Principal’s Message

Attending Bishop’s is about building your potential. But it’s not like building a finished structure, it’s more like laying a foundation.

You will continue to build throughout your life, adding new rooms and floors as you further develop your skills and expand your range of experiences. But everything you do will be built upon your Bishop’s experience.

Here at Bishop’s you were challenged academically and had the opportunity to get involved in many activities outside of the classroom. You acquired new knowledge and discovered new ways of seeing the world. And in the process, you built friendships that will last a lifetime.

The pages of this yearbook are filled with many of the memories that you and your classmates created along the way to graduation. They represent not the end, but the beginning of a great journey.

In five, ten, or fifty years’ time, I hope that you will look back upon all that you have built, both personally and professionally, and remember with fondness the time you spent laying your foundation at Bishop’s.

I wish you success and happiness in whichever path you choose to follow.

- Michael Goldbloom
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
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How do I sum up my year as President of the SRC? Mostly "pride". I am immeasurably proud of the work I accomplished personally as President but more important, what the SRC and the student body has done during the 2014/15 Academic year to make Bishops a better place. The year started off on just the greatest foot when after a summer of hard work and dedication, we pulled off the most successful Orientation Week this school has ever had. The tireless work of our Coordinators Eric and Lauren and the shared commitment by our 120 staff was an emotional thing for me to watch. I’ve never been so assured of how much the students of Bishops University care for their community and their fellow student as I was during that week. And come on, we got the Arkells. Beyond Orientation Week, I am proud of the new projects and initiatives that the SRC undertook during my term. In 2014/15 we were able to bring Bishops its first campus mobile app, and we’ve added a Director of Communications & Marketing to the Executive team. I truly believe that well look back at our prioritization and overhaul of our communications as a major turning point in SRC-student relations. Bishops rejoined the ranks of true liberal arts colleges by bringing student radio back to campus. The student support of Toast Radio and the amazing diversity of our volunteer DJs really embodies the spirit of college radio. I couldn’t be prouder with all we accomplished in 2014/15. The biggest joy of running an organization is knowing that your organization is surrounded with people who are committed, passionate, and engaged in the work that they do. Above all else, this is where the 2014/15 SRC excelled most. It was an absolute pleasure to serve the students of Bishops University as SRC President. Raise a toast.
VP STUDENT AFFAIRS

MATTHEW ROBINSON

Well Gaiters, another year has passed us by and whether it was your first year, your last, or one in between, I hope it was full of incredible memories like the ones found in this book. For me, 2014-2015 was an adventure, full of the opportunities that I chose Bishops for. Working as the SRC Vice-President of Student Affairs allowed me to work with a huge portion of the student body and I can express my appreciation enough for the value that every Bishops student added to my own experience this year. I'd like to express my thanks to everyone for being involved in our community. Thank you for sharing your comments, concerns, and feedback, for voicing your opinions, for asking questions, for standing up for causes. Thank you for engaging your peers, for challenging them, for including them, for making Bishops the incredible place it is to live and learn. Thank you for patience, your trust, and your support. Finally I'd like to personally thank my team of SARs who each added an amazing dynamic to the team, my fellow SRC Executives, my friends and family, and the staff and faculty of Bishops who helped guide, mentor, and support me throughout the year. I can't wait to see what new adventures and opportunities next year will bring!

VP ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

CHELSEA MCLELLAN

At the time that I write this, I can't predict how great the 2015 school year will end because, typically, I count the number of sacrificial squirrels that prevented us from studying and completing final assignments, and I assess the amount of water damage caused by the annual spring flood. I can't look to the future, but I can look to the past and say with certainty that we had a remarkable year – 2014 and the beginning of 2015 treated us well. While we all experienced our highs and our lows, it's time to allow the lows to fade away the further you drive away from McCreer and it's time to relish in your favorite memories. They're your favorite for a reason, so do your best to remember and share them. When you look back on 2014-2015 think of the Arkells concert, think of late night study sessions with your friends and all of the Domino's, think of the love/hate relationships with Yik Yak, think of the new Sports Plex and thank the heavens that it was done before you graduated. More importantly, think of the best times that are unique to you. It's things like that that make us miss "the bubble" when we're away. Our school would only be walls and bricks if it didn't have amazing students, faculty, staff and administration to give it life. Bishop's is known as being unique, caring and fun, and it's all because of students like you. You possess all of those qualities and more, so never lose the spirit that you found here, and never forget the school that became your home.
VP SOCIAL

MIKE THOMAS

It has truly been an honour to represent Bishop's students as the SRC VP Social Affairs for the 2014-2015. When I talk to someone about Bishop's University who hasn't visited the divine oasis of Lennoxville, I always find it's hard to convey my enthusiasm for this school. There is so much to this experience, it's a challenge to quantify. You can tell your friends back home of an intimate learning experience in 20 something sized classes. You can tell your folks about how much school spirit we have, but they won't get it. They will not truly understand. The excitement everyone one feels before moving in day; seeing all of those family faces dressed in purple - that's the feeling of home right there. It's a certain energy, literally a power all of us can feel deep down when we think of our time at Bishop's University. The personal growth that Lennoxville endows upon it's students is something indescribable. My hope is that every person who walks through the arches understands how profound the Bishop's experience is. My hope is, for each one of us, take what we have learnt here and apply to our lives. Whether you went to see all the Gaiters sports teams, spent your time helping with the drama productions, amerced yourself with clubs, stayed for spring school, sang at every "acoustic tuesday" or spent every day studying at the library, remember you experienced Bishop's in a unique way. Look back on your time here and understand your experience - however different it may be. Know that it has altered your development as an individual for the better. Remember, whoever said "the sky is the limit" was close minded.
This year at the SRC has been one for the books! I've had an amazing year at The Gait with the wonderful duo Reid Young & Nick Holatko, and I've never seen Doolittle's shine brighter than under the watch of the wonderful Lacey McCaslin. Working hard on Orientation Week, Winterfest and the general day-to-day has been a pleasure when you have such an amazing team, including the ever-thinking Nicholas Venditti. Shout-out to the unreal executive team and the always helpful staff of the SRC! LET'S GO TO THE GAIT!

This year we tried to create a visual book that captures the essence of the Bishop's culture and represents the year of the graduating class of 2015. The book reads like a patchwork weaving together photos of events, campus students, activities and a lot of purple! We hope you enjoy this book as it does its best to bleed purple and represent the very best of BU! To the graduating class, congratulations to you, all your hard work and perseverance has got you to this benchmark! This year has sure been one for the history books and we are both honored to have created this yearbook. Raise a toast and keep on bleeding purple!

-Elizabeth Sabyan & Cameron Tubman
FROSH: MOONLIGHT YOGA & COLOUR RUN
HOMECOMING
I'm cheering for The Gaitees. They need to win so my brother will come here next year.
Sports Center

On Friday February 6, 2015 Bishop's University inaugurated the renovated and expanded "John H. Price Sports and Recreation Center". Some highlights of the new building include an 800-seat arena that will replace the dated W.B. Scott rink, a double gym, a 4000-square foot fitness room, a smoothie bar, a renovated pool, new change rooms and a terrace that will overlook Coulter Field.
MEN'S RUGBY
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MYSELF IS...
Lee
Laugh

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MYSELF IS...
Thankful
My Family

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MYSELF IS...
Kindness
My School

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MYSELF IS...
Singing
My Friends

WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MYSELF IS...
Our Family
My Home
DOOLITTLE'S CREW
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Olivia Angood-Hardy
ConGRADulations! Make way... more wonderful opportunities & your shining future are waiting! We are with you, we love you & can’t wait to see your next adventure.

Love, PB&J

Alexandra Arrowsmith
I am proud of you, never forget to:
“Believe in yourself and all that you are.
Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.”

Christian D. Larsen.

Katherine Bannerman
Congratulations Katie on working hard, learning and navigating through your B.A. and now your B. Ed. Well done! With love, encouragement and respect for your hard-earned success from your whole family.
Julie Beauregard
Congratulations! We are very proud of your accomplishments. May your graduation be the beginning of a future filled with success and happiness! A promising future lies ahead.
Love Mom, Dad and Crystel xxx

Gabriele Bianchet-David
Dear Gabriel,
We are so proud of you! You finished your first year of university! We hope that you will recharge over the summer and get ready for an exciting year 2!
Love, Mom and Dad

Christopher Bloom
Congratulations Chris! We are so proud of what you have achieved; your hard work has paid off. Wishing you a happy, healthy and successful future.
Love Mom, Dad and Alli

Taylor Brigham
Congratulations Taylor! Your graduation from Bishops is such a great achievement! You should be as proud of yourself as we all are! Cherish everything you have accomplished and continue on your next adventure with your very positive outlook on life.
With love, Mom, Harrison and Jamie
Molly Bucholtz
Trust your heart and everything will become possible!
Congratulations and happy graduation.
With love from Mom, Dad, Jake, Joshua and Noah

Samantha Carter
Your graduation is a tremendous accomplishment. You have reached another milestone in life and we’re very proud of you.
Now onto bigger challenges and opportunities!
Love Mom and Dad

Julia Clay
Way to go Julia! We are so proud of you, and how hard you have worked!
Now, “Go break a leg!”
Love, Mom and Dad

Florence Cormier-Roussell
Chère Florence,
Un mot pour t’exprimer toute notre admiration pour la fin de cette étape. Nous voulons rendre hommage à tout ce que tu as accompli, et nous te félicitons pour l’obtention de ton diplôme!
Avec tout notre amour, Lyne et Charles
Vanessa Difino
Vanessa,
Your determination to reach your goal has been admirable.
It takes special dedication and perseverance to get through such a
demanding course of study.
You are a good example of how commitment and hard work pay off.
We congratulate you and wish you the best as you embark on your next
exciting adventure.
Love Mom, Dad, and Sam

Robert Dunfield
Robert,
Congratulations on your Graduation from BU Class of 2015! We are
extremely proud of all your accomplishments! You have persevered thru it
all! Wishing you all the love, health and happiness!
Love you forever,
Mom, Dad, Ryan, Buddy

Madeleine Ennis
Congratulations Madeleine Ennis on a wonderful accomplishment.
With pride and love, Mom & Dad

Sean Gallagher
Congratulations to our Max!
Let the wild rumpus start!
Jeanne Hébert Desjardins
La créativité, c’est l’intelligence qui a du plaisir!
Always look forward. Be and stay proud of yourself.

Jordan Jackson
Your bright future awaits you. We applaud all your hard work and accomplishments! You make us proud.
Lots of Love, Mom & Dad and all the Family

Samuel Janzen
Congratulations Sammy,
Your accomplishments over the last 4 years are nothing short of amazing. We look forward to seeing the significance of Beer Pong in your future.
Love, Dad, Mom & Chandler

Kathleen Kells
Katie,
We are so proud of you as you have set off on your pathway far away from home at Bishop’s.
We miss you at home but know you are doing exactly what you wanted and growing every day stronger, beautiful and independent.
Keep up the hard work, nothing worthwhile is ever easy.
Mom and Dad
Yannick Labrosse
YES, YOU YANNICK... SPEND OUR MONEY JUDICIOUSLY, PLEASE!
BEST WISHES AND LOTS OF LOVE,
Mum & Mauro (Class of '92)

Katie Lamarche
CONGRATULATIONS KATIE LAMARCHE!
YOU DID IT... WE ARE SO PROUD!
Mom, Papa, Eric and Julie

Mary Anne Mackness
Mary Anne, Congratulations on your Graduation from Bishop’s!
Love, Dad, Mom, Catherine, Claire, Joseph and Christopher Mackness

Jayme Marrotte
Congratulations on all your achievements and success. We are all so proud of you. Wishing you all the best in whatever the future holds. Love you!
Lydia Mercier-Lacasse
Congratulations on your acquiring a Bachelor of Education Degree. Your ultimate dream is now a Reality. Great determination, perseverance, hard work and countless sacrifices have been the Key to your success. Being so blessed to be the proud parents of such a young women is beyond words. With love and best wishes for a successful Teaching Career.

Mom, Dad and Jerome xxx

Sarah Morris
Congratulations Sarah! Your whole family is so very proud of you. Zoos, swamps, marshes, bugs, birds, plants, papers, labs and exams have all brought you to where you are today... our Biologist.
Good luck in everything you do.

Mom, Dad, Carson, Jared, Danielle & Carter XO

Lindsay Phillips
Your hard work and involvement at Bishop’s makes us very happy for and proud of you. Congratulations and good luck in your future studies.

With much love from John, Dad and Mom.

Lindsay Phillips
Best of luck, Lindsay. We are very proud of you, dear.

Love always from Grandma, Grandpa, Oma (and Opa)
Katy Potvin

Alex Prudhomme
Alex,
Congratulations on your graduation... and a world of possibilities ahead of you.
Your whole family is so happy and very proud of you.
Bravo Alex, t’as réussi!

Nicholas Stacey
Nicolas, mon ange
Nous sommes très fiers de témoigner, enfin, la fin de ton (1er?) parcours universitaire. Tu seras un excellent enseignant. Tatjana, grand-maman et moi te souhaitons du bonheur et du succès dans tout ce que tu entreprendras.

Nicholas Stacey
I am very proud of you and of your many accomplishments, my son Nick. I can’t wait to witness what the future holds for you. You are the fine young man I hoped you would become.
Love, Dad
Jonathan St-Arnault
Congratulations for passing your exams! Your patience and persistence has paid off. You are now one step closer to your dream!

Jaymie Tucker
So proud of you! You went to Bishop’s to experience life and you did; friends, golf team, fashion shows, dressing up for all events and socializing provide great memories. You are ready to move on to the next phase of your exciting life.

Alexandra Trottier
Félicitations!!!
Tu es • déjà • finissante, bravo!
Finalement, tes quatre années ont passées vites, tu es maintenant prête pour le marché du travail, une grande étape dans la vie.
Nous sommes fiers de toi.
    Maman, Papa, Francis XXX

Mathieu Truchon Michaud
FÉLICITATIONS MATHIEU TES EFFORTS SONT RÉCOMPENSÉS NOUS SOMMES TRÈS FIERS DE TOI. LA VIE EST DEVANT TOI • SEIZE THE DAY •
    TES PARENTS QUI T’AIMENT
Congratulations Rachel!
It is your graduation and we are so proud of all that you have achieved. As you carry on your journey through life, living your dreams, remember, you have indeed made memories that will last a lifetime!
Love, Mom & Dad

Karam Virk
Congratulations Karam! We are incredibly proud of you. Your outgoing personality, sense of humour and dedication is an inspiration and we know you will accomplish great things. We love you very much.

Lloyd White
Dear Lloyd,
May you always keep learning, growing, and believe in yourself, as you are so unique and there is no limit to what you can do! May your graduation be the beginning of a future filled with success and happiness!
We are so proud of you. Love Mom, Dad and TW.

Meghan Wrathall
Meghan, I am so proud of your hard work and determination these past 4 years. You are an amazing and talented young woman with a lifetime of adventures ahead of you!!
Love you lots! xoxo
Kelley Young
Well done
K1
The Rak is proud
**OTTAWA SHOOTING** On October 22, 2014, Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, 24, was standing guard in front of the National War Memorial in Ottawa, when he was gunned down. The shooter, Michael Zehaf-Bibeau (right), a 32-year-old homeless man with a history of mental illness and drug addiction, was killed soon after on Parliament Hill. Soldiers, politicians and citizens alike mourned Cpl. Cirillo, who was married and had a five-year-old son. Thousands gathered along the Highway of Heroes for the funeral procession that brought his body back to his hometown of Hamilton, Ont.

**ROBOCALL RESOLUT** In August, 2014, a judge ruled that Michael Sona, a 26-year-old former Conservative staffer, was actively involved in the Robocall scheme, and later sentenced Sona to nine months in prison. The scandal dates back to the 2011 federal election in which the Conservatives won a majority. Days before the vote, 7,000 automated calls were made to Guelph residents directing them to the wrong polling stations. Liberal supporters received most of the calls. Though the judge believed Sona did not act alone, no other individuals have ever been charged.

**MONCTON SHOOTING** On June 4, 2014, residents in a suburban neighbourhood in Moncton, N.B., could only watch helplessly as 24-year-old Justin Bourque, armed with a shotgun, targeted RCMP officers in the area. Dressed in fatigues, Bourque killed three Mounties - Dave Ross, Fabrice Gavaudan and Douglas Larche - and injured two others. Moncton was in lockdown during the 30-hour manhunt that ended with Bourque’s arrest. During interrogation, Bourque expressed a general hatred for authority. He later apologized to the families, and was sentenced to five life sentences, with no chance of parole for 75 years.

**END OF AN ERA** In an unexpected turn of events, it wasn’t Rob Ford’s drug use or embarrassing public outbursts that caused him not to seek re-election as mayor of Toronto, but rather the diagnosis of a rare form of abdominal cancer. As Ford started treatment in September of 2014, his older brother Doug entered the mayoral race instead. The elder Ford had his own controversial moments, including offensive Jewish remarks that made him fodder for late-night talk shows. He ultimately lost to John Tory.
WACKY WEATHER It was early September, 2014, when winter hit Calgary with a vengeance. A cold front caused drizzling rain to turn to snow, creating a winter storm that lasted several days. In total, 11.8 centimetres of snow fell on the city — just one millimetre shy of a record set back in 1921. Half of the city's two million trees were damaged, resulting in power outages in some areas. The cleanup cost the city $18 million.

#BEENRAPEDEVERREPORTED The shock of the Jian Ghomeshi allegations brought the topics of sexual assault and consent into the media spotlight. A Facebook conversation between Toronto Star reporter Antonia Zerbisias and Montreal Gazette justice reporter Sue Montgomery — in which they expressed their frustration at the way sexual assault victims are stigmatized — turned into a full-fledged movement for solidarity. Using the Twitter hashtag #BeenRapedNeverReported, women across Canada shared their stories of assault and explained why they never went to the police. Within 24 hours, the hashtag was trending across the world and retweeted eight million times.

A DREAM IS REALIZED Though the dream of opening a human rights museum in Canada almost died with media mogul and philanthropist Israel “Izzy” Asper, his daughter, Gal, was determined to carry on. After almost 15 years and $350 million in fundraising, the museum finally opened in Winnipeg in September, 2014. Controversy soon followed. Besides the higher-than-expected costs, Aboriginal groups have threatened to boycott the museum for not calling their historical treatment “genocide,” and Ukrainian Canadians decried the exclusion of Holodomor, Stalin’s deliberate starvation of Ukrainians, as a permanent exhibit.
▼ NO TO INDEPENDENCE
When Scotland held a referendum asking “Should Scotland be an independent country?” more than 3.6 million people turned out to have their say — and the No side won by more than 400,000 votes. It’s believed that the win was due to an increased feeling of Britishness around the time of the referendum, nervousness about taking an unnecessary risk, and uncertainty about what it would mean for the economy.

▼ NOBEL FOR MALALA
After 16-year-old Malala Yousafzai was shot in the head by the Taliban for going to school, the world learned of her tireless advocacy for education in her home country of Pakistan — and her courageous fight to survive despite all odds. Since then, Malala has published a book on her life, and in October, 2014, she became the youngest person, at 17, to win the Nobel Peace Prize. She stressed the award was not just for her: “It is for those forgotten children who want education. It is for those frightened children who want peace. It is for those voiceless children who want change.”

▼ A UKRAINE CONFLICT
In 2014, the conflict between the Ukraine and Russian-backed separatists escalated, in part due to the May election of Petro Poroshenko as president and a landmark trade deal he signed with the EU. Pro-Russian rebels responded to the deal by shooting down a Malaysian Airlines flight, forcing the U.S., Canada and EU to announce new sanctions against Russia. Over 50,000 lives have been lost in the continued conflict, despite a major effort by EU countries to broker a treaty and ceasefire.

▼ SCHOOLGIRL KIDNAPPINGS
On April 14, 2014, over 200 Christian schoolgirls were kidnapped from a government-run boarding school in Nigeria. The kidnappers were part of a militant jihadist group known as Boko Haram. Months later, a man named Abubakar Shekau — who claims to be the leader of the group — said the girls were converted to Islam and married off. Boko Haram’s reign of terror has continued, including an attack on the Nigerian town of Baga, where the militants set fires and massacred anywhere from 150 to 2,000 people.

▼ THE F WORD
Recent college graduate and British actor Emma Watson was named UN Women Goodwill Ambassador in 2014. The Harry Potter star kicked off her new position with a passionate speech at the UN headquarters in New York: “Apparently I am among the ranks of women whose expressions are seen as too strong, too aggressive . . . and unattractive,” said Watson, addressing misconceptions of feminism. The speech was part of her HeForShe campaign, to bring one billion men and boys together as advocates for gender equality.
A NEW EVIL On Aug. 19, 2014, the Islamic State jihadist group known as ISIS released a video of the beheading of American journalist James Foley. More brutal video killings followed. And ISIS made rapid advances and takeovers in Iraq and Syria. The United States responded with airstrikes, and joined with 60 other countries in a coalition against ISIS. At the same time, Western governments struggled to prevent the group from recruiting young people online with their strong social media presence.

THE UMBRELLA REVOLUTION When Beijing reversed its position on holding a democratic election in Hong Kong by 2017, tens of thousands of students took to the streets in protest. What started as an organized sit-in in Hong Kong’s business district, quickly escalated into what’s become known as the Umbrella Revolution. In clashes with police, protestors used umbrellas to protect themselves against water hoses and pepper spray. The protests, which started in September, 2014, lasted nearly three months — and for the most part the students’ pro-democratic demands went unanswered.

A POPE’S PROGRESS During an October, 2014, mass, Pope Francis stated that “God is not afraid of new things.” This Pope has turned out to be a modernizing leader, who is asking views on sexuality, contraception—also denounced capitalization, against Islam; and doesn’t and circumstance of his lofty He’s ushered in a new era for the church, bringing to a head the split between reformers and conserva-tives. To top it off, helped foster the political thaw between the U.S. and Cuba.
DOWNLOAD DEBACLE The public outcry was deafening when, on Sept. 9, 2014, U2’s new album, Songs of Innocence, was automatically added to Apple’s iTunes libraries. Bono explained the rationale as “a drop in megalomania, a touch of generosity, a dash of self-promotion and deep fear that these songs that we poured our life into over the last few years might not be heard.” Others called it “rude.” Bono apologized, but was still the winner: 33-million people “experienced” the album.

BRITISH INVASION The North American charts were dominated by Brit acts in 2014, especially Ed Sheeran (center) and Sam Smith (right). The soulful singer-songwriters saw their respective albums, x, and In the Lonely Hour, top the charts. While their singles, Sing, and Stay with Me, were two of the most popular songs of the year — although it was Smith’s Stay with Me that officially won the title at the Grammys. Smith walked away with four awards in total, including best new artist. Following in their wake, another soulful Brit, George Ezra (left), arrived on the scene in 2015.

NO FAKE PLASTIC BARBIE DOLL Meghan Trainor got her record deal by playing her now-famous song, All About That Bass, to producer L.A. Reid on a ukulele. The love-your-body-just-the-way-it-is single became a smash No. 1 hit and earned Trainor, a singer-songwriter from Massachusetts, two Grammy nominations. It also led to a duet with Harry Styles of One Direction. They composed a new song together on — you guessed it — a ukulele.

FANCY MEETING YOU HERE With the goal of changing the face of hip hop, leotard-wearing Australian rapper Iggy Azalea blew up the charts in 2014. While some slammed her for ignoring black issues and appropriating black culture, others defended her, including rappers Wiz. I.am and Lupe Fiasco. And the charts were on her side. At one point, her single Fancy was No. 1, and Azalea was a guest star on the No. 2 song, Ariana Grande’s Problem.

SHAKERS GOTA SHAKE In 2014, Taylor Swift proved her dominance over pop music wasn’t a fluke, with another No. 1 record, 1989, a Dick Clark Award of Excellence at the American Music Awards, and that irresistible single, Shake It Off. The catchy song had everyone singing along — including a burly Delaware police officer who became a viral video sensation. Never one to shy away from personal lyrics, Swift acknowledged what the haters had been saying about her brains, talent and personal life, and then proceeded to... shake it off. 1989:TaylorFoch042014.jpg
ALL 4 LOVE One Direction celebrated four years of being together with the November 2014 release of their fourth album, Four—which of course became their fourth No. 1. Four months later, 10 fans had their worlds turned upside down as member Zayn Malik unexpectedly quit the band during a world tour, saying he wanted to be a “normal 22-year-old.” He immediately started working on solo music—drawing ire from his former bandmates and fans.

DANCING WITH SHARKS

Katy Perry rode an animatronic tiger, danced with adorable sharks and piloted a shooting star across the length of a football field during her 2015 Super Bowl halftime performance. While solidifying the fact that she always puts on a good show, Perry was somewhat upstaged musically by her guests, Lenny Kravitz, and in particular Missy Elliott.

ONE-TAKE WONDER Canadian singer Kiesza landed on the music scene in 2014 with the Hideaway video, in which she melds multiple dancing styles in a four-minute, one-take, back-alley routine. The singer, with the flaming red steamhawk hairdo, knows a little about discipline and getting it right—she was a trained ballerina and a Canadian navy reservist, who was voted “top shot” at boot camp for her gun skills.

RED LOBSTER RAP

This was the year Nicki Minaj showed her softer side. In a 2015 MTV special, the usually tough-as-steel rapper admitted she was once a struggling Red Lobster waitress. And in her Pinkprint album/movie, she detailed the breakup of her 11-year relationship. She continued to try to be a role model to young women—in true Nicki Minaj fashion—telling Rolling Stone magazine: “If you get a big ol’ butt? Shake it! Who cares? That doesn’t mean you shouldn’t be graduating from college.”

WAS BEY ROBBED? Beyoncé was expected to win album of the year at the 2015 Grammys for her critically acclaimed, chart-topping, audio-visual masterpiece Beyoncé. But it was Beck who walked away with the golden gramophone, for his 12th album, the quietly contemplative Morning Phase. Never one to hold back his opinion, Kanye West (below, right) jokingly stormed the stage during Beck’s acceptance speech, but did tell reporters afterward: “Beck needs to respect artistry and he should have given his award to Beyoncé.” It took just over two weeks, but Kanye eventually apologized via Twitter.
NORMAL IS THE NEW BLACK

The fashion trend most searched on Google in 2014 was ‘Normcore,’ a style that was first reported by Khole, a New York-based trendspotting group. According to the New York magazine article that brought Normcore to the mainstream masses, it’s “embracing sameness deliberately as a new way of being cool…in fashion, this manifests itself in ordinariness, ordinary clothes.” Those looking for Normcore role models found inspiration in Jerry Seinfeld, President Barack Obama (when not in a suit) and Tina Fey’s 30 Rock character, Liz Lemon.

PUT THE KETTLE ON

While weights with handles have been used for exercise in Russia since the 1700s, kettlebells have only recently caught on in the rest of the world. Penelope Cruz, Jennifer Aniston, Vanessa Hudgens and the Indianapolis Colts all work out with kettlebells, which look like small bowling balls with handles. It was also one of the most searched fitness trends on Google in 2014. A study showed that using kettlebells for training can reduce pain in the head, neck and shoulders, and in a 20-minute workout kettlebells can help burn 21 calories a minute.

IPHONE SLIMS DOWN

The iPhone has come a long way from the chunky brick it was when first released in 2007. Responding to critics who’ve said Apple’s done little to change its designs in the fast-paced smartphone market, the company released the iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 plus (on Sept. 19, 2014), with a larger screen and slimmer profile. Clearly Apple fans were satisfied — the company sold 10 million the first weekend out, breaking all previous sales records.

$10 BILLION AND COUNTING

Call of Duty, the wildly successful video game franchise from Activision, hit a huge milestone in 2014: The series officially reached $10 billion in lifetime sales since it was launched in 2003. Plus, the latest release, Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare, was the top-selling game of the year. Fans got a pleasant surprise when they discovered that Kevin Spacey was cast as the game’s main villain, Jonathan Irons — a warmonger obsessed with power.

SOCIALMOVEMENTS

In 2014, Twitter showed its potential as an instrument for social change. When Boko Haram kidnapped 200 girls in Nigeria in April, the hashtag #BringBackOurGirls was retweeted millions of times — even First Lady Michelle Obama posted a picture in support. And after the August murder of Canadian Aboriginal teen, Tina Fontaine, other Aboriginal women took to Twitter asking #AmINext.

Also hashtags like #BlackLivesMatter and #UmbrellaRevolution brought citizens together and shone a light on social injustice.

TUBE TREND

The YouTube “unboxing” trend is as simple as this: post a video of yourself opening the latest tech gadget or consumer product, while narrating your appreciation of its packaging and design. Then people watch it — lots of people. In 2014, “unboxing” became a bona fide craze, with searches rocketing up 57 per cent from the year before. Some of the most popular “unboxed” products include, anything made by Apple, beauty boxes, American Girl dolls and Kinder Surprise eggs.
SERIAL

Sarah Koenig, the creator of the hit 2014 podcast Serial, has released a 10-episode docuseries called "Dirty John," which follows the life of John Wayne Gacy, who was convicted of murdering 33 men and boys and burying them in his Illinois home. The series features interviews with Gacy's former lover, John, who details the murder trials and other aspects of Gacy's life.

GET FIT, BIT BY BIT

A tiny fitness gadget may just be the personal trainer of the century. Dominating 50 per cent of the wearables market this year, FitBit is a portable clip or bracelet that gives stats on how well you sleep, how active you are, and how well-rounded your diet is. It calculates your basal metabolic rate using your age, height and sex to determine if you're moving enough, and how well you've slept — giving the wearer an impetus to develop healthier habits.

ORBS AND OCTOCOPTERS

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BREAK THE INTERNET
The November 2014 edition of Paper magazine had a very cheeky cover of Kim Kardashian — in which she shows off her world-famous, voluptuous butt, with a headline challenge to “Break the Internet.” Within the issue’s pages were other risqué photos. While the Internet survived, the photo shoot had everyone talking, and the online version of the photos amassed over 34 million unique page views.

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**A QUEEN, A TEEN, A PITT AND A POPE**

It was an eventful year for Angelina Jolie. On Aug. 23, 2014, the 39-year-old Hollywood star married Brad Pitt in France in front of their six children; in October, she was bestowed an honorary damehood by the Queen of England for her humanitarian work on sexual violence; she directed the war film *Unbroken*, which was released in November; and in January, 2015, Jolie met the Pope. But when she was asked about her most memorable moment, she said it was her oldest child, Maddox, becoming a teenager.

**RIP**

On Aug. 11, 2014, the entertainment world mourned the passing of Robin Williams. A standup comic and master of improvisation, Williams became a television star in the 1970s, playing an alien on *Mork & Mindy*. From there, Williams went on to a successful career in film; he made comedies (*Mrs. Doubtfire*), animated films (*Happy Feet*), and dramas, winning an Oscar for *Good Will Hunting* in 1998.

**TO VENICE WITH LOVE**

It's official: Hollywood's most eligible bachelor is finally off the market. Historic parts of Venice were shut down over three days in September for George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin's wedding extravaganza. There were pre-parties, bachelor and bachelorette celebrations, and, of course, the wedding ceremony and reception. And it all ended with a civil service. The movie star and British human rights lawyer surrounded themselves with family and plenty of celebrity friends, including Matt Damon and Bono. All the guests received iPods preloaded with a wedding playlist.

**DIVA DIVORCE**

After six years of marriage, Mariah Carey and TV star Nick Cannon (*America's Got Talent*) filed for divorce in December, 2014. While the couple has tried to keep things amicable for their twin three-year-olds, there have been harsh words around settlements and custody. Soon after the split, Carey announced a residency at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, where she'll perform all of her 18 No. 1 hit songs.

**OUT OF CONTROL**

Perennial bad boy Justin Bieber had another year of scandalous headlines. While driving a three-wheeled motorcycle, Bieber nearly ran down an elderly woman with a walker. He also threw eggs at a house on his street, causing an estimated $20,000 in damages — though he ended up having to pay $50,000. Bieber attempted to turn it all around with a videotaped apology for his strange year of stunts. Going as far as to say that he's been pretending to be someone he is not. Then he dyed his hair brown.
TELEVISION

› LEGO BART In the 25th anniversary special of *The Simpsons*, “Brick Like Me,” Springfield and its residents are turned into Lego characters. Homer is torn between his old life and the new Lego-ied one, where he can finally bond with Lisa and live in a world where “everything fits together and no one gets hurt.” Eventually, Lisa ditches him to see the new *Survival Games* movie, a spoof of *The Hunger Games*. And Homer must find a way to return to his previous life. D’oh!

› NEW GIRL Disney’s breakout hit show of 2014 was *Girl Meets World* — a spinoff of 1990s series *Boy Meets World*. In the sequel, Cory Matthews and Topanga Lawrence live in New York City — and the plot revolves around the antics of their tween daughter Riley Matthews (Rowan Blanchard) and her best friend Maya Hart (Sabrina Carpenter). Teen stars Blanchard and Carpenter created a buzz as besties both on screen and off, and became style icons thanks to their popular Instagram accounts.

› REVOLVING DOORS Late-night television hosts played musical chairs in 2014/2015, with Craig Ferguson, David Letterman and *The Daily Show*’s Jon Stewart vacating their seats. Stephen Colbert took over Letterman’s spot and Seth Meyers grabbed the gig at NBC’s *Late Night* (replacing Jimmy Fallon, who had jumped to *The Tonight Show* early in 2014). The biggest splash was made by English satirist and *Daily Show* alum John Oliver, who launched HBO’s *Last Week Tonight*. His rants on everything from sugar to net neutrality made him a viral video superstar.

› THE FALL OF A FATHER FIGURE

The entertainment world was rocked by the ongoing Bill Cosby scandal, in which over 20 women have gone public with sexual assault allegations, dating back to the 1960s. While no charges have been laid, NBC and Netflix both halted upcoming TV specials with the comedian. Through his lawyer, Cosby refuted all claims and carried on with a standup tour — although protesters disrupted many shows.

› GOODBYE GLEE They laughed, they cried, they sang over 700 songs — but all good Glee must come to an end. In its six seasons, the show made glee club and “gleek” cool again, introduced young audiences to music from every decade, set the standard for realistic gay youth storylines, and made stars out of Lea Michele, Darren Criss, Chris Colfer — and even non-teen actors Jane Lynch and Matthew Morrison. The final episodes saw plenty of emotion, including an homage to the late actor Cory Monteith, who, for the first four seasons, played quarterback-turned-singer Finn.
\textbf{Autobots vs. Decepticons} Transformers: Age of Extinction was the only film to pass $1 billion this year — and was the No. 1 movie worldwide. Directed by expert-city-destroyer Michael Bay, the fourth Transformers featured an impressive cast, including Mark Wahlberg, Kelsey Grammer and Stanley Tucci. Even with these “respectable” actors, the movie was widely panned and garnered a slew of Razzie nominations. Yet not surprisingly, the fifth Transformers is expected to land in theatres in 2016.

\textbf{Silly Superheroes} It seems the world was ready for a superhero who doesn’t take himself too seriously. Enter Star Lord from Marvel’s Guardians of the Galaxy, played by lovable doofus Chris Pratt. The movie also had an irresistible soundtrack (full of hits from the ’70s), a gun-toting raccoon voiced by Bradley Cooper and a dancing Baby Groot. No wonder it left the year’s other big-screen superheroes — including Captain America, Spider-Man and X-Men — all eating its dust.

\textbf{Reel Revolution} If you thought the first two Hunger Games movies were dark, 2014’s The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1 took it to a whole new level. Katniss is living underground, wearing a drab revolutionary uniform and completely estranged from Peeta. But that didn’t deter moviegoers. Mockingjay - Part 1 was the year’s highest-grossing movie in the U.S. and No. 6 in the worldwide box office.

\textbf{Long Road to Victory} It took 12 years to make Boyhood, but Richard Linklater’s experiment in patience paid off — in the way of critical acclaim, a Golden Globe for Best Drama and a Best Actress Oscar for Patricia Arquette. Linklater’s film, shot from 2002 to 2013 with the same actors, tells the story of a boy growing up with divorced parents in Texas. The music, acting and honesty hit home with audiences — and showed the movie industry that good things come to those who wait.

\textbf{Academy Awards: Major Categories}

- Best Picture — Birdman
- Best Director — Alejandro González Iñárritu (Birdman)
- Best Actor — Eddie Redmayne (The Theory of Everything)
- Best Actress — Julianne Moore (Still Alice)
- Best Supporting Actor — J.K. Simmons (Whiplash)
- Best Supporting Actress — Patricia Arquette (Boyhood)

\textbf{2014 Top-Grossing Movies Worldwide}

- Transformers: Age of Extinction, $1.09 billion
- The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies, $351.6 million
- Guardians of the Galaxy, $774.2 million
- Maleficent, $759.4 million
- The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1, $751.4 million
- X-Men: Days of Future Past, $748 million
STRANGER THAN FICTION: James Franco and Seth Rogen made a comedy about assassinating Kim Jong-un, called The Interview — and North Koreans took it way too seriously. The country was allegedly behind the cyber attack on the film's studio, Sony Pictures, which leaked employee and celebrity information. Theatres pulled The Interview for fear of repercussions, so Sony released it digitally. Despite bad reviews, way more people saw the film out of curiosity and patriotism than if North Korea had just left well enough alone.

SOARING SUCCESS: The Academy Award for Best Picture of 2014 went to Birdman. In the film, Michael Keaton plays a washed-up movie superhero attempting to make a comeback on Broadway, while dealing with a narcissistic co-star (Edward Norton) and a recovering addict daughter (Emma Stone). Keaton himself was once a movie superhero, playing Batman in the late 1980s and early 1990s. While Birdman has garnered Keaton critical acclaim, he lost the Oscar for Best Actor to Eddie Redmayne, who played Stephen Hawking in The Theory of Everything.

BYE BYE BILBO: It's the end of an era for J.R.R. Tolkien fans. With the release of The Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies, all of the fantasy writer's middle earth books have been adapted. But fans have had trouble letting go of Bilbo, often asking the actor who played him, Martin Freeman, if he misses the character. Freeman (of BBC's The Office and Sherlock) politely responds, "No, I don't think he's real. And I don't think I am him." So much for fantasy.

THE VILLAIN'S TALE: Maleficent is the story of Sleeping Beauty, told from the perspective of the evil fairy godmother — played by Angelina Jolie at her villainous best. With sharp black horns, bold red lips and fantastically fierce wings, Jolie was breathtaking. While she was snubbed at the Oscars, the film picked up Best Picture at the People's Choice Awards.
OFF-SIDE

It was a scandal-plagued season for the NFL, beginning with the video of Baltimore Raven Ray Rice knocking out his fiancée in an Atlantic City casino elevator. After initially giving Rice a light sentence, the league changed its policy on domestic violence and began to address it more seriously. Next up was Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson, who was sent before a grand jury for whipping his four-year-old son with a tree branch. And the season ended with Deflategate, the alleged cheating scandal that cast a pall over Super Bowl winners the New England Patriots.

(Carlos Gonzalez/Minneapolis Star Tribune/MCT)

SPORTS WINS

SUPER BOWL:
New England Patriots
(over the Seattle Seahawks)

WORLD SERIES:
San Francisco Giants
(over the Kansas City Royals)

NBA FINAL:
San Antonio Spurs
(over the Miami Heat)

STANLEY CUP:
Los Angeles Kings
(over the New York Rangers)

(Brittany Ginn/Minneapolis Star Tribune/MCT)

THROWS LIKE A GIRL

One of the biggest sports celebrities of 2014 was 13-year-old baseball phenom Mo’ne Davis, who landed on the cover of Sports Illustrated after pitching a shutout in the Mid-Atlantic final that sent her Philadelphia team to the Little League World Series. Davis, who throws an impressive 70 miles per hour fastball, was also the first girl to pitch a shutout at the World Series tournament. Meanwhile, baseball isn’t even her main sport, as she hopes to go to University of Connecticut on a basketball scholarship and eventually play in the WNBA.

(Courtesy Sports Illustrated)

BRAZIL GETS THE FEVER

Brazil put on an exuberant FIFA World Cup in the summer of 2014. But the host country lost to Germany in the semifinals, before Germany went on to win the tournament. There were plenty of Jürgen Klinsmann, telling American soccer fans to keep their expectations low, dance, and Uruguayan striker Luis Suarez, who was banned from any football-related activity for four months after biting an Italian player on the shoulder.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Mazalan)
WE STAND ON GUARD FOR THEE

For the first time in history, O Canada was sung before an NHL game where only U.S. teams were playing. When Pittsburgh hosted Philadelphia at the CONSOL Energy Center — on Oct. 22, 2014, the day of the Ottawa shooting — the audience stood for the Canadian anthem as two maple leaves shone on the ice.

CANADIAN COURT ROYALTY

The world took notice of Canadian tennis in 2014, when the country's two best singles players, Eugenie Bouchard and Milos Raonic, reached the Wimbledon finals and semifinals respectively. The Wimbledon website reported: "Canadian tennis: Something to talk about." While both players lost their matches, it was no less historic — as it was the first time a Canadian man reached the semis at Wimbledon in more than 100 years and the first time a Canadian woman reached the finals of any Grand Slam tournament. At the end of the season, Bouchard was named the WTA's Most Improved Player.

ALL HAIL THE KINGS

The Los Angeles Kings worked hard to make it to the Stanley Cup Finals, coming from behind in the first two playoff series, and playing three consecutive Game 7's, all on the road. So it was a surprise when, in the Finals, they handily beat the New York Rangers four games to one, to win their second Stanley Cup championship in three seasons. Kings right wing Justin Williams won the Conn Smythe Trophy for Stanley Cup MVP for his nine goals and 16 assists in the post-season.

WELCOME TO THE CFL

The summer of 2014 saw the introduction of the Ottawa RedBlacks to the Canadian Football League, the third CFL team to call the capital city home. In its first year out, the RedBlacks struggled and finished last in the league. Meanwhile, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and Calgary Stampeders met in the 102nd Grey Cup in Vancouver. Thanks to an electric performance from Stampeders' quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell, a six-foot-two, 196-lb. Texan, Calgary bested Hamilton 20-16, and the Tigers' 15-year Grey Cup trophy drought continues.

AN ENGAGING YEAR

In May, 2014, the golf world was focused on Rory McIlroy's private life, after he called off his wedding engagement to tennis pro Caroline Wozniacki. But that was quickly forgotten when he started racking up tournament wins, including his third major (the 2014 Open Championship) before the age of 25 — something only Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods have done before him. He went on to win the PGA championship, and was named PGA Player of the Year. He says he'll play for Ireland in the 2016 Olympics, where golf will be a medal event for the first time since 1904.

ROOKIE FROM THE NORTH

Thornhill, Ont.,'s Andrew Wiggins was picked No. 1 in the 2014 NBA draft, after an impressive season at the University of Kansas. Wiggins was selected by the Cleveland Cavaliers and for a brief period looked like he was going to play with LeBron James — but the Cavs traded him to the Minnesota Timberwolves for Kevin Love. In Minnesota, Wiggins had a great rookie year, matching up against James, Kevin Durant, and Kobe Bryant, who said of Wiggins: "It was like looking at a reflection of myself 19 years ago."
**A JURASSIC DISCOVERY**

Dinosaurs were big news in 2014. In May, a farmer in Argentina discovered a new species of titanosaur. By studying the creature's thigh bone, paleontologists determined it was the largest animal known to have walked the Earth: 130 feet long and 60 feet tall. Months later, researchers studying the Pelagornis sandersi, an ancient extinct bird fossil found in South Carolina in 1983, announced that the albatross-like bird had the largest wingspan in recorded history — at 21 feet.

**ONE GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND**

In 2004, the European Space Agency launched the Rosetta spacecraft, armed with the Philae probe, with the goal of landing on a comet in 10 years. On Nov. 12, 2014, Philae made contact with comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko — and immediately sent back data for scientists to analyze. Unfortunately, the three systems designed to keep Philae in place failed to deploy, and it bounced across the comet, coming to rest in an area too dark for its solar-powered batteries. There is hope it will power up again as the comet moves closer to the sun.

**IT'S GETTING HOT HERE**

Giving climate-change donors a run for their money, scientists announced that 2014 was the hottest year on record. According to NASA, the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association and the UK Met Office, the global temperature was higher than the 1961-1990 average. The findings were released in a report called “State of the Global Climate,” which was presented to the United Nations in Lima, Peru, as they discussed a new global climate deal to be signed in Paris in 2015. www.nasa.gov

**A MATHEMATICAL MILESTONE**

For the first time since it was established in 1936, the Fields Medal for mathematics went to a woman. Maryam Mirzakhani, an Iranian-born mathematics professor at Stanford University, was recognized for her contributions to understanding the symmetry of curved surfaces. The medal is often regarded as the mathematics version of the Nobel Prize and is handed out every four years. “I will be happy if it encourages young female scientists and mathematicians,” Mirzakhani said of her award.

**THE EBOLA CRISIS**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ebola outbreak that shocked the world in 2014 was the largest outbreak in history. The first case was a toddler in Guinea who died in December, 2013 — but the number of people infected increased rapidly by March. As the virus spread further away to countries like the United States, the World Health Organization scrambled to find a vaccine. While some parts of Africa have been declared Ebola free, others continue to be affected. At least 9,000 people in West Africa have died because of the virus.
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Class of 2015!

To the Class of 2015,

Congratulations on your incredible achievement! Your time spent on campus allowed you to grow and excel individually and collectively as the Class of 2015. As you take your first steps beyond the arches, you can be certain in your hearts that your unique and amazing Bishop's experiences have equipped you with the tools you'll need for great success. I would like to open the door for you all as you enter the world where you will leave your (purple) mark.

On behalf of 13,500 alumni worldwide, I’d like to warmly welcome you into the Bishop’s University Alumni Association; your Bishop’s family beyond your college years. I know it may seem now like your experience is coming to an end, but let me assure you, the passion you feel today for Bishop’s will continue to grow and will keep you connected far into the future.

With alumni chapters in major cities across Canada, connecting with fellow Gaiteers is easy. From career panels and family outings to wing nights and sports games, we host over 25 alumni events per year. Your membership in the Alumni Association allows for more than just a lifelong occasion to wear your purple with pride; you are able to benefit from a variety of perks, services and group discounts.

Please know that whenever you meet a fellow alumnum, you have found a new friend. When you meet someone at an event, see a BU sticker on your colleague’s car, or even just notice a purple sweater at the grocery store, do not be intimidated to reach out, say hi, and “talk purple”. Gaiteers are a unique breed, and I know that even if it has been a while since we graduated, we still know how to raise a toast.

From the St. Francis to the Massawippi and from McGeer to Coulter Field, BU will always keep a special place in your heart as home. As a graduate, you are now an exclusive member of a caring and enthusiastic network. Be certain that the lessons you have learned are great building blocks for the success that lies ahead of you. Rest assured that the purple that runs deep in your veins today will last you a lifetime.

Remember how you entered; be proud of how you leave.

Trevor Lovig ’96
Alumni Association President

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