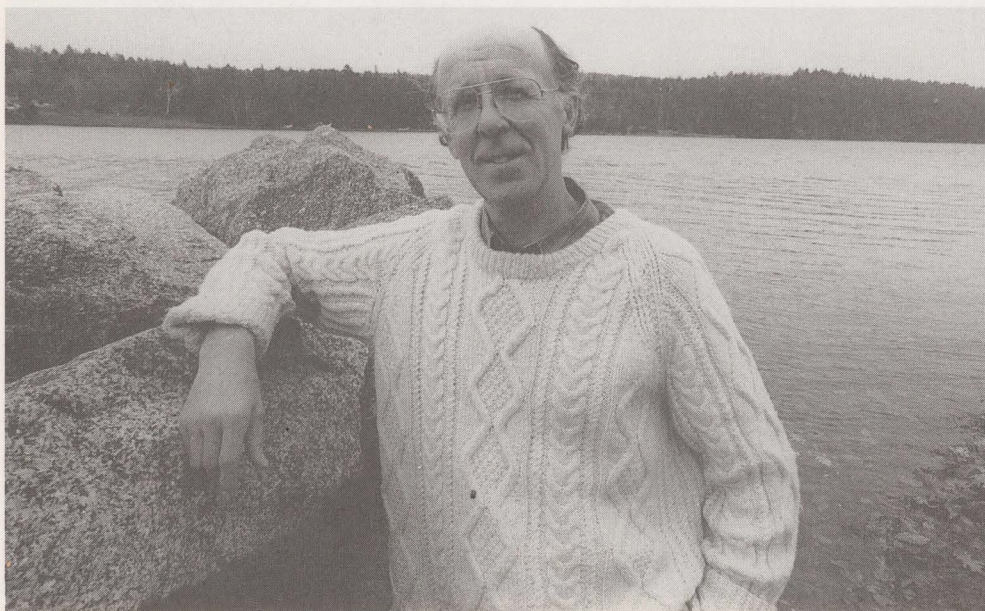
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The extinction of marine species is also being considered as a topic for a major conference or round table sponsored by Dalhousie in recognition of this year's International Year of the Oceans.

"There's strong scientific interest and there's also legal and marine policy interest," says Lindley. "The various disciplines really dovetail on this issue."

As the Department of Fisheries and Oceans develops its new oceans strategy, implementing the policies outlined in the Oceans Act which became law earlier this year, universities can be expected to play an ever-larger role in helping to shape how the world's oceans are managed, used and conserved.

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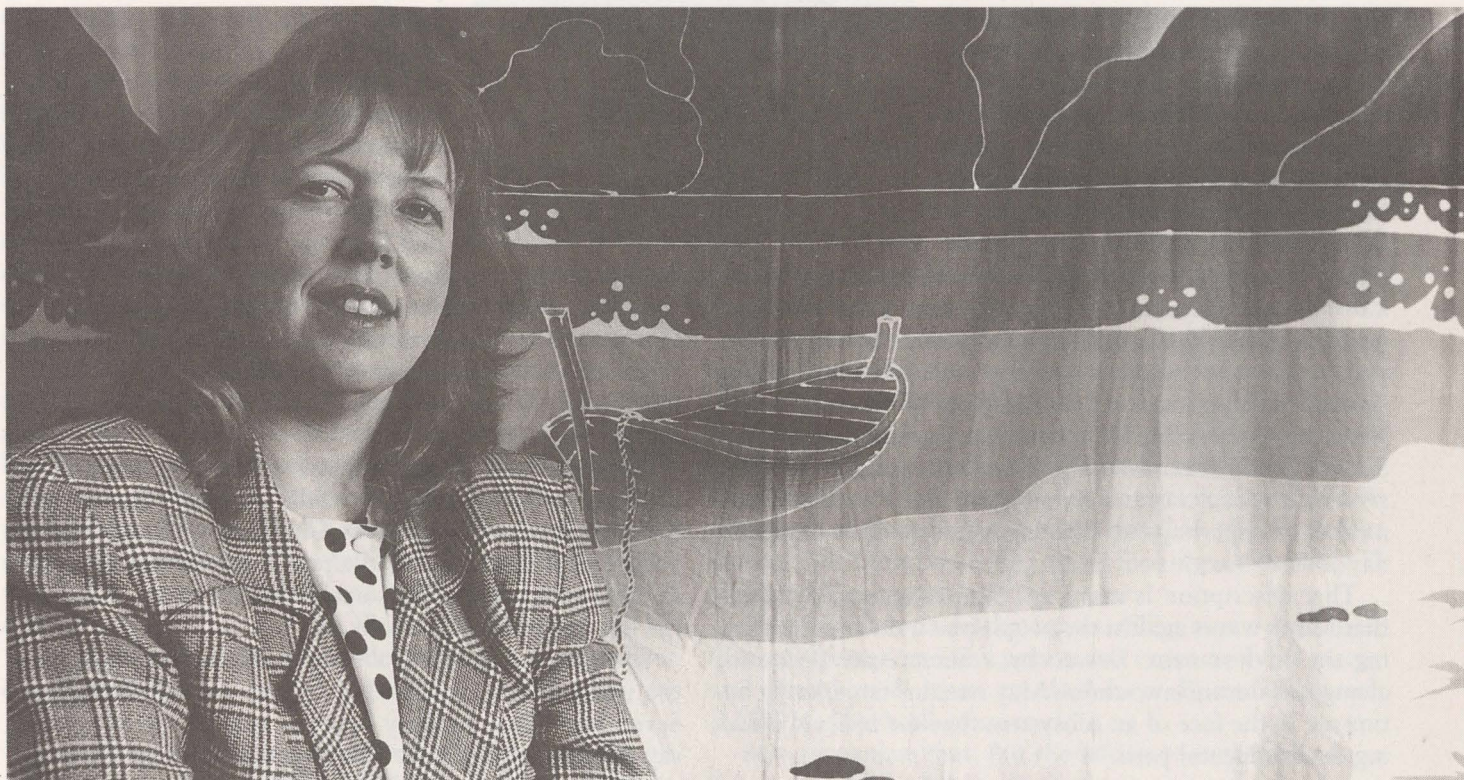
ies are collapsing to the point where we may be facing a global food crisis."

Willison came to Dalhousie as a post-doctoral fellow in 1974 and began teaching two years later. In 1989, he found himself in New Zealand, studying parks and conservation while on sabbatical. There, he attended a lecture on marine reserves that had a huge impact on his career.

"When they established their first marine reserve in New Zealand, the local fishermen had been strongly opposed. They subsequently swung over to support it because the reserve had enhanced their fishery. The crayfish had become very large inside the reserve and produced more larvae."

Willison returned to Halifax in 1990 when the Atlantic fishery seemed, to outward appearances, in relative health. But some scientists and fishermen could see dark clouds

Faithful fighter



(RICK MADONIK)

The executive-director of the Sierra Club of Canada has been described as a modern-day Joan of Arc. The truth is, Elizabeth May might be just as happy baking bread as fighting for the earth's survival

by Katharine Dunn (BAHon'98)

It was academic crunch time and Elizabeth May (LLB'83) was grinning. With exams looming, she had an enormous workload but the first-year law student could hardly contain her glee.

Seventeen years later, May still remembers that spring like a vacation. And in a way, it was. After years of cooking and dish-washing at her parents' struggling restaurant in Margaree Harbor, Cape Breton, law school's intensity provided sublime relief from kitchen drudgery. "I had friends who got cranky at me during exams," says May, 43. "They'd say, 'If you don't wipe that smile off your face, I'm gonna kill you!' But the freedom, the luxury, the sheer fun of being allowed to study – I loved it."

Enthusiasm under pressure is quintessential Elizabeth May. As executive-director of the Sierra Club of Canada – one of North America's largest and most credible environmental organizations – it's a trait she displays regularly: with the media, politicians and in her personal life. Her style has won May national and international conservation awards, and earned her a reputation as a gentle environmental warrior.

May burst into the nation's eye in the '70s when, at 21, she scored an environmental coup after launching a much-publicized, grass-roots movement against government and industry plans to spray pesticides in Cape Breton. Later, she led a successful battle against uranium mining in Nova Scotia. She entered law school with letters of support from Bill Clinton, then governor of Arkansas, and American writer Norman Cousins. Since graduating, she has served as senior policy adviser to a federal environment minister, was instrumental in establishing several national parks in Canada (including South Moresby, B.C.), and, for nine years, has championed the Sierra Club. She is a writer (*At the Cutting Edge: The Crisis in Canadian Forests* is her third book), a dedicated mother and, perhaps, as one colleague put it: a "modern-day Joan of Arc."

That description is more apt than exaggerated, except that May's war is against the people and industries destroying the environment. Driven by a fierce inner desire for change, as during law school, May remains remarkably optimistic in the face of an ecosystem that she believes is facing environmental peril.

Under the shadow of Parliament Hill, May's day starts early. By 6:30, she's scouring the *Ottawa Citizen* and the *Globe and Mail*, seeking news that demands immediate reaction. As the Sierra Club's chief media spokesperson, she ultimately shapes the organization's credibility. And she does it well. Members of the media respect May's straightforward, rational and honest approach. Not one to mince words, she's a reporter's dream but can be a politician's nightmare. She has a habit of running into cabinet ministers in grocery stores or churches, and using such encounters to lobby for her cause. "She's recognized in Canada as being a true specialist in this area," says Halifax lawyer Ron Pink (LLB'73), with whom May articulated after graduation. "She not only talks the talk, she walks the walk."

Once her daughter wakes, May heads downtown – without a car – to Sierra Club's cramped quarters on Nicholas Street. (She sold her last car in 1980. For environmental

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- Elizabeth May (LLB'83)

reasons? "Actually, to pay a phone bill," she says, without irony.) Her 15-hour workday – the norm when she's actually in Ottawa (last summer included trips to Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Denver, New York, Washington, Edmonton and Halifax) – might include fund-raising, co-ordinating Sierra Club campaigns or conducting her own environmental lobbying.

Despite May's noble intentions and numerous attempts to influence public policy, environmental destruction continues at an alarming rate. May cringes at broken government promises and environmental compromises. She acknowledges declining public support and the fading widespread fervor that was spawned by, for example, the Exxon Valdez oil spill or the first discovery of an ozone hole. "It's

cyclical," May concedes. "If you look at Earth Day 1970, there was a big wave of support. The next wave was in the late '80s. Some people think it's dictated by the economy. I think it's much more related to media coverage." To some extent, she blames too few print and broadcast reports for falling public interest.

But does fault lie with reporters? "Is it a failing of the media or reflecting a lack of public interest?" asks Stephen Kimber (Arts), Director of the University of King's College School of Journalism. "While people say they're interested in environmental issues, (sometimes) the more you probe the less interested they really are."

In 1990, Angus Reid polls revealed the environment was the number one concern for 33 per cent of Canadians. Seven years later, roughly four per cent of the population say the same thing. Still, if anyone can pique media attention, says Kimber, it's Elizabeth May. "She's more media savvy than anyone I know."

In the Hungry Piper Café and Tearoom overlooking scenic Margaree Harbour, the morning sun filters through a large window and rests lightly on May's face. She looks the part of an earthy activist: T-shirt, long blue skirt, sandals, a crystal necklace. Sandy-blond tresses and an unlined face render her terminally young: there's no trace of trepidation or defeat in her countenance. "She gives the impression of being a kind of female Peter Pan, never to lose her youthful exuberance or her insatiable curiosity," writes Canadian author Farley Mowat in a forward to one of May's books.

In this setting, May reveals her many sides. She is a hostess, serving coffee and sticky buns; an animal-lover, providing a playroom for a reporter's visiting dog; a devoted sister who insists that, on a dime, she'll return to Margaree and assume the family business if brother Geoff decides to

go to university. ("I promised," she shrugs, by way of explanation.) She is the daughter of eccentric, supportive and loving parents, who wander in and out of the café during an interview; and, a single mother who worries about the future for Victoria Cate, 6, a child already critical of people who leave cars idling or toss litter. And, May quickly feels like a friend. After a three-and-a-half hour interview, I extend my hand in thanks. She laughs and hugs me warmly, "I just told you my entire life. I'm not going to shake your hand."

Here, May is anything but a media-slick campaigner or hard-line opponent. Yet, her inveterate and unwavering commitment to the earth remains. "She's a crusader but not of the typical variety," explains Mowat. "She does not engage the enemy with weapons of shining steel or of cutting intellect. Instead, she relies on love, compassion, the powers of born subjective feeling and inner faith."

May attributes her steadfast advocacy, and her success, to that faith. "I'm an eternal optimist and I have an immense well of Christian charity. If you're cynical in this kind of work, you might as well just go home, shut the door and slit your wrists. If I had a normal job – where you get paid, you go home and you don't have to think about it anymore – I would be depressed because I would think that this stuff is beyond me and I can't deal with it. But there is a point in trying."

Put another way, she says: "I'm in the goody-two-shoes school of activism."

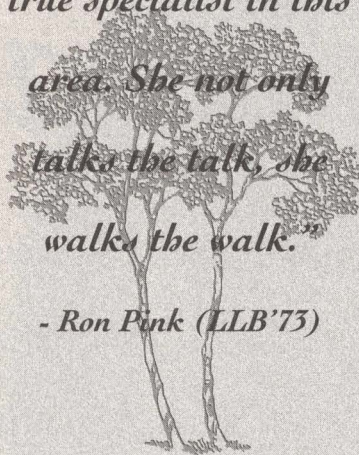
Becoming an environmentalist was almost inevitable for May. Born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1954, she coins her activist nature a "sex-linked family characteristic." Her grandmother was involved with the League of Women Voters. Her mother, a housewife-turned-activist, led a campaign against atmospheric nuclear testing that ended with President Kennedy banning such tests completely.

As a teenager, May became – almost by osmosis – involved in peace work with her mother. She was tear-gassed at a convention at 14. At about the same time, when the family sheep died from apparent exposure to pesticides, she felt a responsibility to react. By grade 10, she had organized ecology clubs from 35 Hartford high schools into an environmental coalition. "I always felt that my sense of myself was connected to – we didn't call it the environment in those days – but to nature," she says.

In the 1990s, May's sense of self is rooted in Cape Breton. The family emigrated in 1974, charmed by the island's beauty and its people, and disenchanted by an

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American political climate that offended their left-wing democratic beliefs.

When May entered law school, she did it without an undergraduate degree but with the determination to become an environmental lawyer; letters of recommendation from Clinton and Cousins, both family friends; and nearly 26 years of real-life activism. Dalhousie, May says, was not "only a great experience academically, it was where I became a Canadian." For the first time, she met and befriended people from across the country.

"I remember when Elizabeth spoke at a forum on uranium mining at the public library," recalls classmate Chuck Meagher (LLB'83). "She took one of the industry people and cut him wide open and left him to bleed. I was

a bit startled because she had always been perceived as the housemother."

The fighter with the sunny disposition again took an audience by storm.

In the eyes of many, May can do no wrong. Her fault, if one exists, is in doing too much. "Elizabeth is a very dedicated person, she's prepared to make incredible sacrifices," says Meagher. "She could have a very pleasant conventional picket fence in the suburbs but she's chosen to give that up. She's less concerned about looking out for herself, which isn't a good thing."

A former law professor agrees. "The issues are bigger than one person and one person can expend all this energy and there's still more to do," says Bruce Wildsmith (LLB'73). "She's all-consumed."

May recognizes that. But she refuses to turn her back on her cause. "I'll always do environmental work. But it doesn't have to be in an organization," she says. "I'd love the Sierra Club to become (financially) self-supporting and then leave it."

Perhaps surprisingly, environmental activism is not May's first lifestyle choice. "I'd rather do *everything* else," she insists. "I'd rather have more time with my daughter. I'd rather make a lot of money during the day and have occasional weekends off. I'd like to marry someone rich. I'm not enough of a feminist to care about making my own money – I'd let someone else take care of me. What kind of idiot really wants to make their own way in the world all the time? I'd like to stay home, have kids, write books and bake bread. That'd be cool."

Cool, but not likely given the environment's diminishing health; a health May continues to fight for, displaying remarkable optimism in the face of an uncertain future. Quintessential Elizabeth May. **D**

When love is academic

A university is – first and foremost – a place of learning and discovery.

Sometimes, that discovery goes beyond the academic and wanders into the personal, as evidenced by our campus couples' amorous anecdotes

by *Sandra Porteous*



Meet you in the quad ♥ Charles Maxner (BSc'91)
& Nancy MacConnell-Maxner (BSc'91)

Sometimes a specific place becomes associated with specific memorable events. Such is the case for Charles Maxner and Nancy MacConnell. They had certainly noticed one another, and seen one another, as students at Dal.

She was on residence council at Shirreff Hall and he was residence assistant at Howe Hall.

But it was a mutual friend who played matchmaker when the pair finally came together at a dance. Later, with the A & A building as a backdrop, Charles asked Nancy on a date.

It was also under that same backdrop that Nancy and Charles later broke up. And, still later, reunited. In retrospect, they recognize that some of the greatest milestones

in their courtship occurred in front of the A & A.

Charles and Nancy enjoyed good times at other locations, too. And it all contributed to their budding romance. "The campus was not too big and the residence community meant we knew everyone. When I first met Chuck, it might have ended there but having mutual friends meant we could check each other out," says Nancy.

After graduation, Charles moved to Edmonton for a year. When he returned east, he arrived with a plan. Since the quad had been the scene of many memories, Charles chose the locale for one more important task. After a night at the movies, he suggested they stroll around campus.

When they arrived in front of the A & A, Charles popped the question. "I got down on one knee, right there at the spot where so many of our big moments had occurred, and proposed." The significance of the gesture was not lost on Nancy and they married in August 1993.

After living in Alberta, they returned to Halifax and to Dalhousie. Nancy is a student recruiter and Charles is a residence co-ordinator. And the A & A quad remains a favorite spot.

*Save the first
dance for me ♥*

*Alfred (BEng'50) & Kathleen
(Thompson) Carroll*

When Alfred Carroll arrived in Halifax after the Second World War, studies at Dalhousie seemed a logical next step. It was 1945. The campus was crammed with veterans whose educations had been postponed by war. Carroll needed only one thing to begin his studies - his discharge papers.

The papers, however, were nowhere to be found. When they were finally discovered, near a typewriter, a rather diminutive woman confessed she'd been sitting on the documents to prop herself up so that she could reach her keyboard.

Papers finally in hand, Carroll was set for studies. But since he'd missed so much of the semester, it was suggested he wait until January to enrol. Had that typist not used his discharge papers as a cushion, Carroll would have been at a survey camp in Truro and, as he says: "Then I would never have been at the dance at Shirreff Hall where I met my wife."

Kathleen Thompson had been invited to the dance by her sister Dorothy (Arts'42), a student at Dal. Kathleen could attend under one condition. Because the dance was a "teachers-only" event - Kathleen would have to impersonate a teacher.

Kathleen remembers the night vividly. "Don Warner's Orchestra was playing and they started a Paul Jones dance," she recalls. The dance involved young women standing in a circle while the men formed a ring

around them. When the music stopped, students danced with the person opposite them. Kathleen's partner was Alfred.

Alfred later escorted Kathleen home where she confessed that she was, in fact, not a teacher but a social worker who'd lied to get into the dance. And, as it happens, Alfred, who had also been invited by friends, admitted he wasn't a teacher but an engineer.

The Carrolls, who have been married for 50 years, have eight children - four are Dal grads - and 14 grandchildren. And, in this family, at least, history does repeat itself. Two of the children met future husbands at Dalhousie.

As for Alfred and Kathleen, he's a retired engineer and both are active in community life. And yes, they still love to dance.





When love makes your grades go up

♥ Maureen (Foran) Reid (LLB'84) & Doug Reid (BCom'82)

Soon after Maureen Foran arrived at Dalhousie in the late '70s, she became secretary of the Shirreff Hall Council. And that's when the treasurer of Howe Hall caught her eye.

Maureen did not have to go out of her way to see Doug Reid. The two often found themselves sitting across from each other at joint meetings.

"My first exposure to Doug was at one of those meetings. I guess what I noticed was his great smile and wonderful sense of humor," recalls Maureen.

Doug certainly noticed his future wife and had, in fact, been asking others about her. Eventually, he invited her to a concert by folksinger Harry Chapin. Both remember it as a perfect first date.

For Doug, the relationship had a positive effect beyond falling in love. The two often spent evenings together in the Killam Memorial Library. "Maureen was much more studious and I got dragged off to the library

more than I was used to, and my marks went up each year," he says, "probably by virtue of having a committed girlfriend."

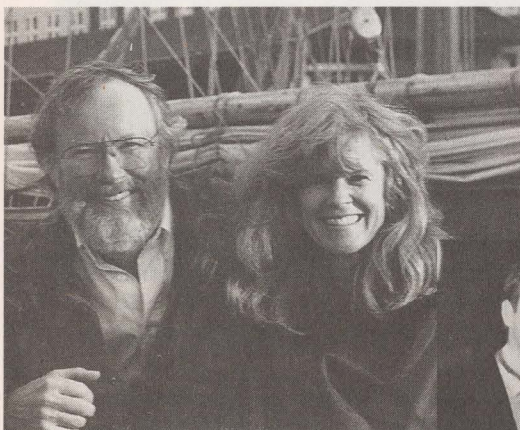
Doug, a former president of the Dalhousie Alumni Association and a partner with KPMG in Halifax, remembers social evenings at the Grawood and more than one night at the Domus bar.

Maureen, who has a consulting law practice, also recalls her alma mater fondly. "I have nice memories of that time – Shirreff Hall balls, Halloween events and graduation ceremonies."

The Reids say the friends they made remain an important part of their university experience. "Our nearest and dearest friends are from our Dal days and it is nice to have been together as long as we have to share all of that," Maureen says.

The pair married in 1983 and, after 14 years, say the best part is their commitment to always support each other no matter what.

Students of the '60s ♥ Leslie (Baldwin) Shaw (BA'64) & Allan Shaw (BSc'64)



After high school graduation, Leslie and Allan Shaw were like so many other young lovers. They decided to separate to go to university. He headed to Acadia University; she enrolled at Dalhousie.

The couple spent 12 months apart before Allan decided he was not keen on the distance between them.

"I had a year away and wanted to be back home near my girlfriend," he says. His wife admits – modestly – that she

may have been *one* reason why Allan enrolled at Dal. Whatever the exact reason, she was pleased he came back.

Allan and Leslie's links with Dalhousie have increased since they graduated – he is now chair of the university's board of governors.

Married for 32 years, with two daughters, the Shaws continue to take on new challenges. He is chief executive officer of The Shaw Group. She works with Planned Parenthood and, for five years, has invited Spanish exchange students into their home.

"We have had a good life and I don't doubt that Dalhousie is responsible for some of it," says Allan.



Meeting of minds and hearts

♥ Tryna Booth (BA'94) & Lara Morris (BA'90, LLB'93)

It is not uncommon that couples come together through shared interests. It was a common affection for the Dalhousie Women's Group that brought Tryna Booth and Lara Morris together.

After the 1990 Montreal Massacre, women at Dalhousie assembled for political and social reasons. Most agreed that a strong women's organization would be positive for the university, and the Dalhousie Women's Group was formed.

Lara and Tryna had come to Halifax from Ontario and, before long, became friends. Though it was late October, Lara decided to invite Tryna camping. The weather proved less than seasonable but the trip to Kejimikujik National Park went off without a hitch, despite buckets of rain.

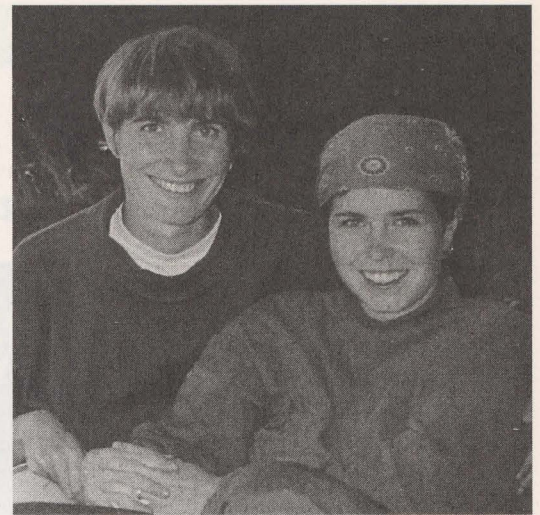
The women's spirits weren't damp-

ened, however, and Lara and Tryna started dating. They campaigned for a women's centre and were successful in seeing one established. Both are proud of their founding role with that group.

"It was my goal when I started law school and it took three years to get the centre open," Lara says.

Throughout her time at Dal, Lara was an outstanding student. She collected several honors even before graduation, including the Dalhousie Student Union Malcolm Honor Award, a Dalhousie Alumni Association Award and the Dalhousie Board of Governors Award. Tryna graduated on the dean's list with an honors BA in philosophy. Both remember Dalhousie as a place of many friendships.

"All of my best friends, I made at Dalhousie. Now, they are spread across the country," says Lara. She



and Tryna recently resettled in Halifax and are thrilled to again be meeting pals from campus. When they're not busy training their yellow lab puppy, Tryna is executive-director of the Canadian Peace Alliance and Lara is a lawyer with Reiersen Sealy in Dartmouth.

Once again, they're back where they met and, for now, that's just where they want to be.



Perfect chemistry ♥ Valerie (Robertson) Robinson (BSc'69) & Cam Robison (BSc'69)

Dal's chemistry building – and one lab, specifically – holds significance for Valerie and Cam Robison. As undergraduate students in the late '60s, the two were assigned seats in an organic chemistry lab. Alphabetical arrangements meant Cam Robison ended up opposite a girl named Valerie Robertson.

It's impossible to tell who actually made the first move. Cam recalls being assertive.

"My wife was shy and we began talking in labs. Since she lived way up by Dutch Village Road, I started giving her a lift home after class," he says.

Valerie remembers things differently. "I was the talker. There was a girl in the lab who was really uncoordinated and she would spray water

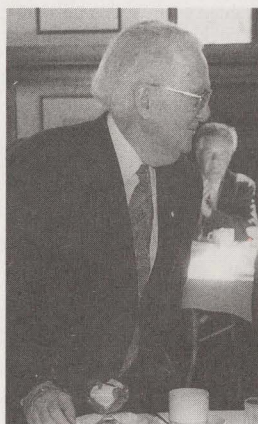
from the tap. That gave us something to talk about," she says.

They started attending campus dances and Valerie was crowned Science Queen. In their studies, Cam says, he helped his wife with calculus. She, however, claims the higher chemistry grades. Their study habits were far from similar but they agree on one thing: "We had science in common and spoke the same language," says Cam.

Robertson and Robison have been married 28 years and have two children. She manages the nuclear magnetic resonance centre at the University of Guelph. He teaches high school chemistry and general science.

With fond memories of Dal, the Robinsons can definitely claim perfect chemistry contributed to their union. **D**

Reflecting . . . on Homecoming and Reunion '97



(ABOVE) Dr. Chester Stewart (MD'38) is honored



(TOP LEFT) Forty years later, members of law's Class of '57 celebrate (BELOW LEFT) Mary Ann Daye (MPA'99), then director of annual giving, welcomes Dr. Clarence Rosenbek (BSc'97), Thornhill, Ont. (ABOVE) Catherine and Eric Mercer (BSc'37) a retired math professor and former assistant to the university president, stroll around campus (ABRIEL)



President's Message

This, 1997-98, is the year of strategic planning for Dalhousie.

In fact, most private and public sector organizations have undergone similar exercises in order to focus future efforts and resources toward an organizational vision. In October 1997, President Traves released a discussion paper entitled *Strategic Directions for Dalhousie University*. Significant thought and effort went into the development of this paper and I commend the president for his leadership.

There are two key messages for

alumni to take from this high-level plan.

The first message relates to the importance of our more than 85,000 alumni in Dal's future plans. Alumni are key stakeholders with potential roles as volunteers, leaders, donors, advocates and employers. It is critical that we engage our alumni in developing the university's future. We have to establish a partnership with our alumni if we hope to be competitive.

The second message relates to the significance of viewing students as "alumni-in-training" and ensuring that excellent customer service is provided at the beginning of the student relation-

ship with Dal. If one of the goals of the university is to maintain a strong alumni base, we must make every effort to deliver quality, accessible and innovative services to our future alumni, in both academic and administrative service areas.

I look forward to further opportunities to provide input into the future of Dalhousie. I encourage all alumni to participate and to help guide the strategic direction of this great institution.

Marie Mullally, President
Alumni Association

Like to travel?

Interested in exciting alumni travel programs? They're on the way!



For information, call Wanda Kontak, Assistant Director (Acting), Alumni Affairs, Dalhousie University (902) 494-2808.

Calling all snowbirds!

The University of Western Ontario will host an **All Canadian Universities brunch** in Tampa, Florida, on Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998. The event will be held at the Marriott Westshore. For information, contact Sara Steers or Brenda Davis at (519) 661-2199.

Alumni affairs: it's all about building relationships

The work of alumni relations never changes, not really. It is, simply put, developing and maintaining positive relationships with graduates. And though the actual work never changes, we sometimes go about our work in differing ways.

I learned in July that the folks at Dalhousie wanted me to come to Halifax for an interview. This was somewhat daunting. After all, I had only been in Halifax once before – in the middle of a snowstorm, at that – and I didn't know anybody here. I turned to the two best sources of information available to me: a Dalhousie grad and the World Wide Web.

The web site sure makes Halifax look good. And has a transplanted Maritimer and Dal grad ever had anything bad to say about the university "back home"? Equipped with this information and bolstered by considerable enthusiasm and confidence, I bought my ticket and made hotel arrangements.

Unknown to me, other contacts were developing at the same time. Deb, a good friend in London, Ont., belonged to a web discussion group for professional business women. She had sent a cyber-message to this group telling them I was travelling to Dalhousie for a job interview. Were there any Maritimers who could show me around?

One Haligonian – Penny Ormsbee – responded. It seems Penny and Deb had chatted on-line about business ventures during preceding months. Deb had helped Penny on several occasions. Penny was pleased to return the favor. An hour before I was to catch my flight to Halifax, I received a voice mail message from Deb, explaining what she had done and telling me to contact Penny when I arrived.

Letter

from the Director

Lynne Sheridan,

Director of
Alumni Affairs



Penny represented my first encounter with Maritime hospitality. And what an encounter. She shared a full day with me. She served as my tour guide; bought me lunch; took me to her home; and, at the end of the day, gave me a gift and a hug. A new friendship – a new relationship – was born.

This vignette says much about web sites, chat groups and voice messages. It also says much about developing relationships. For, as in alumni work, it was all about developing relationships.

The tools of the trade may be different but the results are the same.

During that visit, I was interviewed for my position by eight people, including President Tom Traves. In the interviews, I asked questions of my own: Did Dalhousie deserve its outstanding reputation? Were its graduates positive and enthusiastic about their alma mater? Was alumni affairs a priority for this institution? The answers were yes, yes and yes. I was convinced.

I've now been here for five months. We have some work to do. A strategic planning process is under way, both at the university level and the departmental level. Last fall, we hired a marketing research firm to help us contact hundreds of you and ask important questions about your relationship with Dalhousie. I have met with all the deans, vice-presidents and President Traves, and am working closely with the Dalhousie Alumni Association board to fully understand our institutional priorities.

If alumni affairs exists to support the strategic priorities of the institution, we must understand and articulate these priorities to all alumni stakeholders so that you can work with us to ensure that Dalhousie continues to provide an outstanding education for future generations of Nova Scotians and Canadians. I look forward to working with you to make that happen.

Saluting our alumni scholarship recipients

1997 Dalhousie Alumni Association Scholarships

Allison C. Delalis Hubbards, N.S.	Loan T. Luong Arichat, N.S.	Jay D. MacPherson Middleton, N.S.
Lindsay A. Munro Whycocomagh, N.S.	Lisa N. Knott North Sydney, N.S.	Roxanne E. Oickle Mahone Bay, N.S.

W. Andrew MacKay Scholarships

Ken Woodbury Halifax, N.S.	Danny Salloum Halifax, N.S.	Lori-Ann Howard Halifax, N.S.
Charlene Milner Halifax, N.S.	Peter Turner Halifax, N.S.	

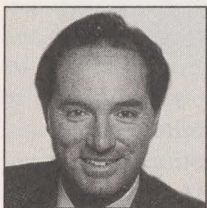
Notice of by-law changes

A special meeting of the Dalhousie Alumni Association has been called to ratify proposed changes to these sections of the association by-laws, as presented to the board of directors on April 8, 1997: 3.0, 4.0, 4.1, 4.2, 5.0, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 7.0, 8.0, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 9.0, 9.1, 10.0, 10.01, 10.04 (e), 11.0, 11.1, 13.1, 15.0. The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 10, at 5:30 p.m., Board and Senate Room, A & A Building.

Taking a bow: new members of the Alumni Association Board (1998/99)

Each year, a number of Dalhousie alumni enthusiastically submit their names and stand for positions on the Alumni Association. When elected, they work closely with the staff in Alumni Affairs to provide programs and services for you, our alumni. The time, talent and leadership these people give to the Association ensures that the relationship between Dalhousie and its alumni remains strong.

In November, the nominating committee of the Alumni Association developed a strong roster of alumni to run for positions on our Board. Because of a combination of fate and unexpected personal obligations, however, several individuals found it necessary to withdraw their names from the nominations roster quite late in the process. Consequently, the remaining six candidates have been acclaimed for positions on the 1998/99 Board. We are delighted to profile them for you.

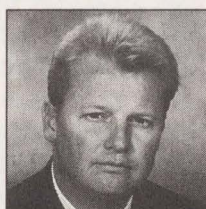


Jay Abbass
(BSc'78,
DENG'78,
LLB'82) *"For me, this will be a satisfying way to perform public service*

in support of not just the Dalhousie University community but also the broader community at large."

Jay is a member of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly and a former cabinet minister. Before his political career, Jay worked as a commercial real estate analyst and as a stockbroker. An active volunteer, he has served with several community organizations. He has had a long involvement with the Nova Scotia Tennis Association.

Greg Auld
(BA'79, LLB'82)
"I see the university as playing an important role in our community and I look forward to being involved with its growth."



Greg practises law with Morris, Auld & O'Hara. Active in numerous charitable organizations, he is a director of the YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth. During his years at Dalhousie, Greg participated in many aspects of university life. He lives in Dartmouth with his wife, Susie; daughter, Allison; and son, Bense.

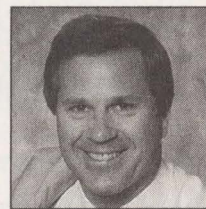


Dr. Margaret Casey (MD'68)
"My association with Dalhousie has spanned more than three generations. My parents,

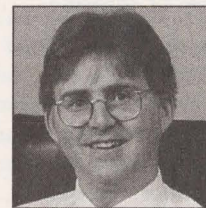
husband and son are all graduates. I am a strong supporter of the university."

Margaret is director of admissions with Dalhousie's faculty of medicine. Before 1995, Margaret practised family medicine. She has been involved with numerous community organizations and boards.

Don Clark
(LLB'71)
"Education never stops. When it does, you will find yourself equipped to function in a world which no longer exists. Let's ensure our graduates get that message and internalize it."



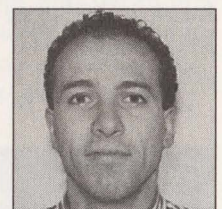
Don is a salesman and partner with Century 21 Classic. A past member of the Top 21 salesmen in Canada for Century 21, he was a top-five producer in Atlantic Canada from 1986-1996. Before his real estate career, Don practised law for 14 years.



David Graves
(LLB'80)
"I want to give something back to Dalhousie University."

David has been with McInnes Cooper & Robertson since his graduation from Dalhousie Law School. For the past five years, he has taught part-time at the law school. David is an executive member of the board of directors of the Home of the Guardian Angel. He and his wife, Megan E. Farquhar (LLB'82), live in Halifax with their two sons.

Jim Tree
(BSc'88)
"I see this as a great opportunity to serve my alma mater."



Jim is a computer programming student and part-time consultant for Hill's Pet Nutrition, a division of Colgate Palmolive. Before joining Hill's, he was employed for eight years with The Upjohn Company of Canada, as a pharmaceutical sales representative. During his final year at Dalhousie, Jim was a residence assistant at Howe Hall. He lives in Dartmouth with his wife, Janet (BScPT'93), and their son.

Got something to tell us?

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Please include updated home and business addresses.

Deadline for submissions is March 2, 1998.

1946

Charles H. Smith, BSc, DEngr, MSc'48, was elected a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering. Last May he chaired the organizing committee for the annual meetings of the Geological Association of Canada and Mineralogical Association of Canada in Ottawa.

1955

Rev. Donald R. Sutherland, BA, BDiv(PineHillDiv), of River John, N.S., retired last June after 40 years of ministry with the United Church of Canada. He spent 37 years in the Whycocomagh-East Lake Ainslie pasto-

ral charge. In 1997 he was elected Alumnus of the Year by the Pine Hill Alumni Association. He and his wife, Joan, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in October.

1958

James Burchill, FRCO, BA, PhD(Rochester), organist at All Saints' Cathedral in Halifax, played a program of organ music composed by W.A. Montgomery, organist at the Cathedral from 1921-42. It was one of a series of 12 noon-time recitals that Dr. Burchill performed.

1962

Donald M. Bonang, DDS, registrar of the provincial Dental Board of N.S., was elected to fellowship in the Pierre Fauchard International Honor Academy.

1963

Donald Green, QC, BA, LLB'66, of Queensland, N.S., owns the Great Canadian Bagel shops in the Halifax-Dartmouth area.

1967

Mary L. Barker, BA(K), was made an honorary fellow of the University of King's College at its spring encaenia in May. She is development manager at Mount Saint Vincent University.

1968

Donald R. Brown, QC, LLB, of Toronto, was appointed to the board of trustees of the Royal Ontario Museum.

David Jones, BA, MA'73, of Nepean, Ont., an expert in information management, will be a guest of Oxford University and the Isle of Man government in early 1998 to consult on issues of computers in education, Internet access and control.

T. Don Ling, BSc, MD'73, was appointed medical director of the P.E.I. Department of Health and Social Services in Charlottetown.

1970

Bill Stanish, MD, professor of surgery at Dalhousie and director of the Orthopedic and Sport Medicine Clinic of N.S., was inducted into the N.S. Sport Hall of Fame.

1973

Mary S. McManus, BA, LLB'76, is practising with The Deeton Group in Victoria, B.C.

Victoria Sutherland, BSc, MSc-BA(UBC), moved from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to the south of France with her family, Ian Macdonald, Alexandra, 8, and Peter, 5. She intends to "pursue bilingualism and relaxation" for at least two years.

Spotlight on Alumni

A carrot for your thoughts

University of Ottawa doctoral student Janet Renou (MA'93) was getting close to what she was looking for in a particular function of the human brain but her study was at risk because she didn't have a supply of carrots.

Renou's research zeroes in on targeted parts of the human brain that perform specific functions. Asked how she would describe her academic self, she said: "A doctor of applied linguistics."

But carrots?

There is a connection. To complete her study, Renou would need the co-operation of 80 volunteers. She would be allowed to use them as test subjects only if they were compensated a minimum of \$15 each.

Those are the rules. But cuts in university research funds meant that money wasn't available.

Renou was told she could not proceed without offering "carrots" to her volunteers.

What could a resourceful 43-year-old from Holyrood, Nfld., do? She couldn't come up with the needed cash.

So that part of her brain that solves those kinds of problems said: "Carrots? You want carrots? I'll give them carrots - and peas and potatoes and meat and gravy. I'll even throw in some fish and some kiwi."

Her method of payment was to provide volunteers with coupons for meals, donated by 34 Ottawa restaurants. "I set aside 30 minutes a day for a month, and called prospec-

tive (meal) donors. I called them back as many times as it took to get an answer. If they said they'd think about it and get back to me, and didn't, I called with a reminder."

Even two suppliers of beauty treatments contributed to her higher education quest. They gave samples of a treatment called Kiwi Complex.



Janet Renou

(OTTAWA CITIZEN)

- Ottawa Citizen

1974

James E. Dickey, LLB, of Halifax, is chief executive officer of the Canada-Nova Scotia Off-shore Petroleum Board.

Arnie Kuchinsky, CMA, CFM, BCom, MBA'76(Western), is staff administrator-national credit management with GTE Corporation in Dallas. He has served with GTE in Tampa and Dallas since 1988.

1975

Dianne (McMahon) Kokesh, BCom, of Richmond Hill, Ont., is executive director of Health Care Marketing and Communications in Toronto. She is on the board of directors of the United Way of York Region and a member of the Junior League of Toronto.

Pamela E. Potter, BSc, BScHC'76, PhD'81, is an associate professor of pharmacology at Midwestern University in Phoenix, Ariz.

1977

Leslie Birdsall, MBA, of Halifax, is owner of Birdsall Consulting Services (The Biz Coach), which delivers in-person and on-line support to entrepreneurs. She won the 1996 Women of Achievement Award and will be profiled in the 1999 Herstory Calendar.

Kathy-Anne (Fay) Brandys, BA, BEd'79, and **Chris Brandys, BSc, MD'81**, announce the birth of their sixth child, a son, George Kyle, a brother for Craig, Glenn, Danielle, Stephanie and Colin. Chris is practising general and vascular surgery in St. Pete., Fla.

1978

Rhonda F. Barteau, BA, and **Timothy H. Lord** announce the birth of their son, Cooper Timothy Barteau-Lord, born Oct. 5, 1997, a brother for Chance. They live in Deer Island, N.B.

Sharon (Stevens) Eyolfson, BSc(Pharm), lives in Jakarta, Indonesia, with her husband, Kris, and their three children. Kris is senior geophysicist with Gulf Indonesia.

Brenda M. Smith, BA, is a disclosures analyst in the freedom of information unit with the Metropolitan Toronto Police Service.

1979

Kerry P. Evans, LLB, is a provincial court judge in Barrie, Ont.

Mary (Hicking) Henry, BA, and **Greg Henry, BSc(Hon)'78, MES'81**, announce the birth of their son, Hugh Thomas, born Mar. 5, 1996, a brother for Ross, 6. Mary is part-time sales

representative for Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton with W. Switzer Fabrics. Greg is an associate professor in the geography department at UBC. They live on Bowen Island.

Nancy (Neima) Hobson, LLB, is practising in Calgary with the Bureau of Pensions Advocates in Veterans Affairs. She and her husband, Kevin, have two children, Cam, 9, and Kara, 6.

Collins Parker, LLM, is a judge of the industrial court of the Kingdom of Swaziland.

Susan van Gorp, BA, MEd'91(UBC), **PhD**(UBC), is an assistant professor at California State University at Fresno.

1980

Brian Baxter, BA, MDiv'84(Acadia), is pastor of Second Falls United Baptist Church in St. George, N.B.

Anne (MacLeod) Prado, BA, MEd'85 (Antioch), and **Jose** announce the birth of their second child, a son, James Augustus, born Sept. 29, 1997, a brother for William. They live in Ottawa.

1981

Yin-Bin Ning, MA, with his wife, Josephine Ho, and other colleagues established The Centre for the Study of Sexualities at National Central University in Chungli, Taiwan.

A. Brian Oliphant, LLB, is with the law department of the City of Calgary.

Gina (Twohig) Pink, BA, and **Steven Pink, LLB'86**, announce the birth of their daughter, **Kayleigh Beth**, born Oct. 29, 1996, a sister for **Stephanie**, born May 4, 1994. Steven is president of Claims Management Limited and corporate counsel for Anthony Group of Companies. Gina is a learning disabilities teacher with the Avalon East School Board in St. John's, Nfld.

Dan Price, BSc, CP'92, was awarded the status of fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada and diplomat of the American Board of Periodontology. He is the first Atlantic Canadian and the fifth in Canada to hold this double distinction. He lives in Bridgewater, N.S., with his wife, Basia, and three children, Hilary, 9, Colin, 7, and Avery, 4. He practises in Bridgewater and is an associate professor in the faculty of dentistry at Dalhousie.

Allyson (Fehr) Stevens, BA, BEd, and **Thane** announce the birth of their daughter, **Jacqueline Taylor Stevens**, born June 19, 1997, a sister for **Mark, Mitchell** and **Michael**. They live in Bedford, N.S.

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Joanna (Lewis) Zed, BSc, BEd'82, MD'88, and **Robert Zed**, BA'82, CPA'84, MHSA'86, announce the birth of their son, **Gregor Keith Lewis Zed**, born Oct. 22, 1997, a brother for **Geoffrey** and **William**. They live in Halifax.

1982

Garnet K. Bezanson, BA, married **Joanne Purdy** on Oct. 18, 1997. They live in Lunenburg, N.S.

Dora Maria Carbonu, RN, BNRN, MN'84, recently began a three-year contract in **Negara Brunei Darussalam** as education officer, nursing and midwifery.

John Francis, MBA, of Charlottetown, retired from the RCMP in Prince Edward Island. Last January, he was hired as the first general manager of **Strait Crossing Bridge Ltd.**, responsible for the operation, maintenance, security, promotion and other aspects of the Confederation Bridge joining P. E. I. and New Brunswick.

Wendy (Woods) Molnar, LLB, and **Larry A. Molnar**, BSc, announce the birth of their son, **Bram Marley Thomas**, born Dec. 24, 1996, a brother for **Lilith Veronica**, born June 7, 1990, and **Gabriel Brendan**, born July 7, 1994. Wendy practises from home (part-time) and is the editor of *Birth Issues* magazine.

Stephen D. Wilcox, BSc, relocated to Paducah, Ky., with his wife, **Stephanie**, and sons, **Brent**, 4, and **Adam**, 3. He is quality control manager at the **Joppa Illinois plant** with **Lafarge Corporation**.

1983

Jennifer Feenstra, BA(K), BEd'84, MEd'97 (McGill), is teaching English as a second language at McGill's department of languages and translation within the faculty of continuing education.

Gwen Nicol-Macdonald, LLB, and **Roy Nicol-Macdonald**, BRec'81, MDiv(AST), announce the birth of **Aaron Gabriel**, born Feb. 15, 1997, a brother for **Joshua**, 6. Both **Gwen** and **Roy** are involved in active ministry with the United Church in Thunder Bay.

Susan (Lacey) Pace, RSW, BA, BSW'85, and **Stephen W. Pace**, PEng, MBA'87, announce the birth of their second daughter, **Julie Ann**, born Dec. 16, 1996, a sister for **Emily**. Susan is a child protection worker with the **Children's Aid Society** of Halifax. Stephen is the chief operating officer of **Scotia Nursing Homes Ltd.**

1984

Veronica (Lee Sam) Darmanie, BSc, and **Jeremy**, BCom'86(SMU), and three children,

Nicholas, 8, **Donna-Marie**, 6, and **Analisa**, 4, live in **Gasparillo, Trinidad**. **Veronica** is with the information services department of the **Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago Ltd.**

Jeff Grovestine, BCom, and **Anastasia Panoulis** announce the birth of their daughter, **Dimitra Marie Panoulis Grovestine**, born June 27, 1997. They live in **Burlington, Ont.** Jeff is manager, product development and sales support, with **Royal Mutual Funds**.

Karen (Cameron) Kirschbaum, BSc(Pharm), PharmD'95(Auburn), completed her specialty residency in critical care pharmacy and has accepted a position with the **Baylor University Medical Centre** in Dallas.

Mike Sieber, BCom, and **Nathalie** announce the birth of their son, **Jason**, born June 2, 1997, a brother for **Jennifer**, 2 1/2. They live in **Dartmouth**.

1985

Karen Alcoe-Guest, DDH, and her husband, **Derek**, announce the birth of their first child, **Riley William**, born May 28, 1997. They live in **Cambridge, N.S.**

Julie (West) Johnston, BN, MD'96(Toronto), is completing a residency in family medicine from **Dalhousie**. She and her husband, **Kimball**, live in **Kensington, P.E.I.**

Anil Kapoor, BSc, DEngr, MD'91, is doing a surgical transplantation fellowship at the **Cleveland Clinic** in Ohio.

Shaun Latham, BSc, BScHC'86, MD'92, after completing a residency in anatomical pathology at **McGill University**, is doing a fellowship in forensic pathology in **Pittsburgh, Pa.**

Ken MacDonald, CA, BCom, and **Julie** announce the birth of their daughter, **Robyn Grace**, born Oct. 8, 1997, a sister for **Elspeth Helen**. They live in **Weybridge, Surrey, England**.

Constance E. Robinson, BA, BAHC'86, LLB'91, and **David Robinson**, BA(K), BAHC'86(K), PhD'92, announce the birth of their daughter, **Linden Olivia**, born July 20, 1997, a sister for **Eleanor**. They live in **Halifax**.

Kathy (Galloway) Smith, OC(C), COMT, BSc, and her husband, **Steve**, announce the birth of their twins, **Emily Kathryn** and **Michael Patrick**, born Dec. 4, 1996, a brother for **Andrew**, 5. **Kathy** is an orthoptist at the **London Health Sciences Centre** in London, Ont.

1986

Catherine Blewett, BA, BAHC'87, MPA'90, and **Stan MacDonald**, LLB'87, announce the

birth of their daughter, **Kathleen Margaret Elizabeth**, born Oct. 1, 1997, a sister for **Allan**, born Feb. 17, 1993, and **Jack**, born Jan. 21, 1995. **Stan** practises with the **Halifax firm** of **Garson, Knox and MacDonald**. **Catherine** is a fiscal policy analyst with the **N.S. Department of Finance**.

Jacques R. McLaren, LLB, is senior legal counsel with the **CBC** in **Montreal**.

E. Lisa Panayotidis, CCS, PhD'97(Toronto), married **Paul J. Stortz** on June 19, 1997. **Lisa** is a Killam post-doctoral fellow and lecturer in the graduate division of educational research at the **University of Calgary**. **Paul** is a doctoral candidate in history.

Walter E. Remondini, LLB, is corporate counsel for **NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd.** in **Calgary**.

Tanda (Pringle) Russell, BN, her husband, **Major Robert Russell**, and two children, a son and daughter, are stationed in **Fort Stuart, Ga.**

1987

Patti (Rutherford) Card, BSc, BScOT'90, and **Avery** announce the birth of their first child, **Matthew Gordon**, born May 30, 1997.

Debbie Costelo, MLIS, and **Carlos Makrides**, BSc, announce the birth of their daughter, **Daphne Marina**, born Sept. 19, 1997, a sister for **Jenna Corinne**. They live in **Dartmouth**.

Sandra (Woodall) Creighton, MSc, and **John** announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, **Alexandra Rochelle**, born Sept. 30, 1997. They live in **Toronto**.

Sheila Duke, BSc, DDS'92, and her husband, **Kerim Ozcan**, BSc, DDS'91, announce the birth of their son, **Jordan Cole**, born Oct. 13, 1997. **Kerim** completed residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery in **Detroit**. They live in **Prince George, B.C.**

Qing-Yun Lin, MBA, is teaching accounting and management at **Nagoya Bunri College** in **Japan**. He and his wife, **Yihong**, have two children, a son, **Chenfan**, 7, and a daughter, **Chenyi**, 3. He invites friends to contact him at lin@nagoya-bunri.ac.jp.

Karen (Conrod) Robertson, BSc, and **Myles Robertson**, BA'83(K), announce the birth of their first child, a son, **Bryden Allan**, born Jan. 26, 1997. **Myles** is manager of finance with the **TD Bank** in Atlantic Canada and **Karen** is enjoying her time at home with their son.

Nancy (Reardon) Sinnott, BSc(Hon), MSc'92(Ottawa), and her husband, **Kevin**, own **Great Bear Geological Services Inc.** in **North Vancouver**. **Nancy** is a director of the **British Columbia** and **Yukon Chamber of Mines**.

Patty Weld Viscount, BRec, MA'96, is project co-ordinator in the social support research program at Dalhousie's School of Nursing.

1988

Sylvia Cosway, BN, MN'96, is clinical nurse specialist in gerontology at Riverview Health Centre in Winnipeg.

David Hebb, BCom, and his wife, Anne, announce the birth of their first child, Chelsea Lynn. David is working for SHL Systemhouse in Halifax.

Ruth (MacIntyre) Tinker, BN, and Michael announce the birth of their daughter, Anastasia Michele 'Stacey', born Aug. 6, 1997. They live in Cow Bay, N.S.

1989

Donald Godreau, BSc, MBA'92(SMU), an information systems auditor with Nova Scotia Liquor Commission in Halifax, was granted the designation of certified information systems auditor.

Kyle Hebb, BScK and his wife, Lynne, announce the birth of Lauren Willena, born Aug. 18, 1997, a sister for Joshua and Dylan. They

live in Parrsboro, N.S., where Kyle operates Hebb Micro, a computer software development firm specializing in Microsoft technologies.

K. Stacey Hughes, DDS, and Jeff DeWolfe announce the birth of their daughter, Peyton Jean DeWolfe, born Aug. 14, 1997, a sister for Cal, 3. They live in Bridgewater, N.S.

Gregg W. Knudsen, LLB, is a wills and estate planning officer with Montreal Trust (Scotiastrust) in Halifax.

Penny (Hannaby) Lardner, BA and Keith Lardner, BSc(Hon)'90, BEd'92(SMU), announce the birth of their first child, Alexandra Ann, born Dec. 15, 1996. They live in Waverley, N.S.

Suzanne G. LeBlanc, BA, and her husband, Roberto Nadalini, announce the birth of their daughter, Linda Danielle Nadalini, born Sept. 3, 1996. They live in Bedford, N.S.

A. Michelle Willis, BScAgr(Hon)(NSAC), DVM(Hon)'93(UPEI), married James 'Butch' Stanley, DVM'94(Georgia), on Oct. 11, 1997. Michelle is an assistant professor of veterinary ophthalmology at the college of veterinary medicine at Ohio State University. Butch is a

self-employed veterinarian. They live in Columbus.

1990

Kelly (DeMerchant) Holt, BSc(Pharm), and Russell announce the birth of their first child, Gregor Russell, born Sept. 2, 1997. They live in Saint John, N.B. Kelly is working at the Saint John Regional Hospital pharmacy.

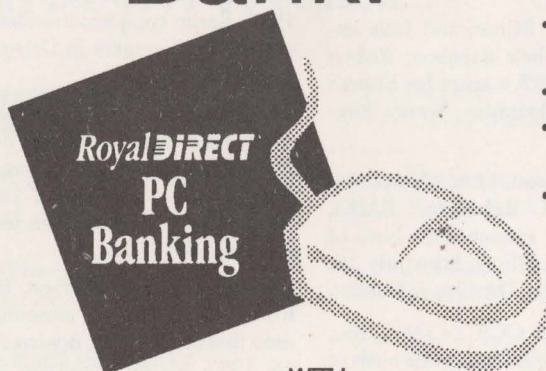
Heather (Neville) Lummis, BSc(Pharm), and Mark announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Anne, born July 23, 1997. Heather is a pharmacist at the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax and Mark is a realtor with Realty World Top Producers.

Jay Murray, BScK, received his American Board for Certification in Orthotics and was named manager of Progressive Biomechanics Prosthetics & Orthotics in Florence, S.C.

Will Neily, BScAgr(Hon)(NSAC), and his wife, Jodi, announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Anne, born Sept. 24, 1997. Will is on staff at Olds Agricultural College in Olds, Alta.

Christine (Meagher) Sutton, BSc, MBA'96, and Michael announce the birth of their first

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child, Megan Ena, born Dec. 25, 1996. They own and operate The Physioclinic network of 10 clinics in the province. They live in Halifax.

Christopher D. Ward, BSc, married Lori E. Robar in Bridgewater, N.S., on Sept. 21, 1996. They live in Halifax. Chris is employed by the O'Regans Group and Lori is doing digital imaging with Blair Davis Photo Digital.

1991

Laina (Lynch) Andrews, BEd, and Robert announce the birth of their second child, Evelyn Catherine Joan, born Aug. 9, 1997, a sister for Robert Terrance Keith, born July 2, 1995. They live in Port Hope, Ont. Laina is teaching high school in Newcastle, Ont.

Estella (Nkwate) Atekwana, PhD, and Eliot announce the birth of their son, Kyne Fofungtu, born June 4, 1997, a brother for Kyle Atcho, 7, and Kyra Anwi, 4. Estella is an associate professor of geology at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Andrew Bridges, BCom, is an account executive for Management Recruiters, specializing in recruiting for information systems jobs in the U.S. He lives in Concord, N.C., with his wife, Tracy, and son, Alexander.

Sharon (Simpson) Fraser, BScHE, and Peter Fraser, EMT-A, BCom'91(SMU), announce the birth of their son, Austin Chase, born Apr. 29, 1997. They live in Kentville, N.S.

Lisa M. Gallivan, BCom, MBA'93, LLB'96, married Michael MacDonald on Aug. 30, 1997. Lisa was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in June 1997 and works in the Halifax office of Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales. Michael is a civil engineer with SNC Lavalin.

Joel D. Greek, BSc, BEd'94(MUN), married Joanne J. Sparkes in Glovertown, Nfld., on Aug. 2, 1997. They live in Mt. Pearl, Nfld., where both are teaching.

Kathryn Hunter, MD, and Tom announce the birth of their daughter, Hilary, born Feb. 4, 1997, a sister for Olivia and Byron. They live in St. Catharines, Ont., where Kathryn is doing a child and adolescent psychology residency.

Kerri (Stewart) Jack, BScOT, and **Kevin Jack**, PEng, BSc'87, DEngr'87, BEng'90(DalTech), announce the birth of their son, Daniel Leigh, born Aug. 29, 1997. They live in Cole Harbour, N.S.

Miriam (Legge) Nicholson, MD, and **Peter Nicholson**, BCom'87, announce the birth of their first child, Sabrina Siobhan, born Feb. 8, 1997. Miriam is a family physician in Ottawa and Peter owns a financial planning company.

Sky's no limit for high-flying pilot

In just two years, **Bryan Scott** (BSc '95) has soared from flying school to become Canada's top amateur pilot.

Now he's focusing on his ultimate goal: a career as a commercial pilot, preferably flying a Boeing 747.

"I've always wanted to fly," the Lantz, N.S., resident said in an interview at the Career Academy

School of Aviation at the Halifax International Airport. "I went to the air show at Shearwater when I was six, and that was it."

Scott, 23, graduated from Dal before enrolling in the academy's two-year professional pilot diploma program. He was one of the first participants.

After winning a regional competition, he went to Regina where he beat nine others to capture the 34th Webster Memorial Trophy as the nation's top amateur pilot – the first Nova Scotian to win the title and only the second Maritimer since the competition began.

Winning the Webster "puts a high visibility on me. This would stand out on my resume," he says, and it guarantees him an interview with Air Canada, one of the main sponsors of the competition.

Though Scott has a pilot's licence



Flying high: Bryan Scott

that qualifies him to fly multi-engine aircraft and float planes, the road to the captain's seat in even the smallest commercial aircraft is long. Regional carriers such as Air Nova and Air Atlantic want pilots with at least 2,500 hours of flying time.

Scott has a long way to go to reach that mark but is building his time in the air. He works as a dispatcher with Provincial Airlines and is studying for his instructor's rating. Through teaching, he will accumulate hours in the air.

Though there are opportunities to fly small aircraft or bush planes in the North, Scott says the "instructor route" will allow him to stay at home.

And the opportunity (to fly) has never been better. "I'm in the industry at a perfect time. It is definitely on an upswing."

- Chronicle-Herald/Mail Star

(CHRONICLE-HERALD AND MAIL STAR)

Karen (Manning) Snow, BScPT, and **Greg Snow**, MArch'92(DalTech), announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Audrey, born September 24, 1997. Karen works at Mt. St. Joseph's Hospital and Greg is with NSDA Architects in Vancouver, British Columbia.

1992

Anne Marie Bisang, BSc, BScAMC'93, is an intensive care nurse at Columbia Lawnwood Hospital in Ft. Pierce, Fla.

Alexander 'Sandy' Cross, BA, BAAMC'95, LLB'97(Cambridge), was accepted to read for

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the British bar at the Inns of Court School of Law. He was named a member of the middle temple in London, England.

Karenanne (Lee) MacIntyre, BSc(Pharm), and Greg MacIntyre, BSc(Pharm)'93, announce the birth of their son, Kyle James, born May 13, 1997. Karenanne and Greg are employed by MediTrust Pharmacy in Saint John, N.B.

Debbie MacLean, BA, married Mike Burns in Waterloo, Ont., on June 28, 1997. They are living in Kitchener, Ont., and working in Cambridge.

Sazrina Shamshudin, BCom, is product manager for Enhanced Video Services (Cable TV). She is currently developing Pay Per View Services and Electronic Programme Guide for Malaysia's first cable TV services.

1993

Claire Driscoll, MBA, is marketing coordinator with Maritime Information Technology Inc. in Saint John, N.B.

Tracy (Thistle) Duffy, BA, and Michael Duffy, LLB, announce the birth of their son, Alex, born Oct. 4, 1997, a brother for Jennifer, 2. They live in Torbay, Nfld.

James Eaton, BScAgr(NSAC), was posted for three years to the Canadian Consulate General in Atlanta, Ga.

Jill S. Murphy, BSc(K), received an early childhood degree from St. Joseph's Early Childhood Education Centre. She is self-employed with Knee-High Day Care in Halifax.

Kim (Raine) Travers, PhD, is an associate professor at the University of Alberta where she works in the Centre for Health Promotion Studies and the Dept. of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science. She and her husband, Barry, and sons, Corey, 7, and Dustin, 3, live in Edmonton.

1994

Belinda Carter, BA, BSc'96, BEd'97(Acadia), is teaching at the Qitigliq Secondary School in Arviat, N.W.T.

Cynthia L. Chewter, LLB, joined the Halifax firm of Buchan, Derrick & Ring in March 1997.

Craig Davidson, PEng, BEng(DalTech), joined the staff of the Development Office at Dalhousie as manager of information systems.

Irene L. Maloney, BScK, BScPT'97, married Robert Thomson in Wabush, Labrador, on Dec. 29, 1997.

Jill Ramsay, BScOT, and Derek Stewart, BSc'91, were married in Sydney, N.S., on May



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10, 1997. They are living in Lake Charles, La., where Jill is working at Kid's Team, a children's clinic at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital.

Hugh Richards, BRec, is a computer trainer with Haley-West in London, England.

1996

Emily G. Calkin, BCom, and **Jason M. Nugent**, BSc'95, BScHC'96, were married in Halifax on July 5, 1997.

Tasha Dalrymple, BSc, is working in Hay River, N.W.T.

Jocelyn MacLean, BRec, is technical coordinator of Basketball Alberta in Edmonton.

1997

Krissinda A. Morrison, BScN, and **John C. MacIsaac**, BSc(Pharm)'89, were married in Lunenburg, N.S., on Sept. 27, 1997. They live in Hantsport, N.S. John was a member of the Dal Swim team for four years.

Brenda Munro, BScHE, and **Jeff Beanlands**, MArch'96(DalTech), were married on Aug. 16, 1997, in Halifax where they are living.

Greg Ross, BCom, moved to New Brunswick and accepted a project management position with NBTel in Saint John.

DEATHS

Alfred Gray Macdonald, QC, BA(Hon)'27, of Windsor, N.S., on Oct. 29, 1997. He practised law in Windsor for over 50 years.

Anna Margaret Wilson, BSc'27, MSc'28, of St. John's, Nfld., on May 9, 1997. She worked for Merck Frosst in Montreal from 1945 until retirement in 1972. Her family established a scholarship at Dalhousie in her memory. Contributions can be sent to the Dalhousie Development Office.

Norman Barrie Coward, MD'28, of Halifax, on Oct. 16, 1997. He was the first physician in Nova Scotia to specialize solely in pediatrics. He was a member of the staff of the Children's Hospital, Grace Maternity Hospital and Halifax Infirmary. He was a member of the faculty of medicine at Dalhousie, retiring in 1971. For 29 years he was medical director of the Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Clinic.

Rowena Evelyn (Gould) Murray, BA'28, MA'30, of Meadowville, N.S., on July 21, 1997.

Harrie Handler, BSc'30, MD'35, of Jersey City, N.J., in December 1996.

John Roberts Davies, BA'31(K), MA'37(K), of Halifax, on Sept. 16, 1997. He was archdeacon of Prince Edward Island. Upon retirement he was made assistant priest of Cathedral Church of All Saints in Halifax for seven years.

Margaret Claire Lydiard (Jackson) Nelson, LicMus'31, BM'32, of Halifax, on Oct. 29, 1997.

Allan Ferguson Duffus, Science'33, DEng'78(DalTech), of Waverley, N.S., on Oct. 16, 1997. He was a founding partner of the architectural firm, Duffus, Romans, Kundzins and Rounsefell Ltd., retiring in 1980.

Clarice Mae (Nickerson) Murray, LicMus'34, of Nanaimo, B.C., on Aug. 1, 1997.

Richard Stanfield Hinton, QC, LLB'35, of Summerside, P.E.I., on Sept. 16, 1997.

Douglas Kerr Murray, MD'35, of Port Williams, N.S., on July 25, 1997. He was an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist at the Victoria General, Halifax Infirmary and Children's Hospital. He retired to Port Williams in 1984.

Margaret Elizabeth (Mair) O'Brien, BA'35, of Halifax, on Aug. 24, 1997.

John Clarendon Ratchford Worrell, BSc'35(K), MD'41, of Oakville, Ont., on Aug 6, 1997.

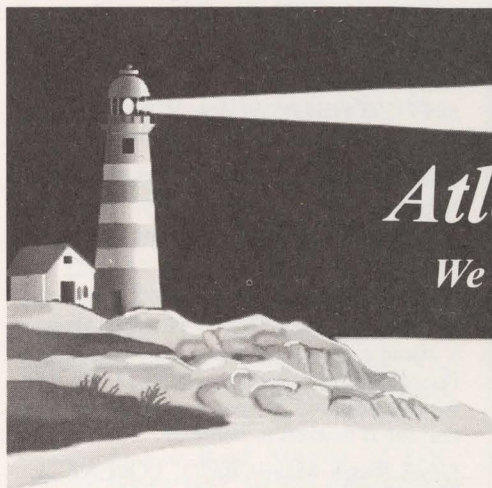
Jean Catherine (Geddes) MacKeigan, BA'37, of Halifax, on Aug. 22, 1997. She was a president of the Women's Division of the Dalhousie Alumni Association and a member of the Board of Governors of Dalhousie.

John Harold MacDonald, BCom'42, Pine Hill Div.'43, of New Glasgow, N.S., on July 8, 1997. He served in several parishes in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Arthur Charles Hartling, BA'45, DEd'48, of Windsor, N.S., on Aug. 11, 1997. He was a staff member at Hants West Rural High School from 1966 until retirement in 1987.

Robert Guy Edgar Kimball, BSc'47, of Windsor, N.S., on Aug. 17, 1997. He was a teaching principal and taught senior grades, retiring in 1985.

Whitney Barnes Dalrymple, BA'48, of Stewiacke, N.S., on Aug. 30, 1997. From 1971-87 he was a missionary in Zambia.



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Hugh John MacDonnell, LLB'48, of New Glasgow, N.S., on Aug. 28, 1997. He practised in New Glasgow from 1948 to 1982, when he was appointed to the bench. He was a justice of the Supreme Court of N.S. from 1993 until retirement in 1995.

Arthur Rennie Moreira, QC, BA'48, LLB'50, of Halifax, on Aug. 8, 1997. He was president of the Dalhousie Student Council in 1949-50. He was appointed vice-president of The Halifax Herald Limited in 1980 and was chairman of the board from 1987 until retirement in 1993.

Walter Sharwan Anandpati Singh, BSc'48, MD'54, of Brampton, Ont., on Aug. 15, 1997. He was a pediatric cardiologist at the Peel Memorial Hospital and private practitioner in Brampton for over 30 years.

Sir Robert Stevenson Aitken, LLD'49, of Birmingham, England, in April 1997. He was vice-chancellor and principal of the University of Birmingham from 1953-1968.

Ernest Lloyd Heighton, BSc'49, MA'51, of Halifax, on July 13, 1997. He was a professor of mathematics at the University of King's College and Dalhousie until retirement in 1979.

Ann Pearson (McCurdy) Hall, Arts'50(K), of Halifax and Chester, N.S., on Sept. 19, 1997. Her work has been exhibited in Montreal and Halifax.

Donald Hartley Kirkpatrick, MD'50, of Kentville, N.S., on Oct. 23, 1997. He practised general medicine and anesthesia in Kentville.

A. Edward Shapter, MD'51, of Bell Island, Nfld., on Oct. 8, 1997. He was an orthopedic surgeon.

Clyde Grandy, BCom'52, of Ottawa, on Aug. 19, 1997.

Charles Francis Brennan, MD'55, of Sydney, N.S., on Sept. 29, 1997. He practised obstetrics and gynecology in Sydney until retirement in 1996.

Francis Leo 'Frank' Doucette, DPharm'55, of Halifax, on Oct. 20, 1997.

David William Terry Thomas, QC, LLB'59, of Prospect Bay, N.S., on Oct. 26, 1997. He was a retired chief crown prosecutor.

Ann (Poulos) Kane, BA'60, MSW'71, of Halifax, on Sept. 28, 1997. She recently retired as acting director for the Halifax County Social Services Department where she worked for 25 years. She and her late husband, Thomas, owned and operated The Smoke Shoppe in Halifax since 1973.

Elinor Frances (Pushie) Stella, BSc'60, BEd'61, of Toronto, on Sept. 30, 1997.

C. Alistair Anderson, LLB'61, of Vancouver, on July 31, 1997. He practised in Vancouver for 22 years.

Rita Mary (Nickels) Brennan, DPH'62, of Bear River, N.S., on Aug. 10, 1997. She served as a nurse in England and Canada until retirement.

M. Dorothy Bernice (Fournier) Curtis, BA'62, of Toronto, on Mar. 22, 1997.

Judy Jean Perry, DEd'66, BSc'70, BEd'70, of Halifax, on Sept. 29, 1997. She recently retired from teaching in Halifax.

Gustavs 'Gus' Vilks, MSc'66, PhD'73, of Dartmouth, on July 5, 1997. He spent 30 years in scientific research, specializing in Arctic environments.

John Terrence 'Terry' Burns, MSc'68, of Dartmouth, on Sept. 29, 1997. He retired after 25 years as a chemistry teacher and coach at Prince Andrew High School in Dartmouth. He was a part-time lecturer in chemistry at St. Mary's University.

Ronald Garfield Weatherby, BA'68, of Dartmouth, on Sept. 5, 1997. He was retail manager for the Canex Store at CFB Halifax, Stadacona.

Harold Francis Bayley, BSc'70, of Queensland, N.S., on Aug. 25, 1997. He retired from the Royal Canadian Navy as a lieutenant-commander in 1992 after 25 years of service.

W. Keith Robinson, BCom'70, of Windsor, Ont., on Apr. 26, 1997. He was general manager for Morrice Transport.

Rajbir Singh 'Raj' Sandhu, MBA'70, of Halifax, on Aug. 30, 1997. He was a professor at Dalhousie's school of business.

Robert Sidney Allen, MA'71, PhD'91(Wales), of Ottawa, on July 6, 1997. He worked for the Government of Canada with National Historic Sites, and the Treaties and Historical Research Centre, and was the principal of Aberdole Associates.

Mary Bernadette 'Mary June' Collins, Masters'71, of Halifax, on Aug. 9, 1997. She entered the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in 1933.

Paul Francis Nicholson Freake, BA'72, of Glen Margaret, N.S., on Sept. 2, 1997. He was a school teacher for 22 years having taught junior high in Dartmouth.

William Ernest Henderson, BA'72, BCom'75, of Paget, Bermuda, on Dec. 11, 1995. He was a student representative on the Dalhousie Board of Governors from 1971-74. He held various positions in the reinsurance and mutual funds markets in Bermuda.

James Reagh Moase, BA'73, LLB(UNB), of Liverpool, N.S., on Oct. 10, 1997. He was town manager of Liverpool since 1993. For many years he supervised a course in municipal law through Henson College, Dalhousie University.

Books by Alumni

Allan R. Billard, BSc'71, a coastal zone management and ecotourism consultant in Dartmouth, wrote *Waterfalls of Nova Scotia*, a hiking guide.

Samantha Brennan, BA(Hon)'88, PhD'93 (Illinois-Chicago), an assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy at University of Western Ontario, co-edited with other colleagues, *A Question of Values: New Canadian Perspectives in Ethics and Political Philosophy*, Value Inquiry Book Series, Rodopi Press, 1997.

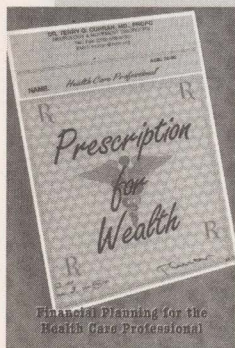
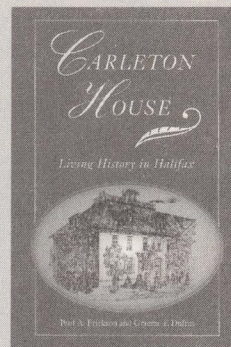
Terry Curran, PostGrad Med'87, a neurologist in Vernon, B.C., wrote *Prescription for Wealth: Financial Planning for the Health Care Professional*, published by Crowne Rock Publishing.

Graeme F. Duffus, BSc'70, BArch'75 (DalTech),

was co-author of *Carleton House: Living History in Halifax*, co-published by Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia and Nimbus Publishing Ltd.

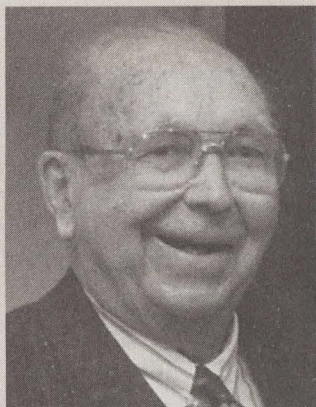
Lawrence 'Larry' Gaum, FADSA, DDS'61, a former Cape Bretoner, now an oral surgeon in Toronto, recently published *From Belarus to Cape Breton and Beyond, My Family Roots*. The book traces his Jewish, Eastern European, roots in Belarus to Cape Breton where his family settled in 1910. It was printed in Toronto by Rainbow Publishing Co.

Earle A. Ripley, BSc(Hon)'53(K), of Saskatoon, was senior author of *Environmental Effects of Mining*.



In Memoriam

A. Gordon Archibald was prominent Dalhousie supporter and friend



A. Gordon Archibald

A. Gordon Archibald (BCom'33, LLD'79), one of Dalhousie's great long-time friends, died in December. He was 86.

Archibald led an extraordinary life. He started out as a farm boy in Salmon River, N.S., and went on to earn his spot in

the corporate boardrooms of Canada. He was a leader in his business and his community who always maintained tenacity, vision and pride in his family.

Archibald had a successful career with MT&T that spanned more than 60 years. He began as a telephone salesman and, from there, worked his way to MT&T's president's office. The recipient of honorary degrees from both Dalhousie and Acadia, Archibald was involved in the community and business world in many capacities.

In the program that accompanied his funeral service, Archibald's affection for, and involvement with, Dalhousie was described: "He never stopped preaching the strength of a Dal degree. He raised millions of dollars for Dal, led the board of governors, and inspired

many members of the family to follow his alma mater.

"In Gordon's professional life, like his family life, he was a role model, with his integrity, ability, humor, stamina and commitment to his community. He served as president and CEO of MT&T and Island Tel and he was on the boards of a number of Canadian corporations, from Stanfield's to the Toronto-Dominion Bank. He became a business leader on the local and national scene as president of the Halifax Board of Trade and president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. He led the Halifax YMCA as president of the board of directors for seven years, culminating in the construction of the Y building on South Park Street."

Archibald was founding chairman of Nova Scotia's first International Gathering of the Clans in 1979 and established the Nova Scotia International Tattoo that same year. More recently, he was chairman of the board of the Victoria Order of Nurses (Halifax branch). In 1987, he was named an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Donations can be made to the A. Gordon Archibald Fund, c/o Dalhousie University Development Office, Macdonald Building, Halifax, N.S., B3H 3J5, or the Canadian Diabetes Association, 101-6080 Young St., Halifax, N.S.

G. Douglas Mulholland, MD'73, of Fredericton, N.B., on May 28, 1997.

Sushil Mallick, PostGradMed'74, of Grande Prairie, Alta., on May 19, 1997.

Allan Dougald Cameron, BPE'77, of New Glasgow, N.S., on Oct. 2, 1997. He taught physical education in Trenton and New Glasgow.

Jean M. Fares, BSc'82, of Diman, Lebanon, on Aug. 13, 1997.

Wenqi Liang, MA'85, PhD'93, of Halifax, on July 22, 1997. She was a part-time lecturer at Saint Mary's University in the English and modern languages departments.

Sheila Lee Poole, BScOT'91, of Dayton, N.S., on Nov. 1, 1997. She worked in Middleton, N.S., and Huntington, W.Va.

Stephen Andrew Boyd, MBA'94, of Bath, N.B., in August 1997. He was a fourth-year medical student at Dalhousie.

Due to space constraints the class notes coordinator reserves the right to shorten written submissions.

Psychotherapist and teacher, Dr. J. Fraser Nicholson, dies in Halifax

Dr. J. Fraser Nicholson (BSc'33, MD'37), a long-time faculty member of Dalhousie's medical school and well-respected psychotherapist, died last fall.

Nicholson was highly regarded as both a psychotherapist and a teacher. Former student and colleague Dr. Judith Gold (MD'65) describes Nicholson as having intuitive wisdom and amazing skills in psychotherapy.

Nicholson joined Dalhousie in 1951. He displayed a "natural warmth and uninhibited liking for people," says Dr. Stuart C. Robinson (PGM'58), which carried

through to his teaching. His talents led to an appointment as associate dean, admissions and undergraduate affairs.

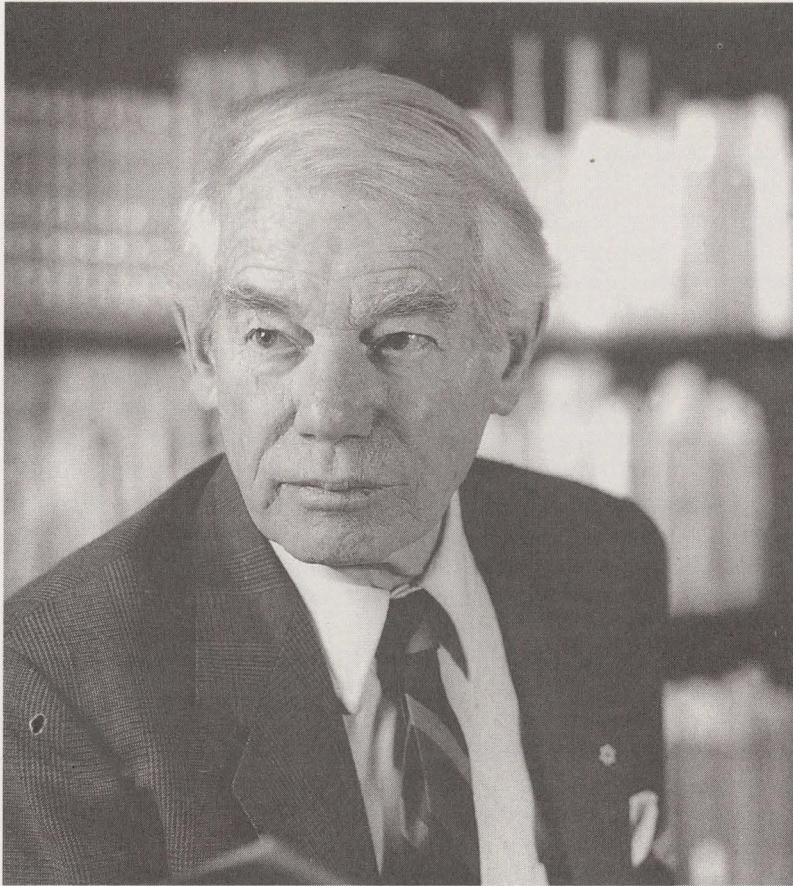
Along with colleagues in the hospital chaplaincy services, nurses and others, Nicholson was instrumental in developing a hospice service in metro. That program became more than a service to community and reached into the education and thinking that now affects our health care system.

Nicholson was very active in community life, including participation in the Theatre Arts Guild and social activities.

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Pages from our past

By all accounts, P.B. Waite is the unofficial chronicler of Dalhousie's history. For 11 years, he has explored our people and our past

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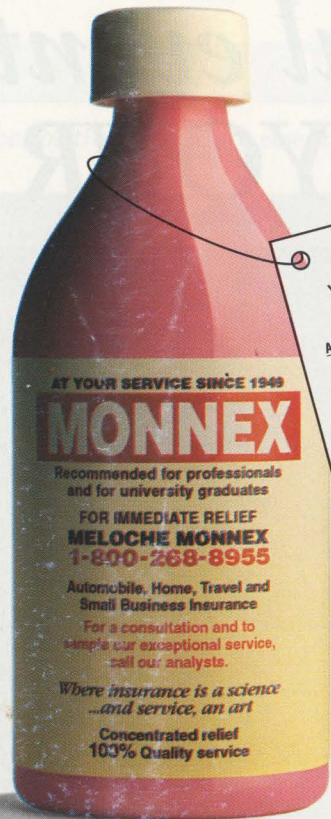
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