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I'M INSPIRED BY this newest edition of Laurentian University Magazine. Not just because we're continuing to evolve as a first-rate publication, but because of the stories we're telling.

I'm especially impressed by the story of Sue Stewart, the former Olympian and stand-out Lady Vees basketball player who has had to endure one of those events in life that can get no tougher. Sue suffered

a brain aneurysm last year, and she's had to go through intensive physiotherapy to gain her health back. You can see how she became an Olympic athlete: hers is a determination that comes only with an intense inner strength.

But Sue doesn't have the only impressive story in this issue.

Graduate Minnijean Brown Trickey, a woman who was part of the Little Rock Nine, was honoured in the United States just this past year. The group she was part of more than 45 years ago became synonymous with bravery for breaking through barriers at the height of racial tension.

And there are several other fascinating graduates including a Gemini award winner; the winner of a Governor General's Award and an NHL ref who has made it to the top of his "game."

It's not only about "award winners." The magazine is also a virtual community for you to reach out to your former classmates through our In the news and Alumni Updates sections. Remember to keep us in mind if you have an interesting story to share or you just want to update us on what's going on in your life.

And just in case you're feeling a little "homesick" for campus life, we want to make sure you're in the loop with what's happening on campus (even with some of those more "controversial" stories when they occur).

We hope you let us know how you're enjoying the revamped magazine by writing us at magazine@laurentian.ca.

Have a good spring,

Shirley Moore

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LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I am writing to compliment the new format of the Laurentian University Alumni Magazine. It exhibits a very professional image. The graphics and information are well laid out and the font is easy on the eyes. It contains brief highlights about the article or the person being interviewed that quell our innate curiosity about the person, and you can find mini quizzes throughout the magazine which are thought provoking and interesting.

In my humble opinion, I think that this format answers three of the imperatives of marketing: attitudes, interests and opinions. A very compelling read.

Sincerely,

Leeanne Croteau, BCom 2003



Dear Editor:

It's unfortunate that Laurentian's alumni magazine has chosen to feed into the pit bull hype by running a story about Constable Hannah Bartz. The government's decision to award her and her partner medals for bravery is simply a PR ploy, the implication being that any police officer who takes on a "ferocious" pit bull deserves a special commendation.

In addition, this article, like previous publications that covered the story, couldn't resist using the "15 bullets" anecdote, the implication being that it takes 15 bullets to stop a pit bull, which is patently absurd.

Finally, your decision to run an inflammatory pull quote without putting quotations around it is unconscionable. The statement, "Pit bulls have a natural instinct to attack and not to stop until their prey is dead" is unfounded.

The vast majority of authorities on canine behaviour and breeding dismiss this view. At the public hearings for Bill 132, the experts were virtually unanimous. Breed bans are useless – they fail to curb dog attacks and penalize good owners, good breeders and good dogs.

Regards,

Eric Sparling, owner, CKC-registered Staffordshire bull terrier



Last issue

Please note the aerial campus shot on page 3 of the last issue was provided by Jake Irwin.

Laurentian hosts concert for community in national spotlight

A **BENEFIT CONCERT HELD** at Laurentian University last November raised money to help evacuees from the Kashechewan First Nation. The evening also raised awareness about living conditions in some Aboriginal communities.

The Cree community on James Bay was evacuated last fall because of poor drinking water conditions and received national media attention. More than 1,000 people were airlifted out of the community to various centres. About 300 of those people stayed in Sudbury for nearly six weeks.

Three Juno Award nominees – Kevin Shaganash, Julian Cote and Vern Cheechoo – were among the talent that took to the stage. Other favourites included Sweet Water Women, Kevin Schofield, Chris Kagesheongai, David Laronde and Thea Pattison. The evening also featured guest speakers, storytellers, musicians and artists.

The benefit concert was presented by Pine Needle Blanket Productions and the Whitefish Lake First Nation.



Darlene of Sweet Water Women

MILLIONS ROLL IN TO HELP MED STUDENTS

THE NORTHERN ONTARIO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S student bursary campaign is just wrapping up, and donations are expected to exceed the original target of 5 million dollars. Money raised throughout the campaign is used to create an endowment fund and the interest from that fund will be used to give students yearly bursaries.

Earlier this year, the trust racked up two substantial donations. AstraZeneca Canada Inc., a research-based pharmaceutical company, came through with a donation of \$500,000. Sudbury mining giant Inco followed up with a donation of the same amount.

There have been several other large donations to the bursary campaign including the one that kicked it off, a \$500,000 donation from the J.F. MacLeod Trust which was created by the estate of the late Jean MacLeod. For the next five years, the trust will contribute an additional \$10,000 to \$20,000 annually.

All of these large donations quickly doubled to reach \$1 million each since the Ontario government matched eligible contributions, dollar for dollar, through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation.



Inco announces donation of \$500,000 for medical students' bursaries.



Students at a "street-corner" school in Senegal



a visit to AFRICA

PRESIDENT JUDITH WOODSWORTH went to Africa this past fall in her role as chair of World University Service of Canada (WUSC). These are her impressions of her trip.

I'm surrounded by energetic children jostling to get their hands on my digital camera, so that they can see the picture I have just taken of them. They are excited to see their own image. I, too, am delighted to capture memories of broad smiles and sparkling eyes.

I was in Africa last fall as chair of World University Service of Canada (WUSC), a 60-year-old organization whose overseas projects foster development through education and training. On Canadian campuses, WUSC promotes awareness of international issues and runs the Student Refugee Program, through which Canadian students sponsor and mentor students from around the world.

Accompanied by WUSC's executive director, I visited Senegal, Ghana and Burkina Faso to meet staff and volunteers working for WUSC and its partners.

Dakar, the capital of Senegal, sits on a spit of land surrounded by the sea and yet, despite occasional vistas of sandy beaches and blue-green surf, it is not an elegant city. It is not uninteresting, however: the streets are lined with small shops and stalls offering food, housewares and colourful clothing. There is construction everywhere, almost all unfinished. Cinder blocks are piled up to form walls, with gravel and bricks heaped in front of partial structures. These piles shrink, carried off bit by bit by people building elsewhere. Gas stations are located adjacent to modern pizza and chicken places and "On the Run Fast Food," an oxymoron where traffic crawls along and nothing is fast.

In Ghana, we started in the capital, Accra, and crossed the entire country in

a van. Whereas Accra seemed relatively affluent, rural villages were mud huts with thatched roofs. At first, there was lush vegetation – baobab, teak, palm and banana trees – the products of which were sold by women and children at the roadside. The terrain grew flatter and dryer as we moved north.

We arrived in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, at night. The air was thick with smoke from household fires mixed with sand and dust from the *harmattan*, a desert wind



Children look on as their moms learn to read and write.

blowing from from the north. The effect was eerie, since the streets are poorly lit. Burkina Faso is considered to be one of the poorest countries in the world: 61% of people earn less than \$1 US a day and 70% are illiterate. With a high incidence of HIV/AIDS, it has 320,000 AIDS-related orphans.

The development work addresses human rights, good governance and the environment. Many projects focus on education in one form or another and on helping women, in particular, to become

organized and economically self-sufficient.

In Senegal, we saw several examples of "non-formal" education. One school – part of a network of *écoles de coin de rue* (street-corner schools) for kids whose families can't afford the most basic fees or school supplies – was housed in a bunker-like structure with a couple of holes for windows covered with pieces of cloth. The children tended a garden nearby and their parents sold the produce in the market.

More striking still was a literacy class for women. They sat outdoors in a circle, almost all with one child in their arms and a few more draped around them. The lesson began with dancing, accompanied by drumming on aluminum bowls and plastic tubs, to break the ice. First, they had a discussion about how to prevent malaria and were asked to gather objects representing the basic concepts. They then drew these on pieces of paper spread out on the ground.

The teacher wrote the word for mosquito on a makeshift blackboard: YOO (pronounced YO) and got them to repeat it. The women came up and wrote Ys on the board. A crowd had gathered, including kids who poked fun at their moms because they didn't know how to draw or read.

One of the highlights was a World Aids Day event organized at the University of Ouagadougou by its WUSC student committee. A hush fell over the 200 rambunctious students attending as candles were burned for the 25 million who have died of AIDS and they watched a student-made video on living with HIV/AIDS.

I had a brief glimpse of the hardship, but came away with a sense of hope, which had shone in the eyes and hearts of some of the young people and proud women I met. ■

Mining for excellence

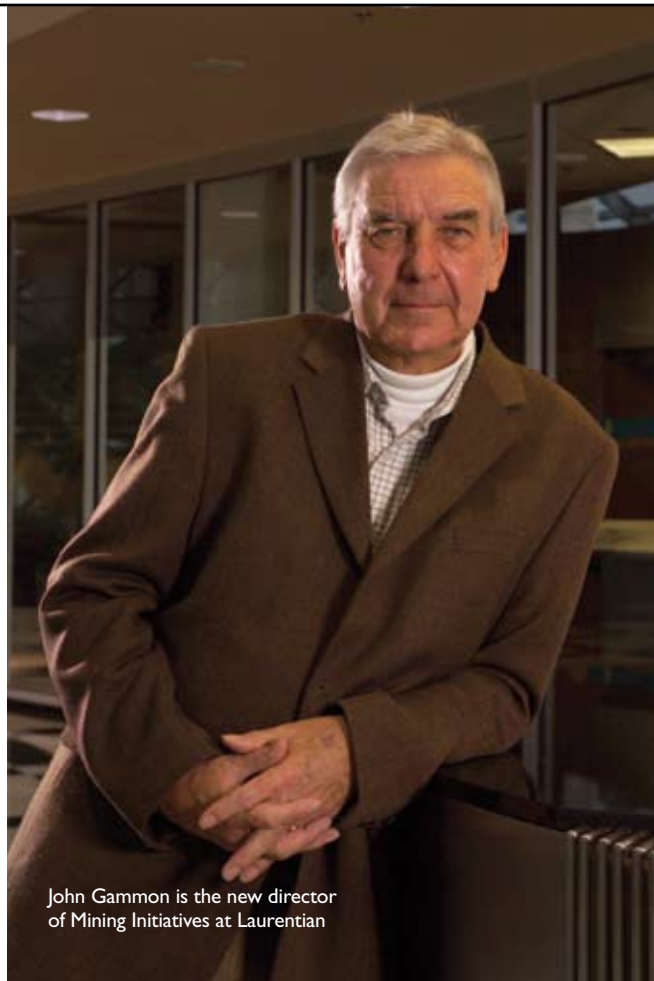
New centre expected to bring Laurentian to forefront of mining research in Canada

Laurentian will be the home of the new Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation (CEMI), a research centre that will be funded by government and private industry.

CEMI will focus on research like exploration, deep mining, mine process engineering, telerobotics and automation, and the environment and reclamation.

John Gammon, a former assistant deputy minister and a Laurentian honorary degree recipient, has come on board as the director of Mining Initiatives. The centre has been developed in concert with industry, government and educational partners.

Laurentian is already home to nine mining research centres, seven mining-related graduate programs and three researchers who hold Canada Research Chairs linked to mining and exploration. The city of Sudbury has been built on nickel and copper mining and is home to companies such as Inco Limited, Falconbridge Limited, FNX Mining Company Inc., Wallbridge Mining Company, and more than 300 mining supply and services companies.



John Gammon is the new director of Mining Initiatives at Laurentian

RECORD SETTER TO BE HONOURED IN NEW HOCKEY SHRINE



Laurentian hockey legend's jersey set to hang in new centre.



A former stand-out athlete for Laurentian will be honoured at a new hockey centre in northeastern Ontario.

Laurentian has sent Denis Castonguay's jersey to the newly opened Hockey

Heritage North in Kirkland Lake. The jersey,

and his story, will eventually go on display in the new centre along with artifacts from other hockey stars from northeastern Ontario.

Castonguay played hockey at Laurentian for five years. He set records at the Ontario University Athletics level for single season and career scoring, won Athlete of the Year in 1988 and has been named to the Voyageur/Alumni Hall of Fame. His jersey is already hanging in that other hockey shrine... Toronto's Hockey Hall of Fame.

Hockey Heritage North in Kirkland Lake focuses on stories of hockey players, coaches and officials from northeastern Ontario. The new 18,000 square foot centre displays hockey paraphernalia from northeastern Ontarians involved with the National Hockey League, the Ontario Hockey League and other minor leagues.

To learn more, go to www.hockeyheritagenorth.ca.

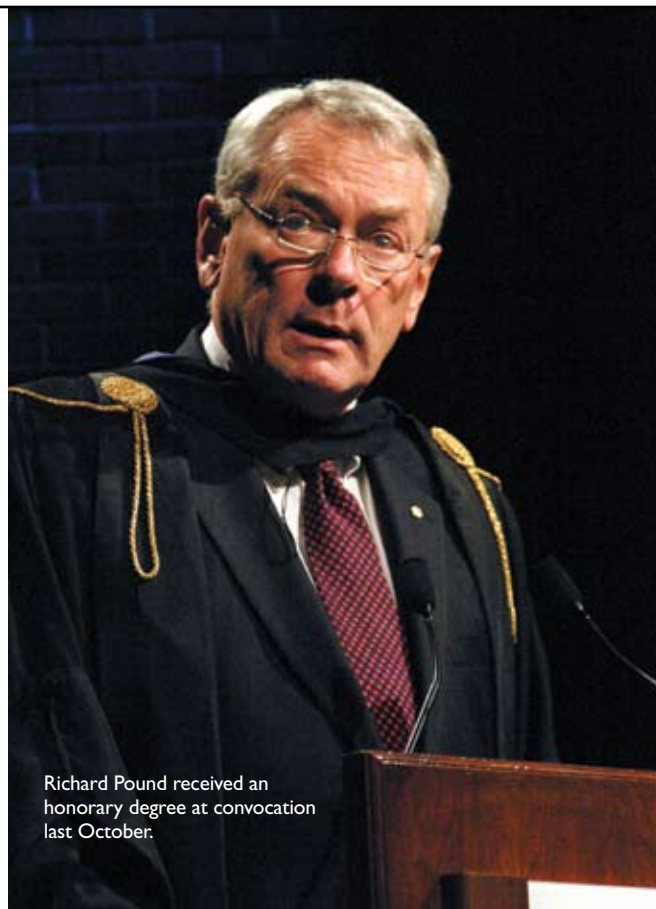
Canadian sports leader gets Hon Doc

LAURENTIAN RECOGNIZED well-known International Olympic Committee (IOC) member Richard Pound this past October.

The university gave Pound a Doctorate of Sports Administration at the fall convocation. It is the first time Laurentian has awarded an honorary degree in this field.

Pound is the chair of the World Anti-Doping Agency, in charge of developing an international system of doping control for athletes. He has also served as vice-president of the IOC from 1987 to 1991 and 1996 to 2000. Pound has been a well-known athlete in Canada in his own right as a swimming finalist in the 1960 Olympics and a gold medal winner in the 1962 Commonwealth Games.

Pound is considered to have done a lot to clean up the world of athletics with his strong stance against doping. He has been in the international news recently for drawing the ire of both the hockey and cycling worlds after saying he suspects doping has been widespread in each of those sports.



Richard Pound received an honorary degree at convocation last October.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 23, 2006

Awards Recognition Night for donors and students, organized by the Office of Development. For information, contact development@laurentian.ca.

March 27, 2006

Alumni reception in Montreal
5 to 7 p.m.
Restaurant Le Fuchsia, Collège LaSalle
2000 Sainte-Catherine West, Montréal
For information, contact alumni@laurentian.ca.

April 8, 2006

Launch of the Huronia Regional Chapter
6:30 p.m., The Queens Hotel,
94 Dunlop St. East, Barrie
For more information, contact huroniachapter@laurentian.ca.

Spring 2006

Alumni Recognition Awards Reception
For details, contact alumni@laurentian.ca or visit www.lualumni.laurentian.ca.

June 23, 2006

Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament
Timberwolf Golf Course
\$175 per person
Info: alumni@laurentian.ca or 705-675-4818

June 30 & July 3-7, 2006

Soccer Full-Day Camp (coed, ages 7-14)
\$160
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

July 10 to 14, 2006

Mickey & Minnie Mouse Soccer Camp
(coed, ages 4-6), \$100
9 a.m. to 12 noon

July 17 to 21, 2006

Girl Power Soccer Camp (ages 7-14)
\$160
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

July 10 to 14, 2006

Basketball Full-Day Camp (boys, ages 10-14)
\$200
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August 21 to 24, 2006

Basketball Half-Day Camp (girls, ages 13-17)
\$100
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

August 21 to 25, 2006

Basketball Half-Day Camp (coed, ages 9-14)
\$100
9 a.m. to 12 noon

August 28 to 31, 2006

Basketball Half-Day Camp (boys, ages 13-17)
\$100
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

August 28 to September 1, 2006

Basketball Full-Day Camp (coed, ages 9-14)
\$200
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Information and registration for all camps:
(705) 675-1151, ext. 1025.

Information for other events:
alumni@laurentian.ca.

Drum roll for 11th annual powwow

ABOUT 500 PEOPLE gathered at the Ben Avery Centre in mid-November for the 11th annual powwow, organized by Laurentian's Native Programs and Services department.

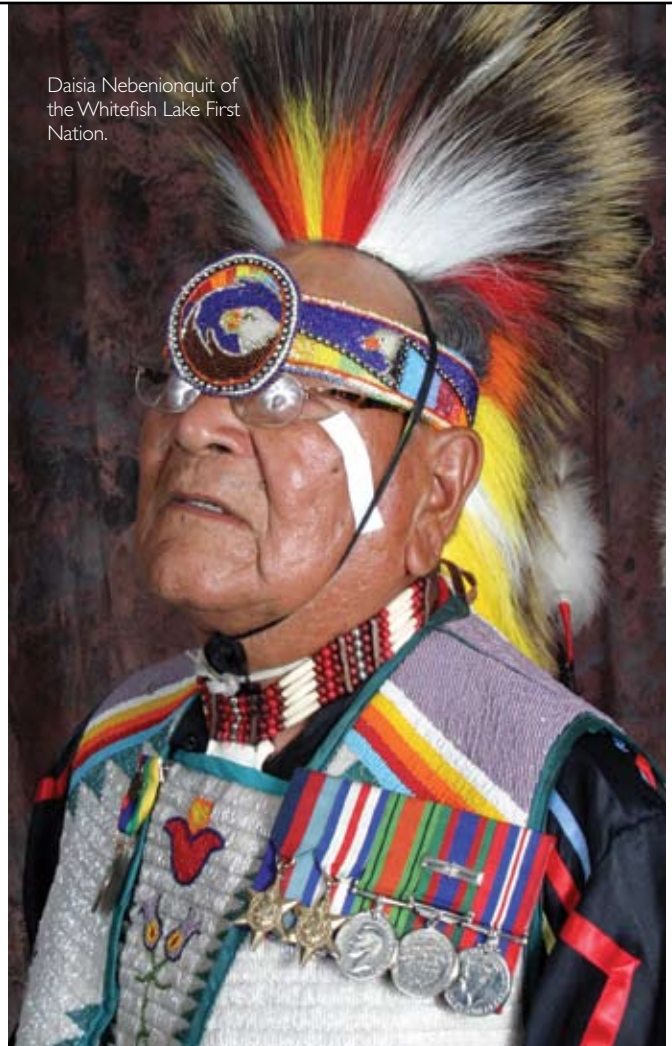
The theme of the event was "Faces of our Veterans" in keeping with the Year of the Veteran, declared by Veteran Affairs Canada for 2005.

Debbie Eisan, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class with the Canadian Forces, who is from the Batchewana First Nation, was a special guest. Eisan assisted with the close-out operations of the UN Base in Rwanda, Africa and was the recipient of the 2004 Aboriginal Women in Leadership Foundation Award of Distinction.

Danny Fox of the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve was the powwow master of ceremony, Bear Creek was the Host Drum and Daisia Nebenionquit of the Whitefish Lake First Nation was the Head Elder.

A native education fair complemented the powwow celebrations. A number of Aboriginal associations, services, community groups and agencies were on hand to provide information and resources about First Nations and their contributions to Canadian society. Workshops and presentations were also held in the new teepee on campus.

Daisia Nebenionquit of the Whitefish Lake First Nation.



NATIONALLY RENOWNED JOURNALIST VISITS CAMPUS

Well-respected Canadian journalist, Chantal Hébert, spoke to a packed house on November 23 at the University of Sudbury's Canisius Hall.

Hébert talked politics for more than an hour and focused on the Gomery inquiry and its possible effects on the federal election. She also took questions from the audience of more than 135 people.

Hébert is a national affairs writer for the Toronto Star and a guest columnist for Le Devoir. She is also a weekly participant on the At Issue political panel on CBC TV's flagship news program, The National.

CAMPUS QUIZ

How much do you really know about your alma mater?

What does the Ojibway word "Aanii" mean?

Send the correct answer to magazine@laurentian.ca with subject line: "Winter 06 trivia" before April 14th, 2006, and we'll enter your name in a draw for a Laurentian gift. Good luck!

Congratulations to Nadine Lalonde (BSL 1988) who entered our last Campus Quiz contest. She won some cool Laurentian swag after correctly answering that the Pot Bangers were established in 1995.

BOUNCING BACK —

A former Olympian is well on the road to recovery after a debilitating aneurysm

Sue Stewart was one of the best basketball players in Canada and an accomplished woman. But this past year, she has had the fight of her life. She has come back from intensive physical therapy and a massive medical bill, and once again, the star athlete proves why she's a champion.

BY LAURA E. YOUNG

PHOTOGRAPHY BY JO-ANNE MCARTHUR

Take a household clothespin and pin it on the clothesline using the fingers on the left hand. Nothing to it, right?

Unless you're Sue Stewart at the end of a long day of occupational therapy.

The 1996 Olympian and Laurentian alumni basketball standout came within a hair of dying almost a year ago, on April 13. She was living, coaching and studying in Ohio when she suffered a sudden brain aneurysm and fell, damaging her brainstem.

"There must be a purpose, right?" asks Stewart, 35, being philosophical about suffering the aneurysm.

During a phone interview from her Mississauga home, Stewart's speech was mildly slurred; frequently, she would patiently spell words she couldn't quite pronounce. While she expects to make a full recovery, things like clothespins drive her crazy.

"Listen! The things we take for granted," she says, explaining how hard it can be working with the pins, and tightening screws and bolts. Not to mention the frustration of watching the screws fall to the floor.

Her healthcare providers have nothing but praise for her efforts and her attitude, but for Stewart there are times when she's been frustrated.

Depending on others has been tough, she says. "That's the hardest thing when you're so used to doing your own thing."

Physical therapy has not been the only struggle for Stewart over the last year.

About to graduate and return to Canada, Stewart had just

cancelled her insurance. She wasn't covered at the time of the aneurysm and she has had to pay back a staggering hospital bill of more than \$100,000 Cdn.

Luckily, the Canadian basketball community has rallied around her. Last December, Sultan Prospects of Toronto, an elite young women's basketball development program, held a celebrity game in Toronto and raised over \$9,300. Two-time Olympic champion Donovan Bailey, a number of Toronto Argonauts and

WHILE SHE EXPECTS TO MAKE A FULL RECOVERY, THINGS LIKE CLOTHESPINS DRIVE HER CRAZY.

Laurentian alumni, including national development team coach Christine Stapleton, all played.

"It was better than going to a Raptors game," Stewart laughs.

THE STUNNING ANEURYSM and fight for recovery are a far cry from Stewart at the height of her basketball days.

In 1989, Stewart was recruited from Streetsville Secondary in Mississauga by the late Lady Veas coach Peter Ennis and assistant coach Angie MacDonald. Stewart was one of a platoon of players who were rookies in name only.

"That was the best team ever. Ever!" Stewart recalls.

"Peter and Angie did a good job. They knew how to corral the troops. There's no one like them."



Sue Stewart works with clothespins at occupational therapy.



The Stewart family, from left, father Winston, sister Dian, Susan and mother Nona Stewart.

The Lady Vees crew, with Stewart aboard, took the Canadian Interuniversity Sport women's basketball championships by storm for 1989-90 and beat the University of Calgary, who had been undefeated in the previous 69 games.

The Lady Vees went on to win another national title, and from that incredible talent pool, Stewart and her roommate Dianne Norman rose to the ranks of the Canadian Olympic team with coach Ennis.

On the court, Stewart was a "deceptive" player and tough to guard. She loved to break people down, says Christine Stapleton of Canada Basketball.

"She had great energy on the court – high fives for good plays, lots of talk on (defense and) took it tough to the rim and always crashed the glass."

Stewart enjoyed playing with her teammates, says Stapleton.

"(She) worked hard at school and when she took her breaks she liked to go out and be with her friends. She was very inclusive. Everyone was invited to 'hang out' with Stewie."

MacDonald, who still coaches basketball in Sudbury, remembers a lot of teasing

and laughter. On the court, Stewart was driven and passionate, a player who more than made up for any mistakes.

"On the court, Sue always gave it her all. At times, she would come to the bench exhausted, but give her a minute or two to regroup, and she would be ready to go again. Even when she was playing with sore knees, she would never give up."

Stewart graduated from Laurentian in 1995 with a BA in Law and Justice and helped Canada qualify for the 1996 Olympics, the first time since 1984 that Canada had sent a women's basketball team to the Olympics.

But two weeks before the Games, Stewart badly injured her knee. She had a limited role and sat helpless on the sidelines as Canada struggled to an 11th place finish with 1 win and 6 losses.

Depressed, she re-examined her priorities. She turned her focus to God and Jesus Christ, touring with Athletes in Action, speaking about her belief in Jesus with To the Next Level, a Christian ministry for athletes.

She played professional basketball in Europe, worked as a civilian employee with the RCMP and returned to school. She

Sue's occupational therapy crew (from left to right starting with the top row): Karyl Taylor; Crystal Peluso, Sue Stewart, Lynn Mcfellan, Betty Vukusic, Katarina Bursic and Liza Pain.



went to Malone College in Canton, Ohio, for a Master of Arts in Christian Ministries and a certificate in Sports Ministries. She was coaching two girls' basketball teams last spring; she was about to graduate.

Stewart had no way of knowing what lay ahead, except for a bizarre encounter before her graduation. She was speaking with a visiting pastor who predicted that in two weeks, her life would change.

"I paid no attention to it. I didn't even know him."

Stewart and her mother still sound awed when they recount this moment. After all, they never thought something as serious as a brain aneurysm could happen. They both assumed at the time, the pastor knew about her graduation. She had a lot of job offers.

During this busy time, Stewart was away in Columbus coaching one of her teams. After her morning prayers, she was showering when she suffered the aneurysm, slipping in the shower and taking a hard blow to her head. She shook it off, but felt sleepy.

Over the next few days, Stewart continued to ignore the pain, as elite athletes are bred to do. Hemorrhaging into her brain stem, she coached basketball, drove her car, vomited constantly and stumbled frequently over the next few days. She wanted to sleep. She thought she was coming down with the flu. Finally, a roommate sent for an ambulance. In Mercy Medical Centre in Ohio, Stewart could not be roused. As her family arrived, her mother, Nona recalls doctors told the family there was no hope.

EVEN SO, WITHIN three weeks Stewart returned home to Canada, first to Trillium Medical Centre and then, to Toronto Rehab. When she arrived at Toronto Rehab, Stewart was essentially a quadriplegic, according to Dr. Nora Cullen, who supervised her care last summer. Stewart could not breathe or eat without medical support.

That Stewart was able to recover at all is due to the same intangibles that lead an underdog team to victory at the national championships. But while her life has changed, her drive remains the same. Her deep Christian faith, the support of family, friends, prayer and her own determination have all factored into the recovery, she and her mother say.

Dr. Cullen believes the “lucky” aspect was the fact that part of the brain stem controlling functions like her heartbeat was not destroyed.

“If it was severe enough, she would have died. It’s about severity. Then when the bleeding stopped, the body absorbs it. The key is to support the body with the things necessary for life (nutrition, hydra-

keep on plowing through,” says Dr. Cullen.

Nona Stewart also believes her daughter’s physical and mental fitness helped with recovery. “Having the winning mentality, not giving up. She’s a fighter. Her survival had to do with how physically fit she was. (Doctors) could not believe the good condition of her body.”

While not in the “optimal” shape she was when she was on the Olympic team, Stewart was still strong from working out with weights and playing basketball.

She has been training again, but this time she must stick to a schedule that forces her to rest as well.

After rising and doing her morning routine, she must lie down on the couch for 15 minutes. If she doesn’t, she could be weakened for days, throwing off her rehabilitation.

“You have to do it. That’s how I can explain it. This is a different type of training. If I have to rest, I have to rest.”

Her passion and drive will help Stewart recover, her former Vees assistant coach MacDonald believes.

You could see why she’s an Olympic athlete. That attitude has carried her over to a whole new challenge. What was once an Olympic challenge is now a recovery challenge. She’s the same person. Her tenacity is just as apparent.”

Stewart speaks now of helping Canadian basketball and finding a way to stay involved in sport. “I’m an instrument that God wants to use in sport.”

Last October, Stewart and her teammates were inducted into the Laurentian Voyageur Athletic Hall of Fame for their upset win against University of Calgary in 1989-90.

While various fundraisers have been held to help offset Sue Stewart’s medical bills, just before press time, the family received some amazing news. Social Services of Canton, Ohio has promised to pay off the remaining medical bills, about 70% of the total.

Sport and all her supporters are pulling Stewart through the long process of her recovery.

“Everyone has been doing something. It helps, like a team,” she says. ■

Laura Young is a freelance journalist in the Sudbury area. She has her MA (2004) from Laurentian University.

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tion) until (the blood) is mopped up. She obviously had enough brain left to get her through that.”

In general, people who are physically fit tend to do better than people who aren’t, she says.

Stewart’s fitness, “stood her in good stead. It sort of gives people a reserve of strength.”

Within a month, she was managing her own care and feeding herself thanks to her physical, speech and occupational therapists.

Motivated people do better, too, Dr. Cullen says. “People who have lots of good support tend to see a reason for living and getting through it for the others.”

Stewart seems to see, “the positives, if there are any, and that’s enough for her to

“I strongly believe Sue will become the best she can be as time goes on. It may not be back to what Sue was prior to the incident, but she will not short-change herself in any way. She will reach her full potential.”

Stewart expected to be fully discharged from rehab by publication time and ready to graduate to training at a local gymnasium. She is rejoicing that she no longer needs to walk with a cane. She hopes to be able to drive again soon.

It’s hard for Dr. Cullen to predict what full recovery means at this point.

“The harder you work, the better you’ll be. She does stand to gain a lot still, which is the good news.”

Dr. Cullen enjoys Stewart’s tenacity. “I just think she’s a really neat person.

Fundraising for Stewart

Various funding drives were able to raise about 30% to help pay the more than \$100,000 Cdn in medical bills for Sue Stewart.

The fundraisers have included the following: Canadian and Laurentian basketball team alumni took on a team of police officers in Toronto last fall; current Lady Vees Ashley MacSporran and Christi Bauck raised money at the Laurentian Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament last summer; and Laurentian donated proceeds from its basketball home-opener last November.

Social Services of Canton, Ohio has just told the family it will pay off the remaining 70% in medical bills.



The new rules of hockey: the puck stops here

Laurentian graduate Stephen Walkom has been in the “big leagues” of the NHL for some time as a referee. Now he’s taking his career, and hockey, to a whole new level as the point man in charge of officiating. Professional hockey will never be the same.

BY LAURA E. YOUNG

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As the new director of officiating for the National Hockey League, Stephen Walkom, 42, prefers to take the focus away from himself and keep it on the game.

At this juncture, however, he is not only in the media spotlight, but says the media’s support will ultimately help sell the new rules and standards the NHL has adopted since its season-long lockout.

Changing a generation of hockey culture, he says, is by no means an easy task. The goal is to ensure that the nastier elements – the interference, hooking, holding and cross-checking players in front of the net – are things of the past. The NHL is responding to fans who are tired of the play being slowed through clutch and grab hockey, he says.

Nowadays, switch on any game during the double and tripleheaders of Saturday’s Hockey Night in Canada and penalties are being called. Commentators may whine during period intermission chats, but the changes have made hockey more entertaining for new as well as old fans, he says. In the new look of the NHL, an elbow to the neck is a penalty and a player shooting the puck over the glass to delay the game is penalized.

More than 500 games “into its mission,” he said before Christmas, “there’s a lot of work yet to be done.”

Walkom began his hockey career in an unassuming way. He was just another northern Ontario boy growing up in North Bay, loving his hockey and admiring Bobby Orr. When the city built a new rink, he worked as a timekeeper and then moved

into officiating, which paid more. While at Laurentian, he would referee and then join his friends at the pub.

After graduating with his commerce degree from Laurentian, Walkom worked at Proctor and Gamble and then ran his own company which manufactured automobile jacks. His love of hockey though, kept him officiating throughout work.

By 1990, he was on the NHL’s radar, and in 1992, he officiated his first game. Eventually, Walkom refereed 693 regular season games and 84 playoff games, including the 2002 and 2004 Stanley Cup finals, and earned a reputation for fairness and solid communication skills.

Walkom officiated at the 2002 Winter Olympics and the 2004 World Cup of Hockey.

WALKOM BELIEVES THE YEAR OFF HELPED “CURE” THE GAME OF ITS PROBLEMS.

During the 2004 lockout, he stayed home with his wife Annie in Moon Township, Pennsylvania with their three children. He coached hockey and power skating.

League executives approached him for the top official’s job but, while he was flattered, he didn’t leap at the offer. He had heard rumours of rule changes and wanted to know if the league was serious. For years, it had bothered him that there seemed to be one standard for the puck carrier’s behaviour and another



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for the player who didn't have the puck.

In addition, Walkom felt he could return to on-ice officiating after the lockout. "I never lost the option. I love the game."

In late July, he took on the role of senior vice-president and director of officiating, because he felt confident that the NHL was embracing change. He felt that was the best way to serve hockey at this time.

"I knew it would be a tremendous challenge. We serve the game whether on or off the ice. I thought I could do better off the ice right now."

"His judgment and professionalism on the ice, coupled with the respect he has earned as one of the top officials in the game, will be of great benefit in his transition to the officiating management ranks," said Colin Campbell, NHL executive vice-president and director of hockey operations when Walkom was appointed last August.

Walkom wasn't new to management, having spent 12 years with the officials' union executive, five as its president. But his business is in the throes of cultural change. He says everyone needs to change their style too, including players, coaches and officials. They need to unravel 20 years of coaching and play and they are not going to do it overnight either, he says. Still, if the referees can do it, "they will make history for the game."

The changes work when everyone has the same standards of enforcement every night, he believes. The standard is the key and the line Walkom draws.

"The players and officials recognize it's not about them.

It's about the standards. When you work to the standard you uphold the integrity of the game and the fans win."

Walkom isn't surprised fans returned to the game after the lockout.

And have they ever.

Last November, the league reported its best ever attendance in its 88 years of existence. It was drawing an average of nearly 17,000 fans per game. The trend was continuing in December 2005, the third consecutive month of record setting attendance. The NHL reported a 91.7 per cent capacity with 24 of 31 NHL teams reporting they were either even or ahead of their attendance in the year before the lockout.

"They love it," says Walkom. "The fans came back because the hockey players are really approachable, gentlemanly, likeable superstars. Now they all get to be superstars because of the changes. Many components have come together to create a better package for the fans."

Walkom believes the year off helped "cure" the game of its problems. Now fans watch regular season games again, he says.

In the end, two things will happen, he says. The players will conform to the new rules, or penalties will be called, which will remind the players of the new standards.

"Either way, fans will be entertained." ■

ANTI-RACISM ICON AND GRADUATE HONOURED IN U.S.

Imagine being escorted to school by the United States Army and being surrounded by angry mobs of people. Imagine your picture splashed across television screens and placed in newspapers around the globe. Laurentian graduate Minnijean Brown Trickey lived it.

Now more than 45 years later, she and eight others who were the first African-American students to desegregate an all-white high school in Little Rock, Arkansas have been honoured for their bravery.

The group, known as the Little Rock Nine, has become a symbol for breaking through barriers at the height of racial tension in the United States.

Laurentian graduate and professor Cheryle Partridge is a friend of Minnijean Brown Trickey. Partridge went to Arkansas recently for the unveiling of a statue dedicated to the Little Rock Nine and writes about her experiences.

New U.S. stamp in honour of Little Rock Nine.



BY CHERYLE PARTRIDGE

Students of history and “boomers” know that the Little Rock Nine had innate bravery, strength and determination on the day that forever changed the history of the world: September 25, 1957.

I first met Jean (this is what Minnijean’s friends call her) during the late sixties when we both lived in Toronto. At the time, Jean and her husband Roy had no children and my husband and I had our daughter, Hali. We became friends and took Jean, Roy and their dog Beastie “up north” to Wasauksing First Nation, near Parry Sound, to introduce them to my parents, brother and sister. Before long, it was as if they were a part of the family. That is how I view Jean to this day, as an older and wiser sister, and as a truly remarkable and courageous woman.

Our friendship is such that we can be apart for years and when we reconnect, it is as if we were together only yesterday. So it was this past summer, when I received a call from Jean saying that she would be in Sudbury for a visit. During our visit, Jean mentioned that there was a statue being dedicated to the Little Rock Nine in Little Rock, Arkansas at the end of August. After Jean left, I phoned my mother and daughter to see if they were free for a few days. They were, and we travelled to the United States.

Tuesday, August 30th, 2005, dawned bright and beautiful and the air actually felt tingly, as if knowing that it was a special day. The Little Rock Nine, their guests and families were staying at the same hotel. We were informed the night before that we would be picked up at 7:00 a.m.

The motorcade proceeded through the streets of Little Rock. We arrived at the State Capital building where refreshments were served prior to the unveiling of the monument to the Little Rock Nine. There were many people in attendance at the outdoor ceremony. “The Nine” were seated upon the podium and the dignitaries who spoke included the Arkansas Secretary of State, members of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Arkansas Attorney General, Governor Winthrop Rockefeller and many others. Jean requested that my mother, Carleen Partridge, say a short prayer in the Ojibway/Anishinaabe language. What a thrill for us! The unveiling of the monument was a momentous event. It is comprised of life-size statues of the members of the Nine as they were when they made history by desegregating Little Rock Central High School. It was very impressive.

The motorcade then proceeded to Little Rock Central High School, where more honours to the group took place. It was called “The First Day of Issue Ceremony.” It was the unveiling of a stamp dedicated to the Little Rock Nine. The agenda included praises and words of empowerment to the Nine by city and state dignitaries. We then were taken to a VIP reception at the Clinton Presidential Center.

Jean is a humble person and I think she felt more pride that her daughter, Spirit, received a plaque for being the organizing force behind the day’s events than she did for the recognition she herself received.

About her lifelong dedication to human rights, Jean says, “During the very first second of our entrance into Central High School, it was clear that by just going to school we were changing the world. In many ways, the hatred and brutality toward us



Minnijean Brown Trickey (right) and daughter Leila with newly unveiled statue.

actually strengthened our resolve to remain in Central, no matter what. I know that my commitment to social justice comes directly as the result of the desegregation crisis.”

Minnijean’s commitment to causes didn’t end.

After we met in Toronto, Jean moved to northern Ontario where she and her husband literally carved a farm out of the wilderness for themselves and their soon to be six children. During this time, Jean was instrumental in starting home-schooling in Ontario and she was a defender of the environment in Temagami.

She then chose a path in social work and was a member of the first graduating class in the Native Human Services program. After graduation, she moved to Ottawa where she received her Master of

Social Work degree from Carleton University.

In 1999, the Little Rock Nine received the Congressional Gold Medal from President Clinton. When the opportunity to work within the Clinton administration came along, Jean moved back to the U.S.

Today, Jean lives in Little Rock where she continues her lifelong work in the peace movement by travelling throughout the southern U.S. with her message of peace and non-violence. When the time is right, I am sure that she will move back to Canada. ■

Cheryle Partridge has a BSW (1993) in Native Human Services from Laurentian University and is now a professor in that program. She also has her MSW (1994) from the University of Toronto.

ELECTION FEVER STRIKES LAURENTIAN GRADS

It was a race to the finish for four Laurentian grads who ran in the past federal election. All in all, they fared well. All three incumbents hung onto their seats, and one grad was able to pick up votes with a new and lesser-known party. We checked in with the candidates after the election.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF CANDIDATES



Raymond Bonin
Riding: Nickel Belt
Party: Liberal
Laurentian degree: BA, Political Science
Year graduated: 1990

Bio: worked for Air Canada and Cambrian College; first elected as MP in 1993; served as a councillor for the city and region of Sudbury

How he fared: kept his seat with 43.3% of the vote

On the national campaign: "I feel that our party and our cabinet didn't fight back hard enough (against accusations against the Liberals). In future, I'm going to push caucus to defend ourselves better."

On being in opposition: "I'm at my best when I'm fighting, but I'm not going to fight for the sake of putting down the other side. I like a fair fight, so I won't be making false accusations, and I won't be embarrassing ministers just for the sake (of it)... You don't insult a minister in question period and ask for special consideration for your riding 20 minutes later."

Plans to focus on: making sure new government funds the new Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation (see Latest section), and provides assistance for farms in the north.



Diane Marleau
Riding: Sudbury
Party: Liberal
Laurentian degree: BA, Economics
Year graduated: 1975

Bio: grew up in Kirkland Lake; first elected as MP in 1988; served as federal Health Minister; served as regional councillor in Sudbury

How she fared: kept her seat with 41.6% of the vote

On the race: "I thought it went fairly well. I can't complain really... I felt it was a long campaign. It was a reasonable campaign here. We didn't get into any of the mudslinging here, as in other areas. I thought all of my opponents were really good. We stuck to what we stood for."

On being in opposition: "I've been there. So I'm going back to where I started. It'll be different, because it's a minority situation. I expect that we'll oppose the things we don't agree with and support the things we do. We're the official opposition and we'll take that seriously."

Plans to focus on: making sure new government supports the new Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation (see Latest section) and continues with FedNor (funding agency for the north).



Tony Martin
Riding: Sault Ste. Marie
Party: NDP
Laurentian degree: BA, Political Science
Year graduated: 1974

Bio: born in Ireland and moved to northern Ontario in 1960; first elected as MP in 2004; elected as Member of Provincial Parliament in 1990

How he fared: kept his seat with 38.9% of the vote

On the race: "It was a tough campaign. We worked really hard. It was long, the weather was a challenge. But that made the victory all the sweeter."

On how he did in the election: "I think that the campaign that we ran centrally, (with) Jack (Layton) at the central campaign, was flawless. That certainly helped big time. And then we ran a really tight and effective local campaign."

Plans to focus on: the economy of northern Ontario, have government address problems in the forestry industry.



William Morin
Riding: Algoma-Manitowlin-Kapuskasing
Party: First Peoples National Party of Canada (new party)
Laurentian degrees: BA, Natives Studies; MA, Humanities
Year graduated: 1998, 2001

Bio: member of the Michipicoten First Nation; served as a medical assistant in the armed forces in the first Gulf War; visual artist; consultant who helped develop White Mountain Academy of the Arts in Elliot Lake

How he fared: garnered 0.9% of the vote

On the race: "We, the party, and the other candidates... we won what we set out to do. With the birth of a new political party, with raising many important issues affecting all people, and raising awareness about Aboriginal people."

On the future of his party: "The only path for us is forward and upward... we're going to run more candidates in the next election. We're encouraging people to participate in the building of this new party. This is the first time on the national level an Aboriginal party has been recognized across the nation."

Plans to focus on: an upcoming convention for his party this summer.

If you're a Laurentian alumnus who ran in this past federal election and we missed you, drop us a line at magazine@laurentian.ca.

BECKONED BY BUCKINGHAM

Retired geology professor Paul Copper was honoured recently at Buckingham Palace during a special reception. This was Copper's second encounter with royalty... his first happened during a historical visit.

BY SHIRLEY MOORE

Most of us don't get one brush with a royal in a lifetime, let alone two.

Recently-retired geology professor Paul Copper attended a special reception at Buckingham Palace on February 20th.

Copper is a former recipient of the 1851 Exhibition Scholarship, which is awarded annually by the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 to pursue studies in science or engineering. Prince Philip is the president of the commission, which held its first-ever reception for the few recipients of the special educational scholarship.

The invitation to Buckingham took Copper right out of the blue. He says when he received the email, he didn't quite know what to make of it.

"At first I thought it was a joke. Then I saw the return address," he laughs. "I wasn't sure initially if I had the time... (but then it's) not everyday you get invited to Buckingham Palace."

Copper was awarded the special scholarship in 1962. He says at that time, it was worth more than the Rhodes Scholarship. He used it to work on his PhD at the Royal School of Mines in England.

Copper says the February reception took place in a "picture gallery" at the palace, plastered with paintings by greats like Rembrandt.



Professor Paul Copper, who retired last year

What is the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851?

Queen Victoria set up the Royal Commission for the Great Exhibition of 1851. The exhibition showed off British technology and other achievements, and its colonies at the time were also asked to participate.

The exhibition was very successful and made a huge profit. Rather than dissolve the commission, Britain kept it going and used the money to buy acres of land in South Kensington in London and set up three museums, the Royal Albert Hall, Imperial College and the Royal Colleges of Art and Music.

Even after that, there was still a substantial amount of money left, so the Royal Commission set up an educational trust in 1891. The trust gives out fellowships and grants to pure research in science and engineering, applied research in industry, industrial design and other projects.

The trust now has capital assets of more than £30M, and makes charitable donations of more than £1M per year.

summarized from the commission's website

He and about 100 other scholars listened to Prince Philip give a ten minute speech on the origins of the commission. The prince then gave a "group hello" to the crowd before departing.

It was nothing like Copper's first, more personal meeting.

Copper helped guide the prince around the Laurentian campus more than 20 years ago, in October 1984, when the prince visited Sudbury with his wife Queen Elizabeth for the opening of Science North.

During his tour, Copper says he explained the origin of the Sudbury Basin and pointed out evidence of geological structures called "impact shatter cones" and Sudbury breccia melt rock from the asteroid that fell in the area some 1.8 billion years ago. Copper laughs when he says the prince seemed interested in the conversation at the time.

"At first I thought it was a joke. Then I saw the return address."

He says he remembers he was briefed on protocol beforehand, and had to walk behind the prince, which he describes as "challenging" when showing someone around.

Copper says the 10 to 15 minute tour is now a "blur", but he was left with an impression of the prince. "He's very smooth, very down to earth actually. He's done this a thousand times, if not tens of thousands of times! He puts you at ease straight away." ■

See more on page 32.

LAURENTIAN RESEARCHERS GET SOUGHT-AFTER RESEARCH CHAIRS

Earth sciences professor Dr. Balz Kamber and human kinetics professor Dr. Nancy Young have been awarded research chairs through the Canada Research Chairs Program (CRCP), bringing Laurentian's total up from five to seven.

Dr. Kamber received a Tier 1 Chair valued at \$200,000 per year for seven years, while Dr. Young received a Tier 2 Chair worth \$100,000 per year for five years.

The goal of the research chair program is to try to establish Canada as one of the top five countries in the world for research and development. The CRCP gives out a total of \$300 million annually to researchers across the country who have been recognized for their contributions and accomplishments in their fields of study.

To be selected for a chair, researchers must be nominated by their university, and they must submit an idea for a high quality and unique research program. Dr. Kamber and Dr. Young join the nearly 1,500 chairs that have been funded to date.

Dr. Kamber is one of the leading researchers studying ancient rocks and mineral deposits left over from the longest geological period in the Earth's history, the Precambrian era. With the CRCP funding, Dr. Kamber will continue to conduct research aimed at uncovering clues about the Earth's long-term geological evolution. This includes studying the history of continent formation and the evolution of free oxygen levels in the atmosphere.

For her part, Dr. Young has been praised for her innovative work concerning children's health. Over the years, Dr. Young has developed several health assessment strategies that rely on direct testimony from children. At Laurentian, Dr. Young will aim to promote better health among children in remote regions by studying how they are influenced by factors such as isolation, distance and limited healthcare resources.

PROFESSORS' HONOUR ROLL



DR. STEVE PIERCEY, professor of Earth Sciences has received the Waldemar Lindgren (Outstanding Young Scientist) Award for 2005 from the Society of Economic Geologists. The international society of ore deposit geologists gives the award each year to a bright young scientist who has, before the age of 35, published research that represents a remarkable contribution to economic geology. Piercey is the first Laurentian professor to receive it.

Piercey, 31, has published nine peer-reviewed papers, 13 government publications, three geological maps and 40 abstracts. His research combines field mapping and observations, and the application of innovative laboratory techniques. He received a PhD from the University of British Columbia in 2001 and has been a professor at Laurentian University ever since.



Biology professor **DR. MADHUR ANAND** has received the Young Alumni Award from her alma mater, the University of Western Ontario. The award recognizes significant contributions by an outstanding individual 40 years old or under who sets an inspirational example for future young alumni.

Anand is an associate professor of theoretical and quantitative ecology. Her research focuses on the dynamics and complexity of ecological systems and how these systems might respond to human and natural disturbances. Within 15 months of her appointment at Laurentian, she was promoted from assistant to associate professor and awarded the Canada Research Chair in Biocomplexity of the Environment. She is among the top funded researchers at Laurentian, and has been recognized with many honours including the coveted Premier's Research Excellence Award. She received her BSc in 1993 and PhD in 1997.



DR. LUIS RADFORD, professor of Education (French language), has received Laurentian's 2004-2005 Research Excellence Award. He specializes in mathematics education and the cultural evolution of mathematical thinking. His research contributions – in French, English, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese – have attracted various researchers as well as visiting scholars from Italy, France and Mexico.

In addition to more than 50 presentations at national and international conferences, Radford has published three books, 13 chapters and nearly 90 articles and papers. He is also the associate editor of the international journal *For the Learning of Mathematics* and a member of the editorial boards for several other international journals. He has been teaching at L'École des sciences de l'éducation at Laurentian since 1992.

Weighing the costs of **TESTOSTERONE**

BY LINDA BUCHOWSKI

Dr. Albrecht Schulte-Hostedde is passionate about procreation. The biologist's research program covers a range of studies, from the sexual selection of water beetles, to sperm competition in walleye, and the potential breeding of wild and domestic mink. He says it's all about understanding the natural world.

One of his projects is examining the link between the male sex hormone in red and flying squirrels in Algonquin Park and the parasites that live on the outside of the body. He wants to better understand the *benefits* of testosterone to the male squirrel – such as greater muscle mass, an advantage when competing for females – compared to the cost this may have on his health.

Schulte-Hostedde's studies show

that male squirrels carry five times or more parasites like fleas and mites than the females do. He says some researchers believe that testosterone is the culprit, since it has been proven to lower the capacity of the immune system. Schulte-Hostedde agrees and wants to see if male squirrels producing more testosterone have more parasites. Is this one of the costs of higher testosterone levels?

One thing that Schulte-Hostedde has noticed in squirrels is that smaller males tend to have more parasites. "The number of parasites is a measure of health," he explains, and the greater number of parasites, the poorer the health since the energy that the body needs to fight parasites is shifted away



from the animal's growth.

Whether or not the smaller males have higher testosterone levels is something that he's working to prove. To help with this, he recently received a \$100,000 research grant from the provincial government's Early Researcher Award program. These funds will cover salaries for research students and technicians as well as travel expenses for conferences and field research.

NewBooks *by Laurentian faculty and alumni*



895 DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD: THE PRESIDENCY OF GERALD R. FORD (2005)
Graeme Mount (History)

The author redefines Gerald Ford's contribution to world politics and his place in American history. History alumnus Mark Gauthier (BA 2002, MA 2003) also collaborated on the book.



EL GRAN CARIBE: HISTORIA, CULTURA Y POLITICA (2005) book chapter by **Mark Gauthier (BA 2002, MA 2003)** and **Jason Zorbas (BA 1999, MA 2001)**

This book was edited by Martha Ardila and published by the Universidad Externado de Colombia (Bogota). The chapter "Canada and the Caribbean" was written by Gauthier, Zorbas and Dr. Dieter Buse (retired Laurentian history professor).



THE TOPOLOGY OF THE 2X2 GAMES: A NEW PERIODIC TABLE (2005)
David Robinson (Economics),
David Goforth (Mathematics)

Game theory has implications for all of the social sciences and beyond. The authors deliver a "periodic table" of the most common games including the prisoner's dilemma, chicken and the battle of the sexes.



CANADA (2005) **Mike Grandmaison (BSc 1976)** and **Shelagh Rogers**

Nature photographer and alumnus Mike Grandmaison and CBC broadcaster Shelagh Rogers offer this coffee table book filled with panoramic images of Canada. This is Grandmaison's sixth book since starting a freelance photography career in 1996.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

BY CLAUDE LACROIX, BA 1991
PRESIDENT OF THE LUAA



WE HAVE RECEIVED a number of expressions of interest from alumni who wish to create new chapters across Ontario. Our most recent grouping is the Huronia Regional Chapter which includes the Barrie, Orillia, Midland, Collingwood and Penetang regions. Presided by alumnus Kyle Clarke (BPHE 2005), the chapter has already recruited several alum.

If you're interested in forming a new local chapter with a group of Laurentian grads or if you're

curious about how to join, I encourage you to send an email to alumni@laurentian.ca to request the manual or go to our website.

The year also bodes well for the Sudbury Chapter: On the heels of a very successful Christmas party at Habanas, the president of the Sudbury Chapter, university president Dr. Judith Woodsworth, and I (as president of the LUAA) hosted the first ever Presidents' Ball on March 4th at Bryston's on the Park. All net proceeds go to the Sudbury Alumni Chapter student bursary.

Please mark your calendar for the Laurentian University Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament, which will take place this June 23rd in Sudbury. Given last year's success, we expect we'll have no difficulty fielding a full complement of teams.

With the number of events taking place in Sudbury over the next year, there are plenty of reasons for alumni to come to Sudbury to reconnect and see how the campus is evolving. See the new residence overlooking the lake, the new medical school and the work on a new student recreation centre.

It's also always wonderful to recognize alumni accomplishments. I had an opportunity to watch CTV's The Next Great Prime Minister recently, and on behalf of the board, I'd like to congratulate Dierdra McCracken (BA Political Science 2004) on her win. She emulates the drive and enthusiasm that are hallmarks of being a Laurentian grad.

Seeing as this is the second issue with the new magazine format, we'd like to know what you think and whether the alumni section adequately outlines LUAA services. Please email us at alumni@laurentian.ca.

Finally, as the annual general meeting approaches in May and my term comes to an end, I would like to thank you for your encouragement and commitment. Teamwork has allowed the LUAA to accomplish as much as it has in such a short time, and I'd like to recognize and thank all of the board members for their unconditional support throughout my term.

On behalf of your alumni association, I wish you and yours all the best. I hope to see you at an upcoming alumni event.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

Alumni chapters have been created for the following regions and groups

Laurentian@Georgian Alumni Chapter – georgianchapter@laurentian.ca

Huronia Alumni Chapter – huroniachapter@laurentian.ca

New York City Alumni Chapter – newyorkcitychapter@laurentian.ca

On-campus Alumni Chapter – oncampuschapter@laurentian.ca

Ottawa Alumni Chapter – ottawachapter@laurentian.ca

Sudbury Alumni Chapter – sudburychapter@laurentian.ca

Toronto Alumni Chapter – torontochapter@laurentian.ca

For information on any of these chapters, please send an email to the address given.

Alumni Voyageur Hall of Fame

The annual Alumni Voyageur Hall of Fame induction dinner took place in October in Sudbury. Laurentian University is proud to welcome the following inductees to its Hall of Fame:

Builder: Dr. Ken Sidney, nordic skiing
Male athlete: Michael Fox, BPHE 1974, hockey
Female athlete: Shirlene McLean, women's basketball
Team: 1989-90 women's basketball team
CIAU champions

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 2006 Alumni Voyageur Hall of Fame to be held in Sudbury on October 13, 2006. Nomination deadline is May 1, 2006. Visit www.lualumni.laurentian.ca/english/events/hof.html for selection criteria.



2005 inductees to the Alumni Voyageur Hall of Fame

Update on local chapters

Alumni chapters continue to be a priority for the university and the alumni association. To date, chapters have been established in Sudbury, Toronto, Ottawa, New York City and Huronia Region. There is also Laurentian@Georgian alumni group and most recently, an on-campus chapter.

Although these alumni chapters are still fairly new, they have been very active this past year.

- Laurentian@Georgian Chapter: took part in the new Georgian student cruise in Barrie last September.
- Toronto Chapter: participated in the 2005 Send-off Party in Markham last August and held alumni receptions after the Voyageur vs University of Toronto soccer game in October and



From left, Sudbury Regional Hospital CEO Vickie Kaminski, Laurentian University president Judith Woodsworth and Sudbury MP Diane Marleau.

the Voyageur basketball game in November.

- Ottawa Chapter: participated in the 2005 Send-off Party in Ottawa in August; held a Comedy Night at "Absolute Comedy" last November and raised funds for the Ottawa Alumni Chapter Bursary for Ottawa students at Laurentian; and took part in a reception following a basketball game in December.
- Sudbury Chapter: took part in the Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament last June; participated in the 2005 Send-off Party in August; held a Christmas reception in December. All funds raised at Sudbury Chapter events are directed to the Sudbury Alumni Chapter Bursary for Sudbury students attending Laurentian.



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Laurentian Convocation

FALL CONVOCATION 2005

The Laurentian University Alumni Association (LUAA) welcomed more than 300 new graduates to its growing family at fall convocation. New graduates had the honour of hearing Dr. Richard Pound speak. He received an honorary doctorate in Sports Administration.

The alumni association also launched its new Online Community (OLC) at convocation. Graduates were able to

update their information online and search through the many features of the new website and OLC.

The LUAA sponsored a special contest to encourage new graduates to visit their alumni website. Over 65 of them did, and Maxine Prudhomme (BA 2005) was the lucky winner of an iPod. Congratulations!

Commerce bursary

Last September, the 1980 Commerce and Sports Administration classes held their 25th reunion celebration on campus. Since that fun-filled weekend, the group has created an annual award to benefit Laurentian students.

To date, more than \$2,500 has been raised through the generous contributions of the 1980 class – and the pot continues to grow!

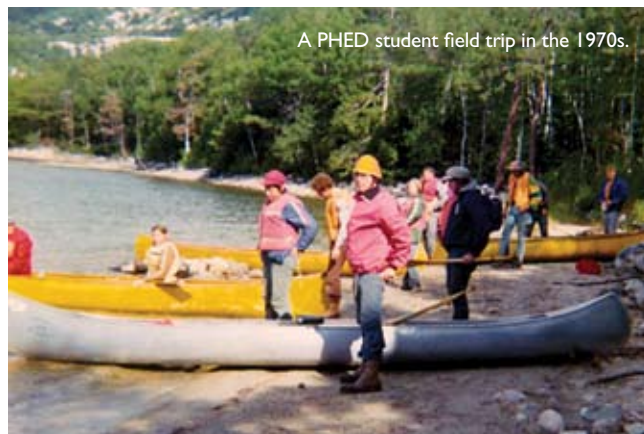
On behalf of the students who will benefit from your generosity – thank you. See you in 2010 to celebrate your 30th!



Commerce class of 1980

Calling all 1976 Phys Ed graduates!

Your 30th anniversary reunion is being held the weekend of September 15-17 at the Tim Hortons' Camp in Parry Sound, Ontario. Erica Carlson, Joe Pecaric and Kathy Russell-Deakin have been hard at work sending out newsletters and planning a fun-filled weekend of activities. This is one reunion you won't want to miss! For more information, email Erica Carlson at ericacarlson@persona.ca.



A PHED student field trip in the 1970s.



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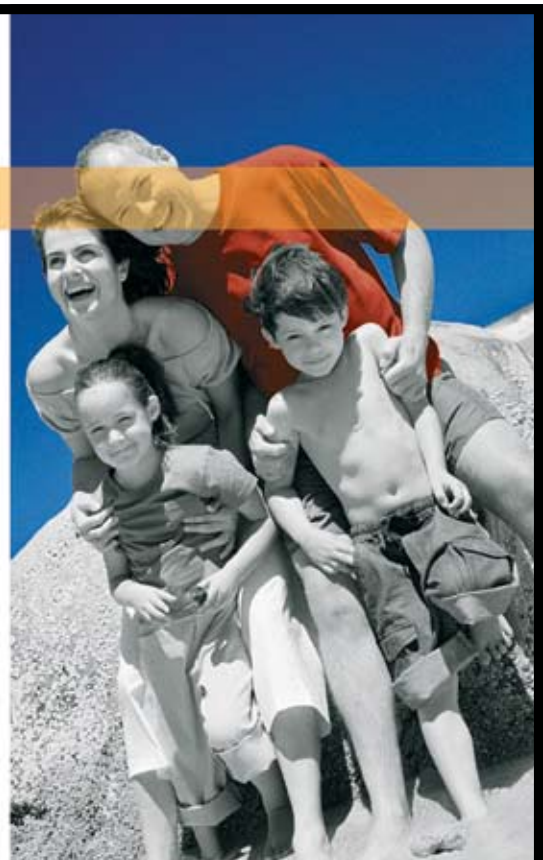
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New mentorship program

In conjunction with the reception for the 10th anniversary of the National Deans' Entrance Scholarships for Excellence held in January, the Alumni Relations office officially launched its newest mentoring initiative. The new program pairs past deans' scholars – now Laurentian graduates – with new student recipients of the National Deans' Scholarships.

The mentor provides guidance and support on academic requirements and obligations, as well as advice on how to maintain a balance between school and other commitments. Communication with a mentor can provide realistic information about career options, employment conditions and job responsibilities.

As Daryl White, a current mentor and former dean's scholar explained, alumni benefit from the mentoring experience by having the opportunity to share their personal experiences and achievements with students.

"I was quite excited at the prospect of contributing to the deans' scholar program which I found so enriching during my time here. I look forward to seeing the growth and development of this mentoring program and of the people who participate in it."

If you're interested in becoming a mentor to a current Laurentian student, please visit www.lualumni.laurentian.ca.

Daryl White (BA 2000), a former dean's scholar, spoke to students at a reception in January.



LSA Loonie Line

In November, the Laurentian Student Alumni (LSA) coordinated its second "Loonie Line" to help fellow students in need. During the event, members canvassed staff, faculty and students for their spare change.

This year's "Loonie Line" goal was surpassed as \$200 was collected, all of which went toward the purchase of food and meal vouchers for the campus food bank. The LSA extends a special thank you to everyone who emptied their pockets!

"The LSA's first charity project this year was a great opportunity for the Laurentian community to help out students who needed some assistance during the holidays and throughout the year," said Vikki Pownall, LSA president.



LSA members Jessica Tarini (left), vice-president, and Ashley Lawrence, awareness coordinator, helped with the Loonie Line fundraising event.

ALUMNI UPDATES

1960s

Rev. Dr. Murray Arnill, BA Philosophy 1963, was named chancellor of Huntington University last fall. Although he won't be officially installed until next fall convocation, Murray has received the chancellor's gown from Ted Jewell to mark the official beginning of his duties. Murray was a member of the first graduating class of Huntington before he went to Emmanuel College in Toronto. He has served pastorates in Manitowaning, Silver Water, Onondaga, Chapleau, Kapuskasing and North Bay, and has been an active and valuable member of Manitou Conference as well as the Board of Regents at Huntington University.

1970s

Michele (Michael) F. Pollesel, BA 1972, successfully defended his Doctor of Ministry thesis (entitled "Holistic Stewardship: living into God's dream") in March 2005 at Colgate Rochester Cozer Divinity School in New York. In November, the Council of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada confirmed Michael's appointment as the general secretary of General Synod, effective February 2006, when he moved to Toronto to take up his new position and duties.

David Chirko, BA 1976, presented his 25th anniversary Abstract Art Exhibit at the Sudbury Theatre Centre in January. Throughout his career, David also took courses at Cambrian College. He attended Sudbury Secondary and Lansdowne Public School and now resides in Sudbury's west end. www.eol.ca/acsa/chirko.html

1980s

Jane Ridley, BScN 1984, is a nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist in nephrology at the London Health Sciences Centre. After graduating from Laurentian, she worked in intensive care settings and did outpost nursing in northern Ontario and northern British Columbia. She has an MScN from the University of Western Ontario, where she taught for 2 ½ years. jane.ridley@lhsc.on.ca

Franco Rinaldo, BA Economics 1984, is married to Kim Rinaldo. They have a son named Benjamin. Franco and Kim are self-employed office equipment representatives for Sharp Electronics of Canada.

1990s

Michael Stevenson, BA 1990, MA 1992, studied history at Laurentian and then earned a PhD at the University of Western Ontario. He is the editor of volumes 24 and 25 of Documents on Canadian External Relations (which cover the first 18 months of Diefenbaker's government in 1957-1958). Michael went to school in Lively and played for the Sudbury Spartans before attending Laurentian. He now lives in Hamilton where he edits the papers of British philosopher Bertrand Russell, housed at the library of McMaster University.

Sylvie Ginette Linda Gareau-Jones, BSc Biology 1992, also has a BEd and works for the Rainbow District School Board as an elementary school teacher. In 1997, she married Robert Jones, an electrician and professor at Cambrian College and the couple has a 3-year-old daughter. The family loves to travel and has been to Europe, United Kingdom and Vancouver. They also enjoy canoeing, fishing, x-country and downhill skiing and gardening. They built a new home in 2004 in Garson. gareaus@rainbowschools.ca

John Shields, BA Earth Science 1995, worked for 7 years as equipment manager for Jacques Whitford & Associates in Ottawa. John is currently looking for a new opportunity in the Manitoulin-Sudbury region.

Greg Johnston, BA History 1996, has been working at Health Canada for the past 3 years, responsible for the national social marketing campaigns around the issue of second-hand smoke. Greg writes that "having a job that impacts the health of many Canadians makes it easy to come to work each day and it's pretty cool to create powerful advertisements and campaigns that really make a difference."

He is married to **Natasha (Robillard), BCom SPAD 1997**. They have a beautiful 2-year-old son named Ewen and a new baby born

early this year. The family lives in Greely (just outside Ottawa) with dog Homer. They have stayed in touch with a number of friends from LU (UC rez and SPAD) and they spent some time this summer just outside Sudbury. "We both loved our time at Laurentian and have friendships with LU grads that will last a lifetime."

Bonnie Lum, BA Computer Science 1999, writes "I miss Sudbury! A big city just doesn't compare to the great white north! I just bought a new condo and can't wait to move in. Hopefully it will make my life in Toronto a lot more comfortable!"

2000+

Tyler Campbell, BCom SPAD 2000, was named to the Accessibility Standards Advisory Council which was established by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act in 2005. The council will provide advice to help the province achieve the government's vision of an accessible society over the next 20 years. Tyler, a Sudbury native, is a senior manager with ICAN – Independence Centre and Network – and is also a school board trustee and chair of the Northern Credit Union's delegates committee.

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Jeffrey Laurier Rouse, BA Geography 2000, married **Angela Humphrey, BA Psychology 2000, in 2003.** The couple now lives in Stayner, Ontario. In 2004, Jeff graduated from the Master of Environmental Studies/LLB concurrent program at York University and was called to the Bar in September 2005. He currently practises law with George V. Demery.

Bram Thomas Mathew, BA Anthropology 2001, MA Humanities 2004, also has an MA in History from the University of Manchester (2003) in the U.K. Bram is currently doing his PhD in Medieval European History at the King's College of the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

Mickey Teed, BA Theatre Arts 2002, married Pamela (Sabourin) Teed, BA 2005, in October 2003. The couple lives in Ottawa where Mickey is one of the coordinators of the annual giving campaign at the University of Ottawa. "No kids...just a small dog..." In the photo: Mickey and his wife Pamela pose with Mike Holmes of Holmes on Homes on TLC.

Jason Stevenson, BSc Biology 2003, was recently accepted to an extensive four-year training program with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. The program will allow him to get the license he needs to operate the Candu nuclear reactors at the Bruce Power Nuclear Facility on Lake Huron.



Pamela (Sabourin) Teed (BA 2005), Mickey Teed (BA Theatre Arts 2002), and Mike Holmes of Holmes on Homes.

Jeremy Cormier, BA Philosophy 2004, works for the Ontario Ministry of Finance in Toronto as a policy analyst.



SURVEY ANNOUNCEMENT

Voice your opinion!

This issue of the Magazine includes a survey to obtain your feedback on the programs and initiatives put forward by your alumni association. If you prefer to fill

out the survey online, please go to www.lualumni.laurentian.ca.

Since the alumni association is your voice, please let us know how we're doing and what else we could do to meet your needs. Your completed surveys are appreciated by May 1, 2006.

Thank you in advance for your time.



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John Breault, BA
Daliah Brown, BA
Louise (Quesnel) Chartrand, BA
Normande Coulterman, BA
Ronald Cuomo, BCom
Brenda Cupper, BSW
Ann Duncan, BA 1975, BEd
Holly Earl, BSW
Pierre Guillemette, BA
Edward Hawkins, BCom
Keijo Liitela, BCom

Anne (Currie) Metikosh, BTrn
Karen (Snoddon) Munro, BA
Gwen Myatt, BA
Karen Northway, BA 1973, BSW
Dona (Udeschini) Patterson, BA
Bruce Ranta, BSc
Wilfred Reaume, BA
Frederick Sagle, BA
Richard Thackeray, BSc
Jeannine Théberge, BA
Margaret Vezina, BA
John Wojciechowski, BA
Bradbury Wright, BA

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Laurentian
graduate
Conway Fraser
with his
Gemini Award

And the Gemini goes to...a Laurentian grad

BY LAURA E. YOUNG

CBC journalist goes for the gold... and gets it.

Conway Fraser was desperate. A journalist without a story idea is a lost, frantic soul. So Fraser, a member of CBC Winnipeg's investigative unit, told a colleague he was off to do what he called a "hypocrisy search," when Fraser scans archives looking for broken government promises.

"It's a pretty routine thing I do. There. I've revealed my secret."

The background was straightforward: while in opposition, the provincial NDP had accused the then Manitoba government of selling out to the video game industry. The NDP asked why anyone could buy or rent violent video games when violent, sexually explicit movies were regulated.

Intrigued, Fraser wondered whatever happened to that issue, "now that the NDP was in power and could do something about it," he says.

It was the start of an award-winning story. Fraser, who was the reporter and co-producer, and colleagues Ray Bourrier, Alison Crawford, Robert Schroeder and Lani Selick won the Gemini Award in November for "Violent Video Games" in the Best Lifestyle/Practical Information Segment category. The story aired nationally in August 2004 on CBC TV's *The National*.

For the basis of the story, Fraser used background information that a 15-year-old boy had been able to rent violent video games in stores and there were no regulations to stop him.

But the story still needed some drama.

A search on the Internet found a story about Aaron Hamel, a Canadian nurse from Windsor who had been shot in the head while driving his truck outside Tennessee in June 2003. Tired of computer video games, two young males got their hands on some guns and started shooting at cars in the street.

These people anchored the story for Fraser and his team.

The link to the murdered Canadian helped convince the CBC network to air the story across Canada.

As with any story, Fraser enjoys igniting debate and "in fairness, (shining) a spotlight on government." And there was some reaction to it as well. He knows the story caused debate, he says.

The Ontario government placed some restrictions on violent video games. Manitoba passed laws and hired one enforcement officer for the entire province.

He had hoped all provinces would change their laws, but one of his fears is if his stories don't get any reaction...

he feels then he might become a jaded journalist.

Fraser's journalism career began in Ontario. The Sudbury native graduated from Laurentian with a BA in Political Science in 1994 and from Canadore College's communications program in North Bay. He worked at CBC Radio One in Sudbury before moving his family of six – including wife Angie Fraser (nee Peddie) and their children Faith, Kane, Lachlan and Jensen – to Toronto.

Life in the "Big City" took its toll. He was spending \$500 per month just on transportation to and from work. He then decided to make the switch from radio to a TV job in Winnipeg.

His first journalism love remains radio, though, he says. He has also kept his ear and fingers tuned to radio by writing documentaries for *The Current* and a number of other shows.

The surprise Gemini nomination for his TV piece came just after the lockout ended at CBC last year. He had spent the lockout delivering papers and teaching adult literacy to earn extra money.

"One day you're delivering the newspaper. Two days later you're nominated for a Gemini. That was the best." ■

Erik Anderson, BA Native Studies 1996, was named head coach of the Loyalist Women's Basketball Team last November. He has been a coach for both school and club basketball and his experience includes many Bay of Quinte Championships and Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) titles. Team sports have always been an integral part of his life – at Moira Secondary School, Laurentian University and also in Australia, where he attended teachers' college at Griffith University in Brisbane. (www.loyalistc.on.ca)

Roland Horst, MSc Geology 1981, was named vice-president of Business Development with FNX Mining Company

Inc. in October. He began his career as an exploration geologist with Inco Ltd followed by several years of corporate finance experience with a number of brokerage firms. For the past several years, he has been involved in the financing and managing of mining and geophysical companies. In addition to his Laurentian degree, he has a BSc from McGill as well as an LLB and MBA from the University of Western Ontario. ([Business Wire](#))

André Labine, BA 1971, is the vice-president of Marketing and New Business Development at Alpine Canada Alpin, the governing body for ski racing in Canada. After graduating from

Laurentian, he joined Shell Canada where he worked in sales and marketing for nearly three decades. He was introduced to ski racing in 1983 when he was involved in the Shell Cup. In 1998, he joined Royal Lubricants, now called Anderol Specialty Lubricants. With more than 20 years as a ski racing volunteer, he has held leadership roles from the grassroots levels as chief of race for the Juvenile Championships in 1999 to World Cup levels at the Lake Louise Winterstart World Cup and 2005 World Championships in Bormio, Italy. (www.skipressworld.com)



Poli Sci alumna as next Prime Minister?

Dierdra McCracken, BA Political Science 2004, made national headlines in early February when she was named “The Next Great Prime Minister.” McCracken was among five young Canadians chosen as finalists for CTV’s primetime special which aired February 4. She was grilled by four former prime ministers (Brian Mulroney, Kim Campbell, Joe Clark and John Turner) and was judged to be the candidate with the most leadership potential. Along with a cheque for \$50,000, McCracken received the DMK Fair Enterprise and Public Policy Award and a 6-month paid internship to be overseen by the three contest sponsors (The Dominion Institute, Magna International and the Arthur Kroeger College of Public Affairs). She is currently working toward an MA in Political Science at Université Laval. The contest will accept submissions for next year’s show in April. (CTV)

Jacqueline H.R. Le Saux, BSL 1975, was appointed vice-president of Corporate and Legal Affairs at Vasogen Inc., a researcher and commercial developer of technologies targeting the chronic inflammation underlying cardiovascular and neurological disease. She has more than 20 years of business and legal experience in the biotechnology and life sciences industry, having held a series of executive positions in legal and operational capacities with sanofi-aventis, Zinc Therapeutics, Ellipsis Biotherapeutics and Draxis Health. She was also a partner in the law firm McCarthy Tétrault, specializing in corporate and securities law. She has an LLB from the University of Toronto and an MBA from the University of Ottawa. (www.biospace.com)

Denis Mayer, Com.Dip. 1989, MBA 2003, was named president and chair of the Board of Directors of Canadian Virtual University-Université virtuelle canadienne (CVU-UVC

Inc.). He has been involved with CVU since 2000. He is associate vice-president of Student Affairs at Laurentian University and has served as president of the Canadian Association of Distance Education and of the Ontario Council for University Lifelong Learning. Canadian Virtual University is a consortium of 12 Canadian universities that offers a collective catalogue of 1500 courses and 250 degrees, diplomas and certificates entirely online or through distance education. (www.canadian-universities.net)

Isabelle Michel, BScN 1988, MA 1996, was named to the new Smoke-Free Ontario Campaign Committee. It will provide expert advice to help Ontario reduce tobacco consumption by 20 per cent by 2007. She is the manager of professional practice and development at the Sudbury and District Health Unit and has experience and understanding of the role of public health in addressing tobacco control. The McGuinity

government will invest \$50 million in the Smoke-Free Ontario campaign to prevent premature death and many chronic diseases associated with smoking. (www.newswire.ca)

Marc Santerre, BA 1984, BCom 1986, was appointed chief financial officer of Provance Technologies Inc., a developer and marketer of IT service and asset-management solutions. He was the chief financial officer of International Datacasting Corporation, Vistar Telecommunications Inc., and GPC Government Policy Consultants. He is a Certified Management Accountant. His new position is based out of the Gatineau office in Quebec. ([Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance Journal](#))

Alumnus' book shines nationally

BY LINDA BUCHOWSKI

Jason Villeneuve, BCom 1998, became the business development manager of the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre (SSMIC) last September. He is now working with the IT community and the centre's clients. He has seven years of business development experience in northern Ontario and has held senior positions in both private and public sector organizations. He also operated his own consulting company. At the Capreol Community Development Corp., he was promoted to CEO and helped secure funding to build and eventually operate a call centre that employed more than 150 people in Capreol. (Sootoday.com)

Carol Workman, BCom 1974, was appointed executive director of the Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO) as of November 1, 2005. Previously, she was the vice-president of Resources and from 1986 to 1992, she was corporate comptroller at the University of Ottawa. She was appointed vice-rector in 1992 and her portfolio included a number of services including the management of financial, human, computing and physical resources. ([NACUFS Newsletter](#); [University of Ottawa Gazette](#))

Van Zorbas, BA Economics 1993, is now an HRO (human resources outsourcing) specialist with the Everest Group, which provides strategic advisory services to companies worldwide. He is based in Toronto and provides a full range of consulting services focused on developing and executing HR outsourcing strategies and relationships. Previously, he was the vice-president of Strategic Sourcing (Canada) at Hewitt Associates and a senior consultant at Morneau Sobeco, a member firm of Deloitte & Touche. He began his career in HR and employee benefits at London Life Insurance Company. (www.marketwatch.com)



Last fall, Michel Bock rubbed elbows with the Governor General and Canada's A-list dignitaries and authors during a gala evening on Parliament Hill.

Michel Bock receiving his Governor General's Award from Her Excellency Michaëlle Jean.

Bock says that the Rideau Hall party – hosted by Michaëlle Jean in November – was chock full of pomp and circumstance. “It was really quite impressive. There were about 150 guests. Each award recipient was asked to speak for a few minutes, followed by a banquet. I think it wrapped up around midnight and it was quite an evening.”

Among the 84 books nominated for the Governor General's literary award (French, nonfiction), it was Michel Bock's that captured the jury. *Quand la nation débordait les frontières : Les minorités françaises dans la pensée de Lionel Groulx* is Bock's third book since studying history at Laurentian and graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1994 and Master of Arts in 1996. The work examines the philosophy of Lionel Groulx and his principle of solidarity among French Canadians in North America.

Bock, a 34-year-old scholar, has been hard at work over the last decade. Google him and you'll find more than 500 references. Find his online biography and you'll see an endless list of awards, research grants and publications.

Bock is currently a postdoctoral researcher in the University of Ottawa's interdisciplinary centre on citizenship and minorities (CIRCEM). He explains that his Laurentian professors like Gaétan Gervais and Guy Gaudreau are the people who really fired his interest in history. “There's just something about working with archives that have survived through time.”

His book *Quand la nation* is actually a reworked version of his doctoral thesis which he defended at the University of Ottawa in 2002. One of his thesis directors was none other than his mentor and former professor, Gervais.

For now, Bock hopes to continue teaching history at university, researching and writing. “When I put things on paper, they start to take shape for me. If you want your research to be meaningful, you have to write. It's the only way to interpret what you've found. Research without interpretation is only a job half done.”

Michel Bock's profile was featured in the spring 2005 issue of the Magazine, posted online at www.lualumni.laurentian.ca .

GREATER SUDBURY POLICE ANNUAL AWARDS 2005

At a ceremony in Sudbury last November, awards were presented to the following alumni:

Award for Police Assistance

Jason Ceming, BA 1996

Jack Ceming, BSc 1968

Award for Exemplary Police Service

For 30 years of service:

Sergeant Linda Delwo, BA 1993

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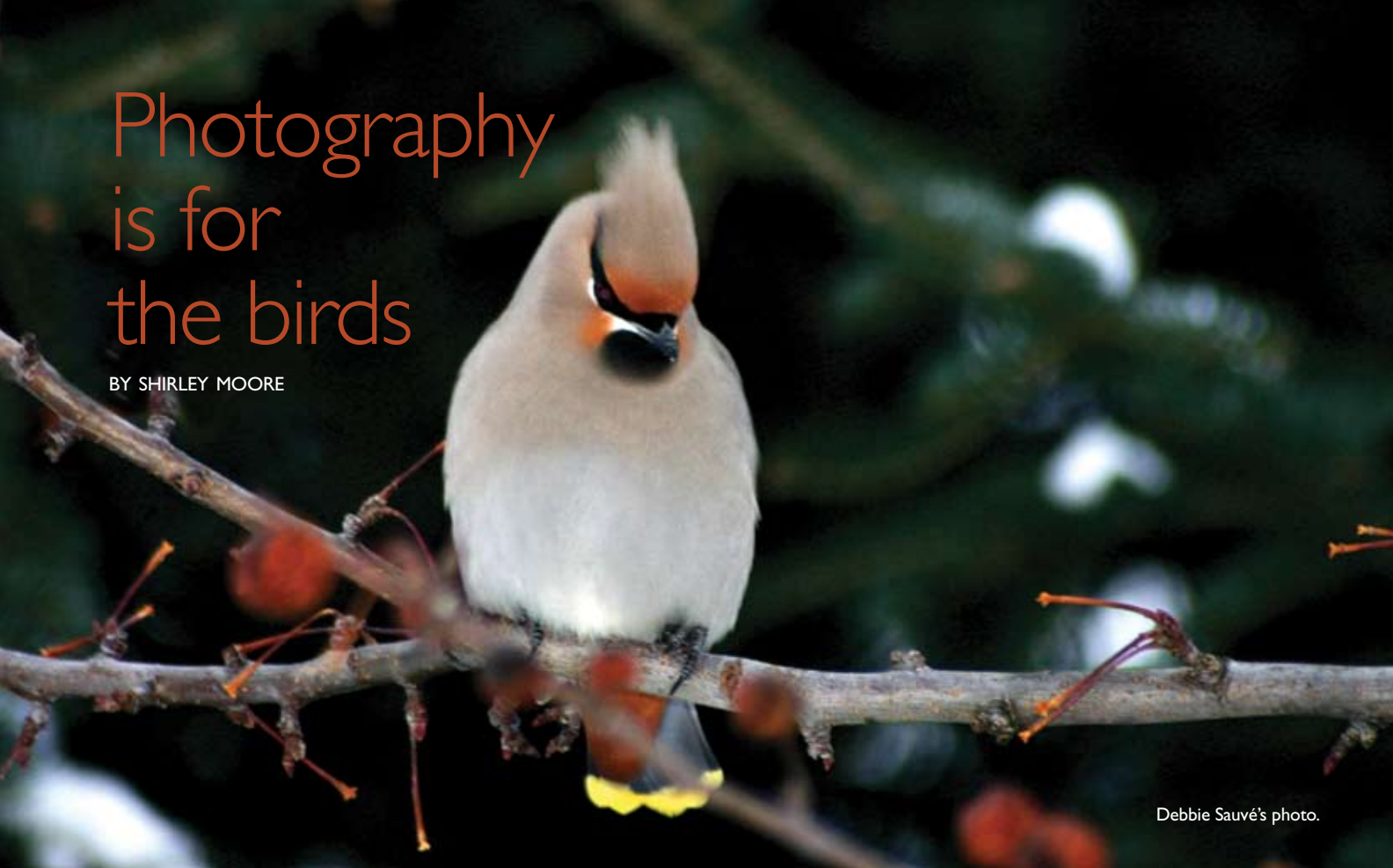
Sergeant Robert Thirkill, BA 1987

Certificate of Merit:

Constable Roberto Laino, BA 1988

Photography is for the birds

BY SHIRLEY MOORE



Debbie Sauvé's photo.

If patience is a virtue, then Debbie Sauvé has virtue in spades.

The former Communication Studies student recently found out the Canadian Wildlife Federation will be using one of her photos of the beautiful Bohemian waxwing for its calendar.

Sauvé sat quietly in the snow for two hours in the backyard of her parents' home in Marathon, Ontario waiting for that perfect photo. She says, "Bird photography requires infinite patience. A lot of variables are out of your control to get a really good shot."

Sauvé, who works as a freelance graphic designer and photographer in Sudbury, was home for the holidays in 2004 when she and her father were surprised to see a flock of birds settle in their backyard on Christmas day. Waxwings often flock together to feed on fruit, but are also unpredictable, and can show up in a particular area out of the blue.

Sauvé pulled out one of her favourite travelling companions, her Canon Rebel digital camera and a telephoto lens, and then moved in quietly to take photos.

She focused on one in the flock that was smaller than the others, a bird that kept its head down. "I named her the shy waxwing," she laughs. She made it about 3 metres away from her quarry, which she says is close for a bird.

After taking about 100 photos, she says she knew she had something special. "She's a gorgeous looking bird, and I knew right away it would be a photo to keep."

"She's a gorgeous looking bird, and I knew right away it would be a photo to keep."

Sauvé, who has been taking shots of birds for 6 years, submitted the photo to the Canadian Wildlife Federation's Reflections of Nature Photo Contest. The CWF says she didn't win the contest but the graphic designers liked the photo

and ended up including it in a calendar it sends out to supporters. The non-profit group could possibly use it in future marketing material as well.

Sauvé says she loves bird photography. "Growing up where I grew up, nature was something readily available. (Birds were) a willing subject. You're not going to always see a big mammal, but you're always going to find birds."

Sauvé, who studied journalism at Cambrian College and graduated from Laurentian in 2005, says she dreams of being a full-time photographer one day. "I like the selected reality of it. It's real, but you get to control so many aspects. It seems magical sometimes..."

Shirley Moore is the magazine editor and manager of publications. Shirley has worked as a journalist and writer and has her MA and BA from University of Waterloo and her BJ from University of King's College.

Life after the Expos

BY LAURA E. YOUNG

Claude Delorme's philosophy of life was put to the test last year.

The Sports Administration grad stayed the course with the Montreal Expos and finalized operations after it was announced the team would move to Washington, D.C. for 2005. He has no regrets, only lingering sympathy for the fans.

"We acted as responsibly and respectfully as we could under the circumstances. These are core values for me."

Delorme is now the stadium consultant with the Florida Marlins of Major League Baseball, and has been overseeing the Marlins proposed new stadium, deciding on issues from ticketing to wheelchair access and dressing room size and layout.

"It's a huge undertaking but if you're organized and have the infrastructure it starts happening."

Delorme grew up in Sturgeon Falls, Ontario, playing every sport he could. He was a rare left-handed pitcher and grew up with fastball before moving into the senior men's baseball leagues.

The northern lakes and rivers also beckoned. At age 17, he swam a five-mile charity event in which he and another friend met the challenging waters of Lake Nipissing.

Laurentian's SPAD program was a natural progression for the all-around athlete and Northern Secondary School athlete of the year. Following his third year at Laurentian, his career path was set. In the summer of 1982, he was selected for an internship with the Expos as assistant manager of game services, and when he graduated from Laurentian with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1983, he returned to the Expos. He met his wife Carole Poirier Delorme at the Olympic Stadium. They married in 1987 and have two daughters, Alexia, 15 and Karissa, 12.

He was with the Expos beyond their final game in the fall of 2004. Staying the course until the last piece of Expos

property was sold, he split his work week between Miami and Montreal.

The move to Miami and the Florida Marlins after 23 years with the Expos was a needed change, although he says it has been difficult. "You really have to prepare yourself mentally," he explains, sorting his drawers filled with Expos t-shirts, sweats, all that stuff that bears the red, white and blue Expos logo. "People associate you directly with that (former) organization."

Delorme was more than just the executive vice-president of business affairs; he was the French media spokesperson, the marketing guy, a part of the heart of the Expos just like Youppi, the fluffy orange mascot. It has even been reported that he wore the costume on one occasion.

His actual specialties are administration, operations and marketing and he turned it on in the final years, once devising a program to turn the clock back to the Expos' happier days. The



SPAD grad
Claude Delorme

marketing foray into bobblehead dolls was the team's most successful promotion, he says.

Even collectors became involved as uncertainty over their future mounted, vying for Steve Rogers and Gary Carter bobbleheads.

His new job with the Marlins depends on whether the new stadium is approved. If not, he is a free agent. "I would still be enriched if my mandate terminated after three months. It'll lead to something else."

As he explains it, how many people stay in the same job for 23 years in a job they love? "I think it's outstanding. What a journey." ■

IN MEMORIAM

David, Sheila (née Sloan)

BSL 1984, passed away suddenly, in July 2005.

Lafontaine, Louise

Employee of the Office of the Registrar, on November 9, 2005.

Lilly, Charles "Chuck"

Past employee of Physical Plant and Planning, on January 18, 2006, in Sudbury.

Mallory, Marita Irmeli (née Kuntsi)

BA 1979, on January 12, 2006, in Sudbury.

McGowan, Desmond "Des"

BCom 1965, on January 27, 2006, in Sudbury.

Prud'homme, Maurice "Moe"

Employee of Printing Services with 29 years of service at Laurentian, on January 28, 2006, in Sudbury.

Tattersall, Diane Elizabeth

BA 1977, on December 25, 2005, in Sudbury.

Wallace, Donald

Former professor of English (1964 to 1991) on December 25, 2005, in Montreal.

Winterhalder, Keith

Former professor of biology, on October 29, 2005, in Sudbury.

Professor Paul Copper (left) and others show Prince Philip (far right), of England around the campus in 1984.

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