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Director of University Advancement

The fall is report card/survey season for Canadian universities – by Maclean’s, The Globe & Mail, and a National Survey of Student Engagement.

Generally, Bishop’s fared well in the three surveys although, like most universities, we do not encourage prospective students and their families to use these alone when deciding on a post-secondary institution.

In The Globe & Mail survey 67% of students and families indicated academic reputation and career preparation are the most important factors when choosing a university.

This emphasis on career preparation invites the question: does Bishop’s equip students well for their transition to graduates?

A Principal’s Task Force will be struck in January to explore this issue and recommend, if appropriate, ways to position our students for success when they leave Bishop’s. Some questions for consideration include:

• How well do we prepare students for what lies beyond our arches?
• What measures do we – or should we – take to encourage students to plan for their next steps?
• How can we best support students as they approach graduation?
• How can we formalize the “Bishop’s network” to give students access to the expertise of our accomplished graduates?

Insights about your transition would contribute to our discussion.
Send your comments and suggestions by January 31, 2010: david.mcbride@ubishops.ca
Students want and need to expand their learning experiences beyond the classroom.

Internships, research projects with faculty, international exchanges, and work experience or community-based projects are experiential learning opportunities that can be of great benefit to our students. Such opportunities can provide them with life-changing experiences that not only give context to classroom content but also help shape their career paths or further study.

However, the experiences can be expensive, often beyond the financial means of some students. Barriers to their participation include travel expenses, associated fees such as insurance, equipment costs and loss of employment revenue.

Charitable gifts to the Bishop’s Foundation provide some aid. A bequest last year, for instance, established a trust fund that will contribute $9,000 annually to experiential education, and TD Insurance Meloche Monnex committed $5,000 per year to internships in the International Studies major (see p. 15).

Although the Bishop’s Foundation contributes an additional $41,000, our current support fails to meet the growing demand from students and faculty.

Consequently, in December I was very pleased to announce a new program that will expand experiential learning opportunities for our students.

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will be our premiere experiential learning program. It will enable our students to incorporate exciting and distinctive projects into their academic programs.

In keeping with our liberal arts tradition, and to encourage creative and entrepreneurial thinking, the scope of projects to be considered will be wide.

Students will be eligible to receive from $2,000 - $7,000 for their project which may take place during the academic year, the spring or summer, but must be completed while they are enrolled at Bishop’s. Their proposals must be endorsed by a member of the faculty or the senior administration. To learn more about this Fund, please visit ubishops.ca/BESTprojectsfund.

One of our highest priorities is to ensure our students are well positioned for success once they leave Bishop’s. Investing in experiential education will allow us to support students who demonstrate potential to have a significant impact as graduates in whatever fields they choose.
Senior players join the team

Bishop’s welcomed Jock Phippen to campus in early July. Jock began in Recruitment and Admissions at the University of Guelph and spent the last eight years at the University of Guelph-Humber in Toronto as Manager of Registrarial Services.

Jock moved to Guelph-Humber before a building existed and played an important leadership role in the development of Ontario’s first joint venture between a university and a college. The first entering class had 200; Guelph-Humber now has close to 3,000 students.

In a few short months Jock has already made an impact on our campus. A survey to students who did not accept our offer of admission was conducted. New recruitment brochures and banner stands have been designed. Campus tours have been refined and student interns hired to support the recruitment process. A new web portal (www.gobishops.ca), a communications management system and an on-line application have also been launched.

Areas of particular attention continue to be the English CEGEPs in Quebec, local Francophone CEGEPs, top “feeder” high schools in Ontario, and the New England market. Primary countries for prospective students are China, France, Mexico and Saudi Arabia.

Initiatives that empower and involve faculty, students, alumni and parents in the recruitment process will also continue.

“We are working to develop a recruitment strategy to position Bishop’s in a positive light with respect to outcomes and reputation,” says Jock. “Today’s students and, equally important, their parents are focused on placement rates in graduate and professional schools as well as prospects for careers.”

To be effective “we will promote continuous and targeted communication from initial inquiry through to enrolment.”

At the fall meeting of the Corporation, following a comprehensive search process, Hélène St-Amand was named Vice-Principal Finance and Administration.

Hélène has been employed at Bishop’s since March 2006, beginning as the Director of Finance. In December 2007 she assumed the role of interim Vice-Principal Finance.

In addition to the finance operations, Hélène will oversee the departments of Information Technology Services and Buildings and Grounds.

Hélène brings exceptional skills to this role. She is a fluently bilingual chartered accountant with extensive experience in both the public and private sectors.

During her time at the University, she has improved significantly the quality and transparency of our financial reporting and earned respect and confidence throughout the Bishop’s community.

Looking ahead, Hélène will focus on “ensuring that appropriate resources are in place for the various areas of the University and working closely with the Principal to maximize all available funding sources.”

By the numbers

The University’s financial plan – which was presented to and accepted by the Quebec government – required a full-time student enrolment of 1790 in September 2009.

A renewed commitment to recruitment by the entire Bishop’s community resulted in a full-time enrolment of 1854 students in September.

Noteworthy statistics (compared to September 2008):
- 7% growth in full-time enrolment
- 10% growth in first-year students
- 13% growth in applications and admissions

The Williams School of Business and the Division of Social Sciences each saw significant growth while, geographically, Quebec and international student numbers increased.
When Adrienne reached 30 she quit her job (Editor-in-Chief of several textile trade magazines), sub-let her apartment (in Montreal), returned a company car, obtained a British passport (her father spent the first 18 months of his life in England), took her life savings of $500 and flew to London in search of new experiences.

“I ate boil-in-the-bag dinners out of cooking pots, rented a typewriter and wrote to every magazine in London for a job. No luck: I’d arrived in the middle of a recession. Out of desperation I became a temporary secretary and found a room in a flat over a fish and chips shop in North London,” recalls Adrienne.

“In month six, I met an Emmy Award-winning film director who hired me as his assistant (this mainly involved reading scripts and finding air-worthy Spitfires and Messerschmitts for war movies). I spent the next five years as a film and TV researcher, travelling around Britain auditioning contestants for quiz shows. It was a great way to learn about my newly adopted country.”

Another five-year itch led Adrienne to retrain as an interior designer. She and her partner took out a second mortgage to fund her year of intensive interior design study in London. “It was bloody hard work. I learned technical drawing, design history, plumbing, electricity, building codes, writing building specifications, sourcing, sketching, presentation skills.”

After earning an Honours diploma and an award for Design & Decoration, Adrienne landed a job as a design assistant to a talented London designer with a reputation for throwing binders at assistants. When she became his target, she moved on.

Adrienne’s design college gave her an assignment at the 1999 London House & Garden Fair. She pulled out all the stops and created a room-set based on the theme of “Fire”, complete with burnt wood sculptures, a volcano painting sent from Ireland by the artist, a prototype iron table, forged steel cutlery, lava-coloured silk curtains and blackened red walls – displayed to the music of Prokofiev’s “Romeo & Juliet.” The Fair featured Adrienne’s room-set on its promotional posters.

Thus was launched AdrienneChinn Design Company Ltd., and there’s been no looking back. Adrienne has since created many unique interiors in close collaboration with her clients. In 2008 she published her first design book, The Home Decorator’s Colour & Texture Bible, (gaining 15 minutes on Canada AM to plug it). She’s designing a “London Collection” of rugs for a German rug company and is working on wallpaper designs with a London artist. She’s quoting on the interior design of a large development in Egypt and helping a Hong Kong designer with her Shanghai holiday house. She led a Study Day at the Victoria & Albert Museum and is building a small riad hotel in the Atlas Mountains of Morocco.

An article about her refurbishment of The Glenisle Hotel on the Isle of Arran appeared in The Scotsman. She’s been on LBC Radio in London as an interior design expert, been invited to design an envelope for auction as part of a National Literacy Campaign and is sponsoring a paint pot for the Elephant Parade in London next year (in support of India’s wild elephants).

At the invitation of the British Ambassador, Adrienne will participate in an exhibition/reception at the British Embassy in Tokyo promoting British interior design.

Last year Adrienne was one of ten interior designers named as “rising stars” in London.

“It’s only taken me ten years to get here!”

Adrienne enlivened a penthouse living room by adding a glass block wall, black on black damask wallpaper, luxurious cushions in grape and lime, a custom-designed rug and modern furniture.
It’s only 12 hours from Stephen's hometown of Sherbrooke to Solomons, Maryland where he is Curator of Paleontology at the Calvert Marine Museum. But Stephen took a huge journey to get there.

“I was raised in an evangelical Christian home. We considered the concept of evolution a rival to the Bible's explanation of the origins of biological diversity, equating it with man’s attempt to deny the existence of God. The appeal of evolutionary theory to the atheist, we were taught, lay in its apparent ability to absolve man of his moral responsibility to an almighty God who had created all that there is. For my family, God was the omnipotent creator of the world and its biological diversity.”

In his final year at Bishop's, Stephen decided to find out whether the claims of biologists and paleontologists about evolutionary theory were true. He completed a Ph.D. in vertebrate paleontology from the Redpath Museum of McGill and a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Toronto.

Stephen then spent most of nine years in Drumheller, Alberta (dubbed the dinosaur capital of the world) doing exhibit work for museums around the world. “Most contracts involved sculpting the missing bones of dinosaur skeletons, reassembling the skeletons of prehistoric animals (both original bone and cast replicas), and sculpting life-like restorations of extinct animals.”

In 1998 he moved to Maryland where he collects, preserves, and interprets the Miocene (approximately 25 to 5 million-year-old) fossils that erode from the cliffs along the western shore of Chesapeake Bay.

“The variety of skulls and skeletons collected from the cliffs for well over a century demonstrates that these deposits preserve one of the world's most diverse assemblages of extinct whales and dolphins.”

Stephen loves being able to participate in all aspects of paleontology, from finding the fossils, quarrying them, watching them being prepared, studying them, and featuring these fossils in new exhibits.

In 2005 Stephen and his brother-in-law Dr. Christopher Smith published Paradigms on Pilgrimage recounting their pilgrimages of understanding from the young-earth, “scientific creationist” position of their youth to new perspectives on what it can mean to believe in God as Creator. Their book presents an alternative way of relating the Bible to natural history.

Another passion for Stephen is doing paleo-art contract-work in his spare time. “I love hearing from Dr. Paul Sereno (University of Chicago) who tells me about some new critter he's discovered in Africa and invites me to sculpt the missing bones so that a ‘complete' skeleton can be reassembled for National Geographic. On the basis of the size and shape of existing bones, and those of closely related forms, I sculpt the missing ones from high-density foam.”

Stephen's sculpting projects have included carving the missing bones of the fleet-footed theropod Deltadromeus, the large sauropod Jobaria, the spinosaur Suchomimus, the tiny primitive dinosaur Eoraptor, and the gigantic crocodile Sarcosuchus. His work is on display in the Field Museum in Chicago, the American Museum of Natural History in New York, the Noorder Dierenpark in the Netherlands and at Universal Studios in Florida. He's appeared in three National Geographic television specials on dinosaurs.

“You collect fossils because, well, they are beautiful. I'm still amazed that I am paid money to be a paleontologist.”

Stephen welds a frame to hold the skeleton of a modern Florida Manatee in a life-like position for an exhibit on sea cows (fossil ones from Calvert Cliffs and modern representatives) and mermaids.
Alix at the shrine of the caliph Ali in Mazar-e Sharif, northern Afghanistan in March 2009 during the celebration of Nowruz, the Persian new year.

ALIX KROEGER ’90

ow working with the BBC TV News, Alix got her start in journalism almost by mistake. She went looking for the radio station at Bishop’s and instead happened upon The Campus newspaper office. She spent a good part of the next four years in that office, becoming Editor in her third year.

By a quirk of fate (her mother was born in the UK), Alix was eligible for what the British call Right of Abode. After graduation she moved to Oxford and began working first at a small group of free newspapers, then at BBC Radio Oxford. In 1991, Alix got a job as a researcher with another BBC local radio station, and that was it – she stayed.

“I lost my Canadian accent early on, an extension of adapting to post-university life. There’s no question it’s made it easier for me to get on air with the BBC. The British don’t particularly like North American accents or indeed any kind of import which makes them feel as though they’re being overrun and reduced to insignificance.

Thus, the American grey squirrel that has largely wiped out the native British red squirrel is no mere rodent, but a living, breathing, tulip-bulb eating metaphor of cultural decline. Ditto blazing yellow fields of canola (oilseed rape), the indignity of whose appearance is compounded by the fact that the crop attracts generous subsidies from the European Union, which many Brits despise.”

Going to Bosnia as a freelance foreign correspondent in 2000 has been Alix’s best professional experience. Bosnia had stopped being a crisis zone but was still figuring out how to be a country, with a lot of input from the international community.

“I travelled around the country, watching landmines being cleared and refugees returning to the areas they’d been forced to leave. I also witnessed corruption and ethnically motivated violence. By the time I left in 2002, I was burnt out; it was a very intense time and place.”

“Nothing is wasted,” declares Alix. From 2002-05, she learned to speak German. As well as using it to report from Germany and Austria, the language helped her to interview a Romanian ethno-botanist in the Carpathian mountains; to get directions while lost in the Tajik capital, Dushanbe; and, while working on the launch of BBC Persian TV, to get through to a disaffected Iranian trainee.

The Latin she studied at Bishop’s and in high school helped greatly when she was learning Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian in Sarajevo.

For Alix, being a journalist is an enormous privilege. “Imagine getting paid to find out what is interesting and ask people questions about it.”

From the field...

“I was in Mazar-e Sharif to produce part of the BBC’s special coverage of Nowruz. For our outside broadcast, we settled on the rooftop of a hotel overlooking the shrine of Ali, a spot we soon shared with the Afghan police, army and national intelligence service. While we set up our satellite phone, they put in place a light machine gun.

For the official ceremony, I was in the journalists’ enclosure in the centre of the shrine – an area that would normally have been off-limits to me as a non-Muslim. About a dozen turbaned mullahs and as many police officers stood in another nearby enclosure, a kind of glorified cage with an open top.

Once the ceremonies were over, the barriers were lifted and hundreds of people hurtled towards this cage. Piling six, seven, a dozen deep, they threw scarves into the cage for blessing by the mullahs. When the supplicants got too numerous, the police officers would beat them back with their truncheons. Undeterred, the next wave would surge forward.

Later my six (Afghan, male) colleagues and I went for a picnic. I bought a bottle of Uzbek vodka from an Indian restaurant (only foreigners can legally buy alcohol in Afghanistan) to accompany a trayful of kebabs, a giant thermos of tea and a bag of oranges.

We finished the day at the first buzkashi match of the season. Buzkashi is the rather wild Afghan precursor to polo, played with the body of a headless calf, filled with sand. There are no teams: it’s every man for himself and, in this case, there were about 400 of them, all competing to see who could scoop up the calf and complete a circuit of the course. The next day I learned Afghan women are not allowed at buzkashi matches.}
The life of a sculptor revolves around process; the series of fine imprints that turn a blank slate into finished product. For James, whose work has been in recent films such as *Shrek II*, *District 9* and both *Chronicle of Narnia* adaptations, his path from beginnings in Mississauga ON to Lennoxville and beyond has been a similar series of impressions, formed through the people and places he's seen.

Even when James was growing up, he exhibited an eye and mind for detail and expression, saying that “growing up, my attention couldn't be kept by history, my mind was outside of school a lot. I studied how birds moved or people's feelings.”

James went to Mount Allison after high school, but didn't feel as attached as he thought he would. Familiar with Bishop's through his older alumni brother, he found himself in Lennoxville the following January.

While serving as a Kuehner R.A. and track team captain in his final year, James also extended his course load. He had initially started a Business degree, but the majority of his electives were in Fine Arts. On the advice of Prof. Margaret Lawther, he stayed to earn a double major. What followed was “the best year of my whole life. I knew just about everybody, I was working really hard in my courses, and I was involved. Just a fantastic year.”

Today, James credits this decision as leading to his sculpting career. He also acknowledges that the opportunity to pursue a double major in such differing programs may not have happened anywhere but at Bishop’s.

Upon leaving Lennoxville, James worked different jobs, looking for a position to fit his Business degree. He would sculpt during his off-time, “for stress relief,” but soon discovered sculpture was his preferred area of interest. After attending the Vancouver Film School, James got his first digital artist job on the TV series, *Reboot*.

For the next five years, James traveled throughout Canada, working on different shows and films in Montreal, Northern Quebec, Toronto. Then came a job in San Francisco with the PDI/Dreamworks production of *Shrek II*, one of the most successful animated features of all time.

Of his time in San Francisco, which he describes as the “most Canadian of American cities,” James was struck by the difference in Canadians and Americans. “We really are a different breed of people. It was a big learning experience to witness such different mindsets, when we are so similar in every other way,” he explained.

James went next to London for a chance to work for The Moving Picture Company on *10,000 BC* and the second *Chronicles of Narnia*. He found people in the UK to be like Canadians in personality and values, noting they reveal more of their private thoughts in the pub than the office.

Now back in Vancouver, James is adding pieces to his collection and planning to put on his own gallery show in the near future.

During a year off to sculpt, James will draw on the skills he's refined through the years, as well as the people and places he's seen; his hands guided by his dedication to his craft, his subject and wanting to share both with others.

by Mitch McDonald ’08

Two of James's sculptures from the movie *DISTRICT 9* © 2009 Tri-Star Pictures, Inc.
Ten reasons to study abroad:

1. You can learn a new language.
2. You can travel and explore your surroundings – both near and far.
3. You can become acquainted with another culture first-hand.
4. You develop skills and gain experiences a classroom setting cannot provide.
5. You make friends from around the world.
6. You learn about yourself and will return home with fresh perspectives.
7. You expand your world view.
8. You break out of your routine.
9. You improve your employment opportunities. Employers regard students who studied abroad as self-motivated, independent, willing to embrace challenges, and able to cope with diverse problems and situations.
10. You enhance the value of your degree.

“International mobility:

“The African children have imprinted their smiles on my heart. I honestly have no words to explain the positive impact of my experience. I’m coming home a new person.” Frances Bajdik-Bova, 4th year Education

“If I were to describe my experience in a word, I’d say PEOPLE. Becoming friends with many Japanese people has been a gift. In a year, the world has become a much smaller place.” Elliott Verreault, BBA ’09

“The excitement, anxiety, language barriers, transportation systems, loneliness, maps, and new friendships have moved me deeply and made me stronger in every way.” Caitlin McNamee-Lamb, BA Honours English ’09

“At the ancient civilization ruins of Teotihuacan, I’m standing on the third highest pyramid in the world (Sun Pyramid) with a spectacular view of the fifth highest (Moon Pyramid).” Patrick Biron, 2nd year Honours Political Studies
students explore the world and get a degree

The Program
In 1984 six students studied abroad; 25 years later over 70 students go away each year. Initially Bishop’s had access to a few mobility programs in New England and the network of California State Schools. Over the years the Conférence des recteurs et des principaux des universités du Québec signed agreements with post-secondary institutions in 22 countries. Since 1990, Bishop’s has been proactive, signing bilateral agreements with over 30 universities worldwide. In 2001 Bishop’s joined the National Student Exchange, a consortium of colleges and universities in the United States, its territories and Canada. Students can now choose their exchange opportunity from over 600 partner universities worldwide.

Our students
Students benefit by paying tuition fees to Bishop’s while earning credits abroad towards their degree. Most students get to attend their first choice institution.
Students pursuing majors in International Business or International Studies (Political Studies) are required to study abroad for at least one semester.

Bursaries
Quebec students who go abroad are eligible for funding from the government. The Williams School of Business provides grants to students enrolled in International Business. The Office Franco Québécois pour la Jeunesse also offers air fare reductions to Quebec students studying in France and Asia.
Thanks to generous donors, the Bishop’s Foundation awards bursaries to students travelling to France, Spain and Mexico.

Risk Takers
Our International Student Exchange Program allows students to break out of their comfort zone and experience life from a different angle. It can be exhilarating, culturally enriching and one of the most significant experiences of an undergraduate career. As well as challenging their thinking and encouraging students to take risks, it opens many doors and inspires levels of maturity and confidence while instilling life skills. It’s an experience that advances career and personal skills and serves students well beyond university years.

Visiting students
In September 2009, we welcomed 125 exchange students from 16 countries to Bishop’s. The increased presence of international students adds to the cultural diversity of the University and enriches the experience of all members of the community – inside and outside the classroom.

Lillian Rogerson ’84
Coordinator of International Students

Eddy Van Wyk from Namibia and Justine Harland from Australia get into the spirit. They liken Bishop’s to Hogwarts!
Largest infrastructure grant brings major improvements to sports and recreation facilities

On September 21 the Bishop’s University community gathered in the Mitchell gymnasium to celebrate the announcement of the single largest infrastructure investment in the history of Bishop’s – a $29.5 million renovation and expansion of the John H. Price Sports and Recreation Centre. The governments of Canada and Quebec will each contribute $13.25 million to the project, while the Ville de Sherbrooke will contribute $3 million.

“This renovation and addition will ensure that our campus continues to be anchored by two buildings which are crucial to the student experience and are points of pride for the campus: the John Bassett Memorial Library on the western edge of campus and this facility on the eastern edge,” remarked Principal Goldbloom during his address.

In January 1962 the W.B. Scott Arena was opened on a campus that had been without a rink since 1944, when the previous one burned down. This new arena boasted an ice surface the size of the Montreal Forum, a Zamboni machine to level, clean and water the ice in one operation, sides of Cellolux to allow light to enter on the ends and asbestos in the ceiling to help with sound.

In 1975 the John H. Price Sports and Recreation Centre, at a cost of $3 million, opened as a state-of-the-art facility to serve the Bishop’s and Champlain student populations of 1500 and also to bring the community to campus for recreation courses, physical fitness and sports events.

Both buildings have served our campus well but neither has seen much in renovation or improvement over the years. The roof of the arena leaks and the ice making equipment is on its last legs, while students have access to only three treadmills in the “Plex.”

Meanwhile our student population has grown twofold, and the demands for fitness and wellness from students and community members are greater than ever.

The current project will more than double the Centre’s size. Preliminary plans include:

- a newly-created Health and Wellness Centre (housing the University’s Health and Counselling Services)
- a new double gymnasium
- a significantly expanded fitness room with the latest equipment
- additional dressing rooms to accommodate teams using the arena, field or gymnasiums
- additional class and meeting rooms
- a restaurant and reception space
- a new 800-seat hockey arena

The target date to complete the tender process for engineers and architects is February 2010, with the project expected to be finished in 2012.

As part of Bishop’s commitment to sustainable development, the new facility will be the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building on campus.
Construction crews occupy the campus: new and deferred projects get done

A deck was built on the roof of Nicolls adjacent to the Observatory, and our first-ever solar panel was mounted next to it.

The new deck represents the final phase in the construction of the Observatory and allows guests an unobstructed view of the entire night sky. Three years old, the Observatory has welcomed 2500 visitors.

The deck uses state-of-the-art LED lighting to minimize energy consumption and ensure the safety of visitors. The solar panel and battery system provide sufficient energy to easily light the deck and will ultimately be used to power everything in the Observatory.

Bishop’s has also embarked on a *Dark Skies* project to replace a significant portion of its exterior lighting with energy efficient fixtures that will help to reduce light pollution.

The solar energy system and the lighting replacements provide examples of the University’s commitment to be a more environmentally friendly energy consumer.

**Dr. Lorne Nelson**, Director of the Observatory  
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observ@ubishops.ca

The entrance to the Library was over 50 years old, had become dangerous and did not conform to building standards for individuals who are mobility impaired.

A new entrance was constructed, on budget, for under $200,000. Like an iceberg, much of the work is below ground level: the base is larger than what we see. Michel Caron, Director of Facilities, believes this entrance will last for 100 years!

The University will receive about $5.4 million in 2009-10 from MELS capital budgets for deferred maintenance projects: classrooms, health and safety issues (eg. stairwells, heating), and energy efficiency projects. The funds will enable work to be addressed that is overdue because of tight budgets in the past.

Champlain Nursing: As our campus neighbour will soon offer a Nursing program, two large nursing labs ($500,000) will be built on the 2nd floor of Memorial House, above the old Pub/Gait.

St. Mark’s Chapel will receive a total investment of $1.4 million, 70% from the Ministère des Affaires Culturelles, 30% from our capital budget from the Ministère de l’Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport.

- The foundation was stabilized and reinforced, as well as additional drainage installed.
- The exterior walls will be restored and repointed based on an inspection of each brick.
- The top façade will be dismantled, rebuilt and reinforced.
- The warping of the main doors will be corrected.
- The roof will be redone and the bell tower restored.
- The mechanical and electrical systems will be improved.
- A sprinkler system will be installed in the roof.

**INTERESTING FACT:** Called “Eastern Townships Red Brick,” the bricks used for both the Library entrance and the Chapel, to replace damaged ones, are produced in Maryland. They’re not made in Quebec!
Morris House Reading Series, coordinated by English professors Claire Grogan and Linda Morra and two Tomlinson student interns, brings writers to campus.

**September 17:** Armand Ruffo, whose work is strongly influenced by his Ojibwe heritage, discussed his creative biography of Ojibway painter Norval Morrisseau.

**October 22:** Sarah Dowling ’04, a doctoral student at the University of Pennsylvania, returned to her alma mater to read her poetry.

**November 12:** Claire Holden Rothman talked about *The Heart Specialist*, a novel of historical fiction inspired by the life of Dr. Maude Abbott, who earned her M.D. from Bishop’s in 1894.

**November 19:** Pam Calabrese Maclean is a poet, flash fiction writer and playwright from Antigonish NS.

**March 25:** Sally Clark is a playwright, painter, director and filmmaker living in Vancouver BC.

For the public, top professors presented lectures drawing upon their research and teaching, while also sharing a cup of tea and cookies with their audience.

**September 29:** Dr. Jack Eby, Singing Psalms in the Chapel at Versailles

**November 5:** Dr. Loretta Czernis, The Silk Saga: an introduction

**November 24:** Dr. Claire Grogan, “Means of Motion and Transmission:” transportation and Jane Austen

**Faculty achievements:**

Dr. Avril Aitken (School of Education) recently published three books at *Les Presses de l’Université du Québec* in collaboration with colleagues from other institutions. The books are among the outcomes of a project involving participants from nearly 60 French and English language school boards and private teaching institutions in Quebec.

Thanks to financial support from the Canada Foundation for Innovation, the Quebec Government and private partners, Dr. Layachi Bentabet (Computer Science) has implemented a multiple camera system to conduct research activities on spatiotemporal modeling of changing scenes in the context of video-surveillance. Located in the Johnson Building, this system is composed of 4 PTZ cameras, one infrared camera, and 4 still cameras. Dr. Bentabet’s research will spur technology transfer to commercial and industrial applications in a wide variety of sectors such as intelligent video conferencing and broadcasting, law enforcement, security, remote sensing and medical imaging.

Dr. Syliane Charles (Philosophy) was nominated for a prestigious Aurora Prize that recognizes an outstanding new researcher who is building a reputation for exciting and original research in the Humanities or Social Sciences.

Dr. Claude Charpentier ’93 (Psychology) and Dr. Cheryl Gosselin ’86 (Sociology) are members of a research team that was awarded $150,000 for 2009-2010 by the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux du Québec to study and promote the development of communities and of the capabilities of vulnerable individuals including those living with mental health issues.

Dr. Lorne Nelson (Physics) has been appointed as a Canadian representative on the Time Allocation Committee of the Gemini Observatory. Gemini North and South are the largest and most advanced optical telescopes in the world. The Time Allocation Committee decides which observing projects should be undertaken and thus plays an important role in shaping the future of astronomy and astrophysics.

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**Globe and Mail’s Canadian University Report Card 2010**

- Among very small universities, Bishop's was one of four that earned the highest marks (A+) for overall student satisfaction.
- Bishop’s received A+ for quality of education.
- Bishop’s received A+ for class size.
- Bishop’s received A+ for campus atmosphere.
- Bishop’s received A+ for student-faculty interaction.
Political Studies students assist groups in Tanzania

To meet the requirements of the innovative International Studies major, Lucie Imbeau and Micah Orr embarked upon an internship assisting two groups in the Njombe area of Tanzania.

The Kibena Women’s Association supports orphans and vulnerable children, many made vulnerable by the death of their parents from HIV-AIDS. Lucie and Micah had the privilege of aiding this Association in evaluating the conditions under which the orphans live.

They also joined the Kibena Youth Fellowship, which does outreach and builds awareness on HIV issues with young people and villagers around Njombe, mostly through the efforts of its very fine choir.

“Our participation in local activities and events made our experience unique. Our daily choir practices and our attendance at town meetings were an important part of our African experience.”

Lucie and Micah were invited to a wedding of one of the choir members; they shared in a joyful and typical ceremony full of singing and dancing.

“We also had the chance to take part in an HIV testing day in the near town of Mhaji.”

The two students went on to say, “we are eternally grateful for the chance we were given to meet, interact and work with some amazing individuals and groups. By living in their houses and participating in numerous activities, we were able to feel like we really belonged to their community.”

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Purple Tag Day

For its first appreciation event, the Student Alumni
Association (SAA) put purple tags on people and
projects supported by your donations to the Bishop’s
University Foundation. The campus community saw
the widespread benefit of your charity, whether you
directed your donation to scholars, Gaiter athletes,
library books or other priorities.

Watch the video produced by the SAA:
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Alumni participate in the Vancouver 2010 Games

Beverley Lepine ’74
Chief Operating Officer
Royal Canadian Mint

“The decision of the Mint to be an official sponsor of the Games reinforced our strategic direction to promote pride in Canada’s history,” says Beverley. “The athlete medals, collectible coins, and the circulation coin collection – the first ever for the Games – enhance our Mint’s worldwide reputation for innovation.”

As an all-Canadian achievement destined for global fame, the medals reflect a collaborative effort of Corinne Hunt (a designer/artist of Komoyue and Tlingit heritage based in Vancouver), industrial designer Omer Arbel, the Royal Canadian Mint, Teck Resources Limited and VANOC.

The Olympic medals display features of the Orca, powerful and knowing no boundaries, while the Paralympic medals show striking aspects of the Raven, supremely creative and agile transformer.

The athlete medals represent an artistic, engineering and manufacturing marvel:
• Each of the 1014 medals is unique.
• The motifs and text are individually laser engraved.
• Their undulating form, evoking the spectacular landscape of BC, is a first.
• Braille is on the reverse of the Paralympic medals.

At the Royal Canadian Mint, Beverley is responsible for ensuring the profitability of four business lines and for overseeing all operations, from sales through production and distribution. She also has responsibility for corporate engineering, engraving and die production, advanced R&D, and procurement.

Highlights of her Olympic journey to date include:
• witnessing the remarkable R&D of the prototype for the medals;
• launching the Olympic coin collection in Tokyo amid Japanese athletes and the Olympic mascot;
• working with dedicated individuals at VANOC;
• and revealing the medals in Vancouver with Mint engineering and machining staff present.

“The collection of Olympic and Paralympic medals and coins is a gold medal moment for our Mint,” declares Beverley proudly.

Jean Nairon ’03
Budget Analyst VANOC

Jean has put to work the “soft” skills of his Bishop’s degree in History and the “hard” ones of an MBA from the University of Victoria.

He’s involved in the budget reporting and analysis of food and beverages, snow, cleaning, and waste management at about 25 venues. He also ensures associated contract revenues and expenses are handled properly.

“I’ve had a great experience since joining VANOC in March 2009,” says Jean. “Memorable times include holding the Olympic Torch during my orientation, attending John Furlong’s presentations, watching the kick-off of the Torch Relay and seeing the uniforms released.”

With VANOC employees numbering 1400 and rising, Jean enjoys meeting new people every day. Although there will be a mass exodus come the end, “being part of something this BIG is a thrill.”

Shirley Manning ’75, one of 25,000 proud volunteers chosen from about 50,000 applicants.

“I am excited to have been selected as a volunteer for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games. I filled in an online volunteer application form and went to Vancouver in April for screening and a three hour interview. Volunteers were slotted into various roles, or volunteer “buckets”.

With my extensive driving experience, I expected a role with actual driving involved. I was offered the position of Transportation Coordinator, Olympic Village, which I eagerly accepted.

While I’m not yet sure what I’ll be doing, I am looking forward to learning. I’ve received my schedule for the Games and my training starts in January.

At the interviews and orientation, the infectious enthusiasm of all was inspiring. I can hardly wait!!”

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FALL HOME COMING
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Bishop's Gaiters played against McGill Redmen on Coulter Field.

Golf tournament winners: Bruce Stevenson '76, Mike Dudgeon '76, Rob Allen '73, Doug MacAulay '88, with organizer Jake Vaughan '87 on the left.

A charity walk for ALS raised $3,000.

Top 10 After 10 Class of 2009

back: Cindy Finn '92, Robert Ghiz '96, Pierre Dion '88, Roger Hardy '93, Drew Leyburne '98, Chris Jones '96. front: Jennifer Jones '93, Patrick Keeley '93, Johnny Reid '98, Tova White '92

David Foot, a speaker in the Donald Lecture Series, explained the power of demographics.

Johnny Reid '98 electrified a full house at Centennial Theatre.
They say “you can’t go back”, but this year’s reunion of the classes of 1983-89 came as close as you can get, bringing back memories of those formative years.

The weekend started on Friday with the inaugural Top 10 After 10 induction lunch, recognizing graduates who’ve made their mark after leaving Bishop’s.

On Friday night, Johnny Reid ‘98 – fresh from a triumphant night at the CCMA awards – thrilled a packed Centennial Theatre.

Saturday morning featured both a golf tournament and a charity walk for ALS.

The Homecoming football game was preceded by a ceremonial kick-off by former Coach Bruce Coulter DCL ’98 and 30 members of the 1980’s Gaiter teams. Coming off a 0-7 season in 1983, the Gaiters of 1984 rebounded with a 5-2 season and for the rest of the decade Bishop’s was the dominant team in the OQIFC, narrowly missing a trip to the Vanier Cup on several occasions.

After the game, KT & the Hogs featuring Kirk (KT) Thornton ’88 and Eric Gauthier ’88 played a blistering set of blues and classic rock from their repertoire bringing back visions of Thursday nights at the “G.”

A fantastic dinner followed at Dewhurst dining hall (no, it wasn’t Sloppy Joes or Shepherd’s Pie), and Principal Michael Goldbloom told us a story about everyone banding together to aid the students who lost nearly everything in a fire. His story typified how our school spirit and sense of community continue to make Bishop’s stand out from other universities.

Our night culminated in an 80’s Theme Party at the Gait with Sterling Mawhinney ’88 spinning classic tunes from INXS, Billy Paul, the Clash and other Pub favourites. Does anyone remember quart tickets, “dancing on the ledge” or “Pub scum”?

Close to 200 alumni from the 80’s attended the festivities, swapping stories of careers, children and recalling their favourite Bishop’s memories. While almost 25 years have passed, Bishop’s pride and spirit reside in all of us.

Bruce Stamm ’87
In the fall of 1954 a group of aspiring footballers gathered on a rudimentary football field to meet their new coach, a local businessman and former Alouette named Gordon “Beef” Ross. Little did we realize he would mould them into a combination that won the championship three years running and was undefeated in ’54, with no touchdowns allowed, and ’55. They lost only one of 18 games in three seasons.

The team had no more than 25 players in a season and only 40 during the three-year period in a student population of under 300 (that’s over 1800 today). It should also be mentioned the players had but one uniform for the season.

The fifties were characterized by a period of stable growth and adjustment after WWII. In fact at our 40th reunion we were looked upon as the “silent generation” going about our lives with no great fuss. As a result, the accomplishments of these teams faded into the distant past as the University grew and sports took on a more professional form.

Garth Smith and Bob Burt ’57 started the process to bring the team of 1954 to the Wall. John Pratt ’58 and Hugh MacDonald ’58 pursued it, encouraging the committee to add the teams of ’55 and ’56 and putting in great effort to locate surviving members. As it turned out, 40% have died but their relatives were contacted and invited to participate where possible.

I didn’t play football at Bishop’s but was an enthusiastic supporter. When invited to join the celebration, I jumped at the chance. It allowed me to reconnect with friends of 50+ years back and to represent the family of my friend Don “Lump” Acres ’57 who died tragically in a car accident 50 years ago.

Our silent generation roared to life on October 23-25. Festivities began Friday night at Sebby’s in Lennoxville. The next day we gathered at the Sports Centre where the three teams were introduced and formally unveiled on the RBC Wall of Distinction. The presence of “Beef” Ross, 87 years old, resplendent in his Alouette sweater, was a highlight.

After a tailgate lunch we sat in the stands to watch the Gaiters beat the Montreal Carabins 21-16. Quite a change from our day with a proper grandstand, artificial turf, and of course more than one uniform for the season. At half time our players were introduced to the crowd to acclamation despite the rain.

In the evening we enjoyed cocktails and dinner in the Cleghorn Common Room. The Reverend Canon David Lethbridge ’57, team manager and one of the few Divines to play football in our era, gave the grace. Laurie Hart ’59 (of legendary kicking skill) led the presentation for the 1954 team, Hugh MacDonald for 1955 and John Rider ’57 (who mentioned wrong way Davis) for 1956.

Garth and Bob spoke briefly on the era, followed by John quoting from a piece written by Andy Little ’57, who was the sports reporter for The Campus and The Record. While he and cheerleader Dolce ’56 were unable to attend, cheerleaders Nancy Pond ’57, Allison Perry, ’56 Sandy Currie ’58 and Nancy Shepard ’57 joined the fun.

A real surprise at the close was Glyn Edwards ’57 announcing that team members had donated $50,000 to fund football scholarships.

A further surprise was a donation of $13,000 from Tim Rider to athletic scholarships – to honour his father John’s induction as well as his family’s long history in the Townships and with the University.

All things must end, so we gathered again at Sebby’s on Sunday morning for a brunch organized by John Pratt – before going our separate ways, happy to have shared this experience.

Bryan Walker ’57
FOOTBALL

Leroy Blugh’s squad started slowly, with a Mayor’s Cup loss to Sherbrooke, a pair of defeats against No. 1 Laval, and a split with the resurgent McGill Redmen. After a bye week, the Gaiters needed to win their last three games to return to the playoffs. They did just that, starting with a Bigg Bowl win over then-undefeated No. 5 St. F.X. Returning home, the Gaiters upset then-No. 4 Montreal, setting up a do-or-die game against the Concordia Stingers.

The Concordia game will go down as one of the most exciting ever at Coulter Field, as the teams combined for 78 points, 972 yards and eight lead changes. Jesse Andrews put the Gaiters in the playoffs with a seven-yard touchdown run on 3rd-and-goal, the end of an 11-play, 77-yard drive over 1:26, as the Gaiters won 40-38. In the playoffs, the Gaiters visited Montreal, and took an early 15-3 lead; however, Montreal secured their revenge as they came back to win 40-15.

Two Gaiters were named Quebec University Football League All-Stars: kick returner Steven Turner earned his third nod, while cornerback Nick Poloniato won for the first time.

GOLF

Andy Ochman’s team showed improved performance, with Olivier Genier posting the Gaiters’ first individual Top 20 finish since Trevor Dunn’s 19th place in 2005. To start, the Gaiters hosted the Milby Open and finished the two days in eighth place, led by scores of 157 for Genier and James Laing.

The Gaiters held their eighth-place standing at the second tournament in Trois-Rivières, while Genier again led the Gaiters with a two-day score of 155. At the Provincial Championships in Deux-Montagnes, the Gaiters remained in eighth place.

Individually, Genier finished tied for ninth with a four-round total of 300, while Alex Aubry finished 34th at 329.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Phil Ribaux’s squad entered the season with the hope of moving up the Quebec University Soccer League standings. An undefeated weekend, with a tie against UQAM and a victory over Concordia, showed early promise. The team’s form tapered off in the later stages as injuries started to take a toll. A 1-1 tie at Sherbrooke, the team’s first points against Sherbrooke in more than five years, highlighted the second half of the schedule, as the team finished in seventh place.

Forward Steph Burnett led the squad with three goals, one assist; Katie Montelpare scored one goal, two assists.

WOMEN’S RUGBY

Eryn Hessian’s squad of veterans posted a competitive performance against Laval, breaking a three-year scoreless streak against that team, then romped to a 42-0 victory over the Vert & Or. The victory was the first in more than three years, and their highest single-game score since 2003.

The Gaiters followed that up with a 42-5 victory at Sherbrooke in the return match, allowing them to finish 2-4 and in a tie for fourth place in the six-team QURU.

Fly-half Sue Magwood was named a league All-Star, while Eryn Hessian won her second provincial Coach of the Year title.

Frances Bajdik-Bova (on the cover) won the CIS Student-Athlete Community Service Award for Women’s Rugby. She’s the first Gaiter to win this award in any sport, as well as the first Gaiter to win a CIS national award in Women’s Rugby.

LACROSSE

Lacrosse opened the season slowly, with an upset loss at Carleton, but ran off six straight league wins (ten overall), and looked set to return to the Baggataway Cup tournament after a one-year absence. However, the Gaiters went 0-3 on the last weekend of the year, suffering losses to McGill, Queen’s and Trent, and fell into third place in the Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association’s East division. Forced to travel to McGill for the league quarter-finals, the Gaiters suffered a heartbreaking 6-5 loss to the Redmen.

Joseph Lalune finished seventh in the league with 35 points (17G,18A), while Mike Dube was seventh in goals with 22, and scored a total of 31 points. Team Captain Josh Crone finished with 27 points (14G, 13A).

by John Edwards, Sports Information Officer
Inaugurated in 1967, the *Alumnus of the Year Award* honours a graduate who’s made a long-standing commitment and contribution to the University. Long-standing is the key word for this year’s winner, Rob Allatt ’93, who’s logged 15 years of volunteer service. During this time, he has helped to organize over 25 events — including a Bishop’s float in the Montreal St. Patrick’s Day Parade (which won best University/College float on several occasions), golf tournaments, receptions and more. He has made many sacrifices while balancing his professional career with Telus and his personal life.

“Since graduation, I’ve never lost sight of what the University and the Bishop’s experience brought to my life. I am very honoured to receive this award and will continue to support Bishop’s financially and as a volunteer when called upon.”

The *Award of Merit* recognizes individuals who have enhanced the reputation of the University through outstanding professional accomplishments. Last fall Principal Goldbloom presented two distinguished graduates with the Award.

Reg Allatt ’90 is the President & CEO of etfs inc., a family-owned and run company established in Lennoxville in 1984. As one of Canada’s major providers of specialized travel and healthcare insurance solutions, *etfs inc.* services 3 million travellers in a year. *Global Excel Management Inc.*, a fully owned subsidiary, manages over $4 million in claims annually.

During Reg’s tenure the company’s revenues have grown more than tenfold, while *Global Excel* has expanded into 36 international markets. The company has 475 employees, most of whom are based in the Borough of Lennoxville.

Don Mills ’71 is President and Co-founder of Corporate Research Associates (CRA) in Halifax NS, one of Canada’s leading public opinion and research firms. CRA has offices in five provinces, as well as in Bermuda.

Don’s list of accomplishments is extensive and impressive: Founding President of the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association, named to *Atlantic Business Magazine*’s Top 50 CEO Hall of Fame, *Metro Halifax Businessperson of the Year*, and CRA has been named one of the Best Places to Work in Atlantic Canada for three years. He is Past Chair of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, has sat on the Board of Dalhousie University and is currently a member of the Board of Trustees for the YMCA.

It’s not a criterion for the Award, but the Mills are an “all Bishop’s” family — whose members attended the event.
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Marriages

Blanchard-St. John: Katrina ’03 to Jordi on September 12, 2009 at Hermit Island ME. Sandra Kuchta ’03, Kristina Copetake ’02, Geoff Conrad ’02, Jordi, Katrina ’03, Ross Fiore ’03, Cristina Russo.


Marcoux-Bolduc: Michael ’01 to Julie on August 15, 2009 in Ste-Marie QC. Also present at the ceremony: Patrick Naud ’01, Marcus Gordon ’01, Heather Cushing ’01, Paul Michaud ’99.


Leroux-Feuer: Craig ’04 to Jenny on October 10, 2009 at Auberge Le Bocage in Compton QC. Brendt Lambert ’03, Craig ’04, Jenny, Roberta Stephen ’04.


Mahoney-Burridge: Caitlin ’05 to William ’06 in St. Mark’s Chapel on July 4, 2009. L-r: Sarah Stewart ’02, Mike Mahoney ’04, George Dimacacos ’00, Charles Godbout ’02, Cassandre Dubois ’03, Steve Robinson ’07, Jill Rushton ’05, Luke Cheverie ’05, Stephanie Theuerkauf ’05, Jarod Hollinger ’07, Lindsay Matthews ’05, Lynn Mahoney Lareau ’01, Lise Dionne Delafraire ’05, Derek Rougeau ’06, Scott Drover (attended BU), Erica Chipman ’05, Rosemary King ’04, Allison Vickery ’05, Jeff Lareau ’00, David Burridge ’01, Drew Aucoin ’02, Sarah Oulton ’05, Dorothy Stachura ’03, Jessica Craig ’04. Photo by Michelle Marsolais (attended BU).
Births

Beauchamp-Bloom: to Kathleen ’95 and Craig a son, Roman Jeffrey Anthony, on May 19, 2009 in Kelowna BC. A brother for Scarlett.

Brayford-Menard: to Megan ’00 and Sam ’00 a daughter, Juliette Elizabeth, on May 25, 2009. A beautiful addition to the Menard family!

Côté-Davidson: to Kylie ’99 and Dale ’93 a daughter, Kara Abby, at 2:01 am on August 22, 2009, weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 21 inches long. A sister for Jillian.

Dyke-Thibaudeau: to Laurie ’02 and Patrick ’02 twin boys, Daniel and Aiden, on January 27, 2009 in Montreal.

Van Vliet-Gabor: to Kim ’97 and Peter a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, on February 9, 2009 in Toronto.

Oliver-Emery: to Victoria ’04 and Jacob a son, Oliver Michael, on May 4, 2009 in East Corinth VT.


Dockerill-Lacroix: to Helen ’00 and Scott ’00 a son, Parker, on August 29, 2008 in Ladner BC. A brother for Hewitt.

Hooper: to Ian ’92 and Cheryl a daughter, Callie, on July 12, 2009 in Toronto. A sister for Kenton, 5, and Maya, 3.

Don’t make us Google you!

We know when you receive this magazine you turn first to the back pages to read about your friends. (After all, it’s the people who make Bishop’s special.) So why not make our work a bit more interesting? Instead of learning about your achievements in the newspaper, or through Internet searches, we would LOVE to hear from YOU. Let us know what’s happening in your life. We want to hear about your job. Your marriage. Your children. We want to know what cool things you – or your classmates – have been up to. Exotic trips? Intriguing professional or volunteer activities? Chance encounters with Bishop’s alumni? Send us your news.

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Deaths

Ross Abercrombie '47 on September 12, 2009 in Kemptville ON. Father of John '68 and Mary '72 (Grant Morrison '71).

Catherine (Speid) Bensley '36 on September 1, 2009 at the Wales Home in Richmond QC. Sister of Janet Speid Motyer '39.

Paul Camriand '75 on October 9, 2009 in Sherbrooke QC.

Stuart Doak '33 on September 12, 2009 in Baie d'Urfe QC.


Andrew Terrill (Terry) Manning '71 on September 19, 2009. Father of Michelle '99 and brother of Tim '75 (Shirley McHardy '75). Predeceased by his parents Terrill '46 and Joyce '46.

Lloyd Millar '43 on February 27, 2009 in Summerside PEI. Brother of Charles Millar '40 and the late Oliver Millar '39.

Dr. Steven Smith '82 on August 25, 2009 in Gatineau QC. Husband of Dr. Ann Graveson Smith '82 and brother-in-law of Lucie Graveson '84.

Reverend Canon Dr. Reginald M. Turpin '37 on September 20, 2009 in Montreal.

Jack B.G. Waite '50 on October 10, 2009 of Chester Basin NS. Born in Grand’Mere QC in 1928. Retired from Ford Motor Co. and enjoyed every day of retirement for 25 years.

In Honour of:
30th Birthday of Sarah Mitton '01
Susie (Mitton) Thompson '95

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Dr. Roger Boothroyd '38
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Linton Carter '89
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Friends

Pierre Lortie DCL ’90 has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Consolidated Thompson Iron Mines Limited.

1960s

Brian Stevenson ’61 has served for 35 years as a judge in Alberta’s provincial court. For 15 of those years he was assistant chief judge in charge of Calgary’s criminal division. He is now working part-time and still enjoying his job immensely.

Victor Suthren ’65 published his 13th book, The Island Of Canada, with Thomas Allen Publishers of Toronto. Victor, a full-time writer living in Merrickville ON, is an Honorary Captain in the Canadian Navy, and designs historical pageantry in support of naval commemorations such as the Navy Centennial, 1910-2010. He frequently sails in traditional tall ships, most recently across the Pacific.

Richard Albert ’69 is Corporate CEO for Norfolk Mobility in Calgary. rickworks@norfolkmobility.com

1970s

Janet Reid ’72 is a teacher at New Frontiers School Board in Quebec.

Graeme Hunter ’73, Philosophy Professor at the University of Ottawa, gave a guest lecture on “Failures and Confabulations” at Bishop’s in October.

Sondra Neale ’73 has retired from teaching and is living in Sherbrooke.

Ron Loucks ’74 is the founder and CEO of NexgenRx, directly serving the drug, dental, and extended health benefits needs of Canadian employers, through leading employee benefits consulting and brokerage firms in Canada.

Bernard De Francesco ’77 is retired from the Montreal Catholic School Commission and lives in Carleton Place ON.

Victor LaPenna ’77 is GM of Jomac Canada Inc. in Stanstead QC. vlapenna@jomaccanada.com

Robert Cameron ’78 had a paper published in an international journal of religious education out of Germany – to her knowledge, the only English language journal on the subject. The journal is Panorama: Intercultural Journal of Interdisciplinary Ethical and Religious Studies for Responsible Research. Her paper appears in Volume 20 Summer/Winter 2008.

Greg Coulter ’79 is alive and well and living in Sammamish WA (a suburb of Seattle). Married to Silvija Nancy since 1984 – yes that’s 25 years kiddies – and Dad to Shannon (21), Trevor (18) and Andrew (17), I am a self-employed pharmaceutical development consultant (my company is CTM Solutions). Best to all Bish alums on our 30th anniversary.

1980s

Dixon Kenner ’83 has recently changed positions. After five years as the manager of IT Security at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, he has accepted a promotion as the director of IT Security for the Federal Department of Industry where he will be responsible for the governance, compliance, and operations of this rapidly changing field.

Mark McLaughlin ’84 was elected Councillor of the Borough of Lennoxville in November 2009.

In 2007, Peter Schell ’86 formed NewaygoPharmaGroup, a Healthcare Strategy and Communications company providing Marketing, Communications and Operations solutions for the Pharmaceutical and Biotech industries.

Paul German ’88 works for ECI Development as Director of Resort & Hotel Operations in Belize.

Burton Hartmann ’88 is a general contractor in the Vancouver area. burton@klondikecontracting.com

Steve Currier ’89 is a Police Officer with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Mark Watson ’89 was on the CBC TV Show Dragon’s Den to request funds to advance his company. After four years of hard work, eco-entrepreneurs Mark and Marc Appleby received a fiery endorsement by five of Canada’s most discerning investors on the November 24th episode. Their product called EcoTraction is a unique high-traction green alternative to controversial road salt and ice melters, and has taken Canada by storm.

Derek Valleau ’89 co-owns a restaurant in Toronto called Amaya. Located on Bayview Avenue the restaurant specializes in Indian food.

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**Through the Years**

### 1990s

**Sean O’Brien ’90** has been appointed President of Acklands-Grainger. In this role, Sean is responsible for all aspects of the company’s Canadian operations. Acklands-Grainger is Canada’s largest distributor of industrial, safety, and fastener products with revenues in excess of $750 million in 2008.

**Barbara Perry Cartmel ’91** is President of Bolton Tech Inc in Magog. It has a division specializing in Green energy lighting products. [www.boltontech.ca](http://www.boltontech.ca)

**Major Justin Schmidt-Clever ’91** is currently serving in Haiti on a United Nations Stabilization Mission. Photo: Major Schmidt sitting with Innuguaq built at Canada House, Port-au-Prince.

**Hassan Dib ’92** moved to Canada one year ago and is trying to find a post in upper management in a hospital. He is working presently as an instructor at a private college teaching courses to students enrolled in Medical Office Assistant, Medical Transcription and Personal Support Workers.

**Colin Feasby ’94** is a leading expert on law and democracy in Canada. In 2007 he completed his Doctorate in Law from Columbia University and was recently named a rising star by Lexpert magazine in its annual Top 40 Under 40 list of Canadian lawyers. He is a partner with Osler Hoskin & Harcourt L.L.P. in Calgary.

**Thomas Geniole ’94** is working in real estate in Ottawa.

**Val Amigo ’95** is Manager of Operations for the Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada.

**Michael Baldwin ’95** has been named Manager of Sustainable Development for Fredericton NB. He will assist the department with research and policy development with respect to the revised zoning bylaws, as well as some of the secondary plans and property management.

**Jeff Parks ’95** has recently started a new business venture called Bidmyreno.com. Bidmyreno.com is a free on-line service for home and business owners looking for contractors at a competitive price. Clients post live projects for contractors to review and bids may be received on-line saving all involved time, energy and money. The service was launched in Ottawa in July 2009, and there are already over 1000 users. The service territory is North America wide. Jeff is looking for regional sales reps; please contact jeff@bidmyreno.com for more information.

**John Rowe ’95** is president of Island Abbey Foods in PEI. He has figured out how to take honey from a liquid state and put it into a solid non-stick state and keep it 100% pure and maintain its original health benefits. The new product is called Honey Drops.

**Sarah Underhill ’95** is a real estate agent with Re/Max Hallmark Realty Ltd in Toronto. sarah@sarahunderhill.com

**Stephen Fyffe ’97** is a Mechanical Project Engineer with Stantec Consulting Ltd. in Fredericton NB. Stephen says, “Sam and Jacob have a new sister Emily. Shelley and I couldn’t be happier.”

The Toronto Blue Jays Club has awarded **Charlie Wilson ’96** the Bobby Mattick Award for excellence in Player Development. The Toronto native has spent the last six seasons in Dunedin FL as Manager, Minor League Operations. He first joined the club in 1993 as an intern in the Public Relations Department. After graduation, Charlie joined the Baseball Operations Department on a full-time basis.

**Peter Huestis ’97** was appointed Upper Division Director of Casady School, Oklahoma City’s premier independent school. In his new role, Peter will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Upper Division, which houses about 300 students in grades nine through 12.

Former B.U. roommates, **Natalie Grunberg** and Lori Sholzberg Kalef ’97 launched PantybyPost.com last year with headquarters in Vancouver. They started their online whimsical and economical panty of the month club that has already reached global panty drawers and media alike. Seen on ETalk Daily and numerous publications and magazines around the nation, the dynamic duo, who consider themselves business partners and familial best friends, make the postman blush on a daily basis! Sponsoring numerous charities and events – such as Breast Cancer’s Walk for a Cure and the recent CCMA’s where they ran into fellow grad, Johnny Reid ’98 – Natalie and Lori strive on good old fashioned and personalized service bringing your Panty by Post and Briefs in a Box right to your doorstep.
Through the Years

Patrick Latour ’97 is Vice-President and Area Manager of Business Development Bank of Canada.

Evan Merson ’97 is a Supply Chain Agent for Bombardier Aerospace in Dorval QC.

After completing an MBA at HEC in Montreal, Karl Villeneuve ’97 partnered with a fellow student to start a management consulting firm named Hypercube. They do sectoral analysis, marketing plans, business plans, dashboards and KPI’s and are the exclusive Canadian reseller of CissLtd Inventory Pro software.

Nadia Zwierzchowska ’97 works as a communications advisor for Justice Canada.

After teaching for three years at Bishop’s College School Jason Wilt ’98 has been appointed the head of the school’s Science Department.

Catherine Aird ’99 lives in Whistler BC where she enjoys skiing and biking with her family.

Patrick Armstrong ’99, CEO of Comtrex Communications Ltd, has grown his company to be the 6th fastest growing Canadian company in 2007, according to PROFIT Magazine. He has landed a multi-million dollar US military contract which makes his company a strong contender for the 2009 Canada’s Export Achievement Awards sponsored by the Export Development Canada (EDC) and PROFIT Magazine.

Philip Portelance ’99 is Director of Human Resources for C.L. Malach Co. (1997) Ltd. based in Winnipeg. pportelance@malach.ca

2000s

Krista Wallace ’01 works in human resources for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency in Moncton NB.

Aisha Sharon Jawed ’02 is an Artillery Officer in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Shilo MB.

Bjorn Martin ’02 works for GE Real Estate in Montreal.

Pierre Barakat ’03 is a SAP Consultant with Accenture in Montreal.

Carolyn Cornford ’03 recently became engaged to Will Greaves ’02. They met while both studying Honours Political Studies at Bishop’s. Carolyn is in her final year of an LLB at the University of Ottawa and will be articling in Toronto. Will received an MA from the University of Calgary in Political Science in 2009 and has recently started his PhD in International Relations at the University of Toronto.

Jacquelyn Davy Olson ’03 lives and works in Aylmer QC as a teacher. She married Spencer Olson on July 3, 2009.

Mark Olsen ’03 is V.P. Sales & Marketing for Impact Radio Accessories Inc. in Kelowna BC.

Jeremy Freed ’05 is Managing Editor of Sharp Magazine in Toronto.

Yves Landry ’06 works as a senior technician for SherWeb.

Jordan Legg ’06 is an adjustor with Cunningham Lindsey Canada in Nepean. JLegg@cl-na.com

Jason Cheverton ’07 is a Business Development Manager for CTE Solutions Inc in Ottawa.

Mike DesLauriers ’08 is a Recruitment and Placement Consultant for Excel Human Resources in Ottawa.

Thanks to Esther Barnett ’70 from David (Robbie) Robinson ’65

I moved to New Zealand in 1967. After marrying a kiwi, we went on a five-year working holiday. In 1972 while visiting my mother in Simcoe ON, I decided to ship a sizable collection of books to New Zealand. We knew the books landed in NZ, but the railway people couldn’t find them in their storage sheds.

An employee named Fred saw a box of books on a cart heading for the dump. He salvaged them and put them in his garage. 35 years later he opened the box, found my Quad yearbook, talked to a neighbour, and they set out trying to find me.

Through Esther in the University’s Advancement Office they did, and I’ve since collected my box. There is a 35-year-old mustiness about the books, but they’re okay. Fred, his friend John, and I met for a drink.

All is well.

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After earning a B.Sc. in Biology from Bishop's, Tara went abroad to work in Ireland and the U.K. while also exploring the continent. A few years later she decided to pursue graduate studies at Dalhousie University, receiving a M.Sc. in Microbiology and Immunology in 2003.

While she enjoyed many aspects of her advanced studies and research in general, Tara was not initially keen to continue. She returned to Ireland for another year of work and to figure out the next stage in her career.

She happened to read about the research being conducted in Andrew Bowie's lab at Trinity College Dublin, so Tara contacted him. The result: she landed a project in his research group, studying the innate immune response to viruses, and in 2008 graduated with a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Immunology from Trinity.

My Preoccupation with Viruses

Viruses have always fascinated me so it is not surprising that I have chosen a career studying viral immune evasion strategies. Viruses are associated with the deadliest diseases – such as Ebola, HIV (AIDS), polio, measles, influenza (flu) and Variola (smallpox). Viruses also play a role in several cancers, and likely more will be identified.

A virus is a tiny particle varying in size from 10 to 500nm. Viruses are smaller than cells and have a less complex architecture than cells do. For example, a typical HIV particle is 1/50th the size of a red blood cell, one of the smallest human cells. These sub-microscopic particles can only be viewed directly by electron microscopy. However, there are indirect ways to detect viruses without actually seeing them; these indirect methods are frequently used in clinical tests to diagnose viral infections.

Viruses are complicated particles of biological molecules. A virus particle typically comprises genetic material wrapped in a protein coat. The genetic material can be DNA, as in the human genome, or some viruses (e.g. HIV) use the related molecule RNA for their genetic material. The protein coat may or may not be wrapped further by a lipid envelope. Whether enveloped or not, the very outer surface of the virus has proteins that are needed for the virus to infect cells. The infamous 'H1N1' refers to the type of proteins expressed on the surface of the pandemic influenza virus.

Viruses need cells. A virus particle on its own is fairly inert, a mere package of biological molecules. But if it gets inside the right type of cell, a virus can replicate and produce progeny viruses. Essentially, viruses are parasites on a sub-microscopic scale. Viruses exploit the resources and processes within host cells for their own survival and replication. In order to do so, they manipulate cellular processes for their own ends, converting the cell into a virus factory. The strategies used by different viruses are numerous and ingenious.

Cells fight back. If it were the case that viral infection and manipulation of cells were always successful, the battle would have ended a long time ago with the demise of both host and parasite. Instead, cells and viruses are locked in an eternal war of attrition. Cells have many ways to sense they are infected and to mount an antiviral defence. The innate immune system within cells relies upon complex networks of proteins. Viruses also have ways to evade or subvert these pathways for their own ends, evidence that the evolutionary battle between cells and viruses continues.

While the innate immune response is undoubtedly beneficial to us, the diseases associated with virus infections are often linked to an aberrant or overactive immune response rather than to the virus itself. I am currently studying hantaviruses, and the innate immune response to hantavirus infection is thought to be the blame for associated diseases.

Some hantaviruses cause haemorrhagic fever with renal symptoms, a disease that is prevalent in parts of Europe and Asia and is associated with mortality rates of up to 15%. So far it is thought that the activation of the innate immune response to hantavirus infection causes inflammation and leads to haemorrhaging. I am trying to understand how the hantaviruses interact with and manipulate the innate immune response.

In general, the study of viral immune evasion strategies has proven to be a useful tool to enable us to understand the innate immune system itself. Furthermore, from investigating how viruses dampen our antiviral immune response, we’ve been able to develop new therapeutics to treat viral and other diseases. This work is particularly valuable for viral diseases with limited treatment and no vaccine.

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