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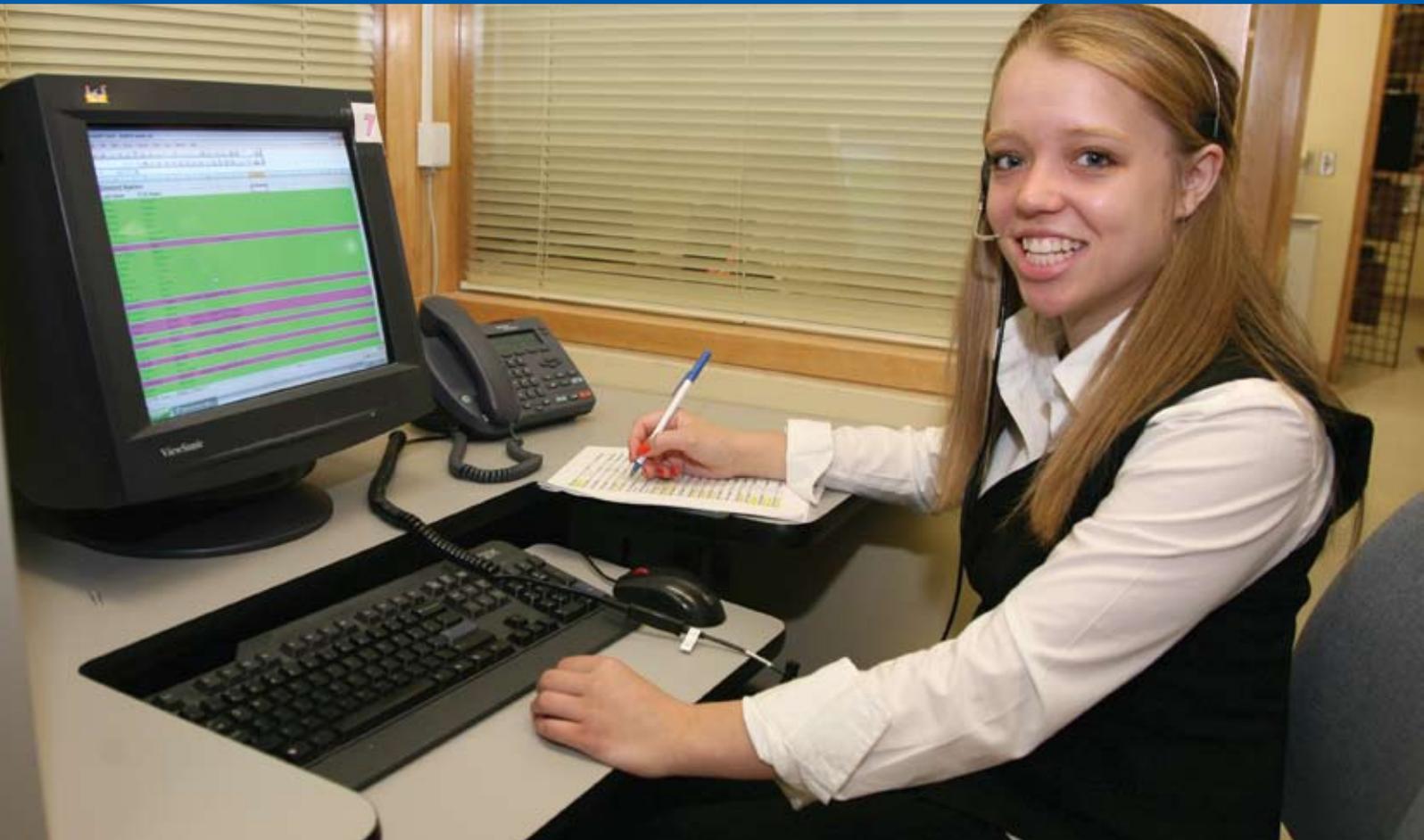
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I am a biomedical student here at Laurentian. I'm working for the development office, calling alumni to solicit their financial support for our great university.

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Julie Tessier
Development student caller



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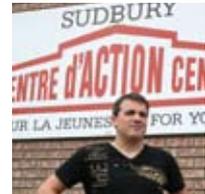


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FROM THE EDITOR, JENNIFER NAULT



TAKING A BACK seat in life is simply not an option for the Laurentian alumni profiled in this issue of the magazine. We are celebrating compassion, courage, and commitment through numerous accounts of people making a difference “on the frontlines” of life. For instance, the war-torn Afghanistan frontlines are precisely where Laurentian alumnus Ray Wiss chose to make a

difference – find out how and why on page 5.

We also profile David Rivard, an alumnus committed to caring for 2,000 children by heading up the Children’s Aid Society of Toronto; Marie Bouclin, a woman of the Church not content to sit on the back pew; as well as alumnus Derek Newman, who works in Sudbury helping at-risk youth. His compassion is as fierce as his courage.

Speaking of courage: University students have often been the first to call attention to causes and issues of social justice – and to take action. There was a time when student resistance was strongly felt at Laurentian; for many alumni, the nine days and nights that students occupied the Great Hall lobby in April 1970 will never be forgotten. The details of that time are provided by Laurentian history professor Sara Burke. (If you took part in this peaceful occupation, please write in and share your recollections of this episode in Laurentian history.)

There are countless Laurentian alumni willing to put their comfort, and for some, their safety, on the line in the service of others. As we learn, though the work is not always glamorous, it can be deeply satisfying.

LETTERS

I’m taking these few moments to thank the writer [Suzanne Charron-Violette] for the profile in the magazine. I have received numerous comments and they were very positive. The photos are funny! And the focus of the article was very good. If you want to follow the episodes in the life of our new bookstore, visit our blog at: <http://librairiedunouvelontario.wordpress.com>

Again, thank you.

**Stéphane Gauthier, executive director,
Le Carrefour francophone**

I have no use for this publication in its current form ... and it concerns me thousands of printed copies are mailed. Nowhere in the publication does it state its environmental commitment.

As an alumni it is embarrassing to be affiliated with an institution that champions itself as an environmental leader, yet 26,000 unsolicited copies are printed and mailed out – what a waste of resources. This is not the legacy I hoped Laurentian would leave on my behalf.

There must be another method of distributing the publication? To be fair, the magazine is only the tip of the iceberg. Currently, there is a lack of information available on the Laurentian website describing any institutional commitment to achieving sustainability: waste diversion, energy reduction, efficiency commitments, detailed priorities and specific projects, targets, actions, or goals.

Sincerely,

Rian Allen (BA 2001)

As usual, when I receive the alumni magazine, it’s a cover-to-cover read. I’m always eager to check the alumni update section, looking for information on past classmates. It is great reading about alumni and seeing how their lives have developed. The magazine keeps me connected to LU people and activities. It’s great that LU takes steps to keep alumni connected.

Great magazine, keep it coming.

Michel De Lottinville

I received my alumni magazine in the mail yesterday and read the article called “Northern Mosaic.” I was dismayed, however, to learn that the chair for the Diversity Advisory Panel was Scott Russell and not myself.

**Scott Fisher, chair, Diversity Advisory Panel,
City of Greater Sudbury**

(In the Summer 2008 story on immigration entitled “Northern Mosaic,” there were several misspelled names: Scott Fisher is the chair of Sudbury’s Diversity Advisory Panel; Fidelis Suorineni is a senior research engineer at MIRARCO; and Bora Ugurjel is manager of international mobility programs with Laurentian International. The writer and editor regret the errors.)



Alumnus Colin Jenkins (left), made headlines when he helped Simon Whitfield win silver in the Olympic triathlon in Beijing.

Colin Jenkins, an Olympic Voyager

By Greg Hoddinott

LAURENTIAN SWIMMING ALUMNUS Colin Jenkins joined the ranks of an elite group of former Laurentian student/athletes when he competed in the triathlon event at the Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Jenkins, who swam two seasons for the blue and gold, was named to the Olympic team in early June, mainly due to his strong swimming and cycling abilities. These were the crucial skills Triathlon Canada was looking for when selecting a suitable teammate to work with Simon Whitfield during the race.

Jenkins credits his time at Laurentian as part of the reason for his selection.

“My time as a Laurentian Voyager helped strengthen my swimming abilities, which in the end, was the primary reason I made the triathlon team for the Olympics,” said Jenkins.

The native of Hamilton, Ontario, proved Triathlon Canada officials to be masterminds, as Jenkins kept Whitfield within striking distance of the top competitors and ultimately aided him in an Olympic silver medal performance.

Jenkins recounted some moments from his Olympic race. “Before the race I was not as nervous as usual, which was weird. However, I felt completely ready for the race and was extremely confident in my abilities to do the job. It was a great feeling – being that confident in myself,” said Jenkins.

“The start of the race was nothing extraordinary. I did not feel great in the water, but I think this is because I do not swim fast in warm water. But as soon as I got on the bike, I felt great and knew that it was going to be a good race,” he added.

After competing on the biggest stage in sports, the 25-year old is returning to school in Toronto to finish his degree and be close to his long-time girlfriend, Lisa Christie, whom he met while at Laurentian. He is also planning on giving back to the sport as a coach of the junior athletes in the Fighting Koalas Triathlon Club, where he will be in charge of the junior elite program.

Greg Hoddinott is the athletic marketing and media relations officer at Laurentian University.

Recreation centre up and running...soon!

By Laura E. Young

JUST IN TIME for a jump start on New Year’s resolutions, the Student Recreation Centre is scheduled to open early January 2009.

The centre was expected to open in fall 2008, but there were delays in acquiring some of the building materials, says Ron Larwood, manager of active living. The Beijing Olympics seem to have played a role in the delay: The production and shipping of the flooring material, which came from China, was impeded by the Olympics, Larwood says.

The flooring arrived in mid-October. Contractors needed three to four weeks to install the floors for the weight room, squash courts, track, and other areas.

There is progress, however. “As much as we’ve been delayed, the project has moved ahead,” says Larwood. “The contractor has moved into other parts of the building to finish things up.”

The rock climbing towers are set up. The basketball nets are hung. There are tenders out for new training equipment. The Voyager Athletic Therapy Clinic will more than double its size, expanding from 400 to 1,000 square feet in the new therapy room. The weight/cardio room will be a roomy 7,200 square feet.

It will also be easier to gain entry into the centre. The main entrance will flow into the workout areas, as well as the pool area. All access to the pool and change rooms filters through the new main entrance.

Get ready to have your photo taken, says Larwood. The recreation centre will begin creating proxy access cards to streamline the entry card system and enhance security for members. Prices will change, though the new pricing structure has yet to be established. The centre will honour memberships bought before opening.

It all goes to show that “it’s build it and they will come,” says Larwood.

“Mission Possible”

A MESSAGE FROM ACTING PRESIDENT,
ROBERT F. BOURGEOIS



MUCH HAS BEEN said over the past year about the many challenges facing universities in Ontario as they struggle to find new ways to support their academic mission while attempting to balance their operating budgets. Laurentian, like others, is facing many of the same challenges, whether it be competing for the best faculty, researchers, and students; enhancing our complement and quality of

undergraduate and graduate programs; or just trying to keep up with maintaining and improving our campus infrastructure.

Although the challenges are numerous and occasionally quite daunting, I remain very optimistic about what the future holds for Laurentian University. At the heart of my optimism are the countless people who care deeply about our institution and who are prepared to support it by giving generously of their time, talent and, in many cases, their financial contributions. For instance, upon reading a study by Deloitte on the economic and social impact of Laurentian University, I was pleased, but not at all surprised, to learn that our faculty and staff donate an average of 225 hours of their free time each year assisting local charities and not-for-profit community groups. These philanthropic activities not only serve to build better relations with our community, but over time, encourage our citizens to appreciate the importance of our institution and become supporters of it. Which brings me to the important role played by the Laurentian alumni ...

In the short time that I have been acting president, it has become apparent just how critically important are our alumni to the success and development of the university, today and into the future, as we continue to expand our horizons. Alumni chapters, whether within our region or in far-off places, will become a key component of our outreach, not just to former Laurentian graduates, but to the many communities in which they are located. Through this extended outreach, we will succeed in creating a greater sense of engagement and attachment to our institution, which has opened doors for so many.

With 38,000 alumni and several new alumni chapters, including our newest chapter, which opened this fall in Beijing, Laurentian can count on the generous support of many more talented people from all walks of life. It is for this reason that, notwithstanding the big challenges we face, I am confident the academic and research mission of the university will continue to flourish. With your help it has now become “Mission Possible.”



Standing call for nominations for honorary degrees

The Committee on Honorary Degrees for Laurentian University is soliciting recommendations from the university community for candidates for an honorary degree.

Honorary degrees are not usually awarded in absentia, posthumously, to current university personnel, or to active politicians. Each year, priorities are determined by the committee, and final approval is made by senate and the board of governors. The committee is particularly interested in candidates who have not been similarly honoured by other universities in the past. Also, consideration of the bilingual and multicultural nature of the university is an important aspect in the choice of candidates.

In the past, the following honorary degrees have been awarded: Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Science, Doctor of Music, and Doctor of Business Administration. The university, however, is not necessarily restricted to these.

Nominations should be submitted on a special form, a copy which is available from the office of the president, by mail, email, fax, or at: www.honorarydegrees.laurentian.ca

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We love hearing your take on stories we publish in the magazine.

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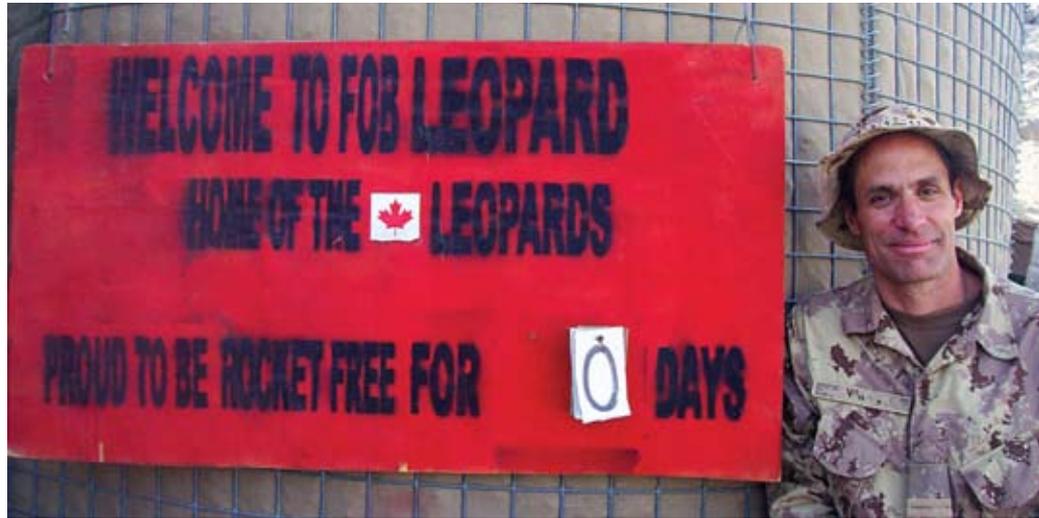
By Suzanne Charron-Violette

“OUTSIDE THE WIRE,” away from the main Canadian base, is where Ray Wiss (BPHE Hon. 1982) spent most of his time in war-torn Afghanistan. From November 2007 to February 2008, he volunteered for duty on forward operating bases, where doctors are rarely sent.

Some soldiers must have been glad he was there, though. Trained in combat and paramedics, he brought ultrasound technology to the operating room. His first patient was a severely injured soldier whose jugular vein was far more to the side than usual. Using ultrasound, Wiss quickly located the vein, and guided an intravenous needle into it, saving the patient’s life.

“To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time an emergency physician has gone into an operating room and used ultrasound to assist in the management of a patient,” wrote Wiss in a diary entry dated January 30, 2008. (In July 2008, the *Sudbury Star* ran a seven-part series of excerpts from Wiss’ book *Forward Operating Base Doctor: The diary of a Canadian military doctor on the frontlines of the war in Afghanistan*.)

Born in Ottawa and raised in Sudbury, Wiss developed an introductory ultrasound program for the Sudbury Regional Hospital, which has been used across the country. Even before the tech-



Alumnus Ray Wiss served as a military physician in Afghanistan.

nology was available in Canada, he sought out training in Chicago. “I was convinced that [ultrasound] was going to be the future of emergency medicine,” says Wiss.

His former professors at McMaster University would be impressed, given that Wiss failed his first year of undergraduate studies there. He laughs about the university transcript he received at graduation, “One page says: 1977: Failed, failed, failed; asked to withdraw. 1993: Granted MD. I’m willing to bet no one can show you a transcript like that.”

This one-of-a-kind transcript is a reflection of the roundabout path Wiss followed to end up in emergency medicine.

After failing his first year at McMaster, he enrolled at Laurentian. He also joined the infantry for three years. He tried several careers, teaching outdoor education at the University of Calgary, directing the recreational department in Alberta’s adult maximum security, and working as a paramedic in Alberta, Ontario, and even Nicaragua during the Contra War. He also worked with street youth in Toronto, Uruguay, and Argentina.

In 2001, he returned to Sudbury and has been with the Sudbury Regional Hospital emergency services ever since. “I’ve been incredibly lucky in my life ... I work hard, but it’s been a good life.”

Multidisciplinary action By Laura E. Young

DESPITE A SPACE crunch at Laurentian, the new multidisciplinary qualitative research laboratory is a good fit.

The lab brings together research in the fields of exercise, sport, mental health, and wellness. It is an affiliation between the school of social work, through Diana Coholic, and the school of human kinetics, through Mark Eys and Robert Schinke. Located in the Science 1 Building, the lab consists of four rooms, including a classroom, stocked with art supplies

In the art space, Coholic has been working with children in foster care. She and her research team have developed “a creative and expressive arts group where children can work on improving self esteem, self-awareness, and resiliency so that they

can cope more effectively in their day-to-day lives,” she says.

Coholic, Eys, and Schinke have joined research forces for the “cross-pollination of ideas,” she says. The three researchers are looking at certain health issues by using similar research methodologies, and working with similar client/participant groups, Coholic adds.

She studies the efficacy of holistic arts-based group work for developing self esteem; Schinke investigates barriers to sport participation as experienced by Native youth; and Eys focuses on social influences in physical activity and sport participation.

Two rooms of the lab feature state-of-the-art technology for data collection, and one room is designated as a computer room

for graduate students.

Grad students interact and share ideas; this kind of collaboration is a key component of the graduate experience, says Eys. There’s an emphasis toward promoting collaboration as part of graduate studies, he continues. “You have to be able to recruit people into graduate studies. One of those aspects is the ability to collaborate and a place to work,” he says.

“This new facility is an impressive example of the type of partnership that is essential to Canada’s ongoing success in the knowledge-based economy,” said Eliot Philipson, president and CEO of the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), a key funder of the lab.

Native teachings integrated into sport psychology at Laurentian

By *Laura E. Young*

SOME RESEARCH JUST can't be put on the shelf. New collaborations have grown from the joint efforts of Laurentian University and the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve on Manitoulin Island. Case in point: Research outcomes include a new hiking trail in Wikwemikong, and extensive data on culture-specific sport psychology.

The research is funded through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

For the past four years, Laurentian sport psychology professor Robert Schinke and Duke Peltier, coordinator of the sport and recreation program in Wikwemikong, have led research on culture-specific youth sport programming and participation.

This summer, they presented their findings at the 2008 North American Indigenous Games Education Symposium in Cowichan, British Columbia. Over 5,000 athletes and 3,000 cultural artists attended the games.

Then again in September, Schinke, Peltier, and members of the Wikwemikong and Laurentian communities presented their research at the Global Sports Psychology conference in St. Louis.

Schinke is a certified practitioner



Robert Schinke

through the Canadian Sport Psychology Association and has worked extensively with national teams and professional athletes from North America, Africa, and Asia. He also competed at the Pan Am Games in equestrian.

His research began when he decided to focus in on elite Native athletes. He wanted to know why they were leaving sport in such high numbers, and questioned whether mainstream high performance sport psychology was relevant to Native athletes.

Was the customary "winner take all"

approach motivating Native athletes? It seemed not.

Joining forces with recreational staff in Wikwemikong, Schinke and Peltier sought to understand the motivational needs and practices of elite Native athletes. By integrating a number of Native teachings into sport, including the traditional teachings of the Seven Grandfathers, the work has led to sport programming that can be applied to any community, says Peltier.

The programming itself – developed around the concept of experiential learning – is comprised of youth leadership training, as well as specialized coaching and sport staff training.

The work is based on teaching skill sets and motivating young leaders. "A lot is about getting up off your seat and making a difference," he adds.

In Wikwemikong, the program has created a youth leadership program. Recently, the youth leaders were taken on a seven-day canoe trip along the historic French River, and teachings were integrated into each day of the expedition.

The partnership between Wikwemikong and Laurentian will continue; practical benefits and high-profile research will emerge, says Schinke.

Picture our Lakes – in December

Peter Ryser, a Laurentian biology professor, won a place in the Picture Our Lakes 2009 calendar for his photograph of Lake Nepahwin in winter.





A gathering place for Native culture at Laurentian

By Suzanne Charron-Violette

LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY HAS one of the most significant Native student populations among all Canadian universities, with Native students comprising about 10 per cent of total enrolment. The university's strategic plan reflects that reality, integrating cultural, academic, and support services for Native students and faculty.

In a not-too-distant future, these services will be provided in a unique space: the Indigenous Sharing and Learning Centre. This environmentally friendly facility will serve as a "home away from home" for Native students, faculty, and staff. "Students will see themselves reflected in the building because of its design and usage," says Sheila Cote-Meek, director of academic Native affairs. "The centre will bring together Native academic and student support so that it integrates Native knowledge, culture, and tradition."

The building will also promote cultural exchange, bridging the gap between Native and non-Native communities. Serving as a repository of regional Native history, knowledge, and culture,

scholars will have a space for lectures and conferences; Native students, a lounge to study and relax; aboriginal artists, a venue for exhibiting work; and the community at large, a place to share and learn.

The facility will be built on campus at an estimated cost of \$3 million. Supported by Laurentian's Native Education Council (LUNEC), funding is also allocated in the university's capital campaign, the Next 50 Campaign.

Construction is expected to begin in 2011. "People are excited about this project," says Cote-Meek. "This centre will be centrally located and visible in the Laurentian community." The Indigenous Sharing and Learning Centre will serve as a national model for cross-cultural collaboration and diversity.

For more information, please contact: Sheila Cote-Meek, director of academic Native affairs, at 705-675-1151, ext. 3429, or at scotemeek@laurentian.ca or Tracy MacLeod, director of development, at 705-675-4872, or at tmacleod@laurentian.ca

The Indigenous Sharing and Learning Centre will integrate Native knowledge, culture, and tradition.



David Rivard holds onto a simple bumper sticker to remind him of what's important.

He didn't pick it up at the local Canadian Tire, and no, it's not stuck to the back of his car. Instead, he keeps it in his office. It was a gift from a group of young people who have been involved with the child welfare system.

The blue and red sticker reads, quite simply: "You'll always be my mom and dad."

BY SHIRLEY MOORE

PHOTOGRAPHY BY JO-ANNE MCARTHUR

David Rivard – who graduated from Laurentian in 1975 with a BSW in social work – received the bumper sticker two years ago at a conference that brought together child welfare and mental health professionals, board members, parents, foster care providers, government officials, and youth.

Rivard says the biggest concern for young people in the system is what will happen to them when they leave. For instance, they would like to see their education covered and staff to be there during milestone moments, such as weddings.

The small gift made an impact. "It's very emotional and that's the reason I keep it, as a constant reminder. So any policy changes we do, anything we're undertaking, I should be doing it within the context of how it would impact my own children."

Rivard keeps this in mind in his new position. In January 2008, he took over the helm of the Children's Aid Society of Toronto – the biggest Children's Aid Society in Canada and one of the oldest in North America.

So far, it has been a hectic ride.

During his second week on the job as executive director, Rivard was thrust into the limelight in the midst of a national story.

The infant now known as baby Angelica Leslie came under the care of his organization. She had been left in a parking garage stairwell, in below-freezing temperatures, in the north end of Toronto.

The little girl became the focus of wide media attention. Rivard – who held the post of executive director of the CAS for the districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin prior to this position – says, "I was used to northern Ontario where you had maybe one or two reporters come out."

CARING FOR 2,000 CHILDREN

LU alumnus heads up largest Children's Aid Society in the country





Laurentian alumnus
David Rivard is the
executive director
of the Children's Aid
Society of Toronto.

Instead, with this high-profile case, Rivard says approximately 22 media attended a news conference, and suddenly, the detective turned the floor over to him. He hadn't expected to make a statement, so he had to think fast.

Rivard told a story about a Toronto reporter who championed children's rights at the turn of the last century. Journalists could relate to it.

"My public relations person said, 'David, if you can survive [this] then you'll be well on your way and you'll develop some good relationships with the media,' which we've been able to do."

Rivard is, indeed, media savvy, and he has been widely quoted in the baby Angelica case. It shone a light on adoption, and about 100 people came forward offering to adopt the little girl. At the time of publication, her adoption was being finalized.

It's a happy ending for baby Angelica – and possibly others. Rivard says out of that original group, there are about 20 more prospective parents still willing to adopt.

Rivard says he does this job, one that means long hours, because, "I love children ... I got into social work because I really wanted to make a difference."

Ashley Thomson, the chair of the board and president of the CAS for the districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin (and a Laurentian University librarian), met Rivard in 2002. He calls him a "visionary" and a "leader" who always puts the children first.

"In a choice between a budget and doing something for kids," says Thomson, "we'd do it for the kids, and I like that. That was good leadership."

Leadership qualities aside, being an executive director for a child welfare organization isn't an easy task. "Probably the most difficult aspect is when you hear the kind of horrific abuse that some of the children have to go through," says Rivard. "Part of what keeps me in this business is that I think the more we can do, the more we can ensure that these children have a really positive future."

But sometimes the system itself comes under scrutiny.

That happened in August 2008 after the death of seven-year-old Katelynn Sampson. Her mother had asked to give custody of the child to a friend, and that friend and her partner have now been charged with first-degree murder.

The judge in the case has come under fire for allowing Katelynn to be taken in by the couple, and questions are now being raised about checks and balances in the system.

Rivard says there had also been several child welfare agencies involved with the family members, including his own organization.

"All I can say is that there are three agencies in Toronto that were involved with family members over a period of time, and so when something like this happens, it really focuses the agencies to look more internally. How did we deal with issues;



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could we have done things differently? And I think that's really what the agencies are looking at now."

In addition to being "dad" to 2,000 children in his agency's care, signing off on all adoptions and meeting with children, Rivard oversees a staff of approximately 850.

Although he has only been in the position a few months, his influence is reflected throughout the office. Already, he has developed a new vision for the team, and practically every desk in the new, modern CAS building in downtown Toronto has a stone on it.

When the self-professed rock collector arrived in Toronto, he gave each of the employees a stone.

"Whatever we were talking about, it was a little token of my esteem, and also meant to remind us that every stone is different, and particularly in this environment, we're all diverse, but if we put our stones together, we can build something." ■

Shirley Moore works as a journalist and writer in Toronto.



“THIS UNIVERSITY BELONGS TO THE STUDENT! DIG IT.”

RADICALISM AT LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY IN THE 1960s

BY SARA BURKE, HISTORY PROFESSOR AT LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY

For nine days and nights in April 1970, students occupied the lobby outside the Great Hall at Laurentian University. The students were protesting what they saw as arbitrary actions taken by the board of governors. Following a senate vote of non-confidence in the president, the board had refused to either dismiss him or accept his resignation. In support of the student occupation, senate called a recess, shutting down the academic functioning of the university. “In a situation believed unprecedented in Canadian university history,” the *Globe and Mail* reported, “the students and faculty of Laurentian are allied against the board and the president, Stanley Mullins.” The students’ protest would lead to the resignation of the president, and, ultimately, to the restructuring of university governance at Laurentian.

Student radicalism at Laurentian can be seen as part of a much larger movement for democratic change that swept through universities in the 1960s. The Canadian student movement prompted activist groups on many campuses to challenge the authority of administrators and demand greater student representation within the governing structure.

The winter of 1968 alone was marked by student radicalism across North America, and several campuses in Canada witnessed confrontations. In November 1968, a student occupation of four floors of the administration building at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby was broken up by the RCMP, who entered the building and made 114 arrests. In January, students at Sir George Williams University (now Concordia) in Montreal occupied the faculty club and computer centre for nearly two weeks. The students vandalized the cafeteria and set fire to the computer centre, causing nearly \$2 million in damage.

What sets the Laurentian student movement apart was its success. Unlike many other student protests of the late 1960s, the Laurentian sit-in was peaceful: The Sudbury police made no arrests, and the protesters gained their objective: student

representation in university governance.

The year 1968 marked a general politicization of student culture at Laurentian. Many felt the management was overly authoritative, narrowly focusing power in the hands of the president and the board executive. By the end of Laurentian’s first decade, this structure had marginalized not only students, but also faculty and other levels of the administration. Some proved useful allies as students began to articulate their demands for representation in university governance.

Throughout the winter of 1968, the tumultuous events mobilizing students in Burnaby, Moncton, and Montreal were reported eagerly in the pages of *Lambda*. “This is the year of student power,” *Lambda*’s editorial announced in the September 1968 issue. “The tools for improving Laurentian are at hand.” In an interview with the *Sudbury Star*, the SGA leader stressed that the student movement was committed to achieving reform, but only through non-violent means. The mood that winter was aptly conveyed by *Lambda*’s self-effacing headline in November: “This University Belongs to the Student! Dig It. But Don’t Worry Mullins, He Doesn’t Have the Guts to Take it.”

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Then, in October 1969, students and faculty joined together to publicly oppose a brief prepared by the president to submit to the provincial committee on university affairs. Claiming that the brief had been written without any consultation, the SGA organized an “awareness day teach-in” to discuss university problems. Attracting a crowd of more than 1,200 students, the teach-in had to be moved to the cafeteria. The university president did not attend, and after several hours of waiting for him, over 200 students climbed 11 flights of stairs to his office, occupied the Governor’s Lounge, and chanted angrily for his appearance. The disruption ended after the president came out of his office and agreed to answer questions directed at him by both students and faculty.

By April 1970, the situation had reached a crisis point. Following a mass meeting in the Great Hall on April 1, students impulsively staged a sit-in in the lobby outside the cafeteria. On March 19, the Laurentian senate passed votes of non-confidence in the president and board executive. The SGA followed suit. During the mass meeting, the *Sudbury Star* reported, one student suddenly announced he was tired of the bureaucracy. He left the Great Hall, followed by a crowd of other students.

With the SGA pledging its support, the sit-in had begun.

Students dragged sleeping bags and pillows into the cafeteria lobby, beginning a round-the-clock occupation of the building. Two days later, the Laurentian senate voted in favour of the students’ action, and announced an academic recess until the situation was resolved – everything at the university ground to a halt.

For over a week, students maintained their occupation of the Great Hall lobby. The mood was quiet; students played guitars, listened to music, talked, or just played cards. One student leader told the *Globe and Mail* that they would continue the occupation until the board confirmed the president’s resignation and committed itself to reform.

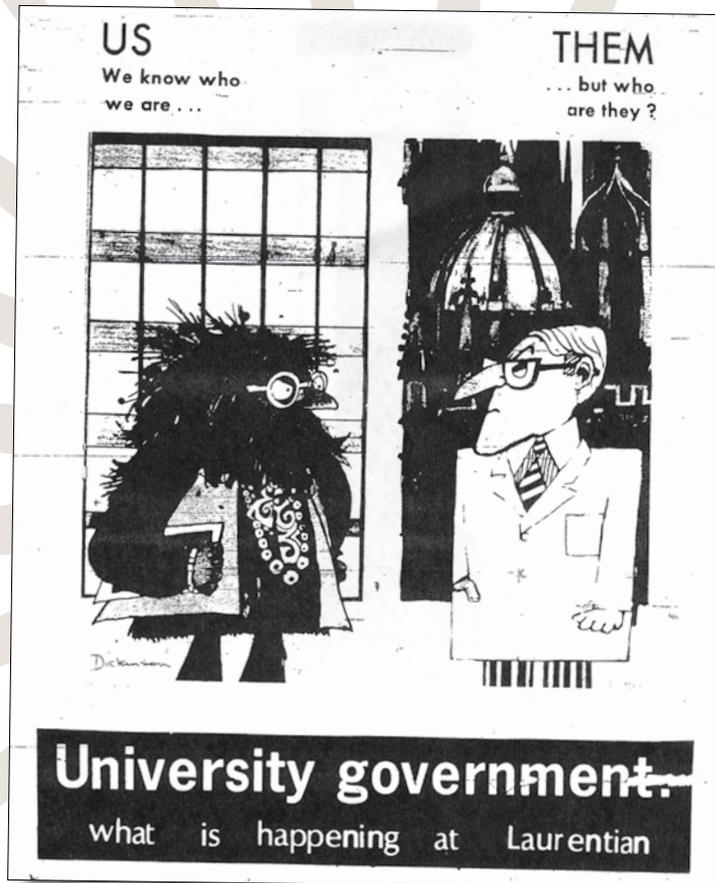
The board agreed to hold an open joint meeting with senate to discuss the crisis. Following several tense days of negotia-

tions, the board and senate reached an agreement. On April 10, after nine days of student occupation, the senate called off the academic recess and the university resumed its normal work. The board had accepted the president’s offer to resign effective July 1, 1970.

In sharp contrast to the student occupations at Simon Fraser and Sir George Williams universities, the police did not intervene at Laurentian. The *Sudbury Star* noted that the students’ protests seemed to have struck a chord of sympathy within the larger community. Copper Cliff Dairies and A&W donated food to the students, and the mayor allowed his car to be used to distribute leaflets.



LIKE A PICNIC — A party atmosphere prevailed as the Laurentian sit-in continued this morning. About 60 students relaxed and talked while new recruits brought in food, coffee and sleeping bags.



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The students and senate had gained a significant victory: The president had resigned, the board had agreed to add student representation to the financial committee, and students, through senate, would have representation on the search committee for a new president. This victory was confirmed in the fall of 1970, when the minister of education appointed J. G. Hagey, president emeritus of the University of Waterloo, to undertake an inquiry into the Laurentian situation. In his report, published the following year, Hagey recommended that administrative power be shifted from the board to a senate that represented the interests of faculty and students. For students at Laurentian University, the sit-in, pickets, and mass meetings between 1968 and 1970 represented a high point of effective politicization.

This essay by Sara Burke is adapted from a forthcoming history of the university edited by Matt Bray and written collectively by Linda Ambrose, Matt Bray, Sara Burke, Donald Dennie, and Guy Gaudreau. This book is scheduled for publication in 2010 as part of the university's 50th anniversary celebrations. ■

Totally devoted to youth

LU grad Derek Newman inspires at the **SUDBURY ACTION CENTRE FOR YOUTH**

BY LAURA E. YOUNG

PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARY-CATHERINE TAYLOR

Derek Newman is a local boy – and proud of it. Born and raised in Sudbury, he took both of his university degrees at Laurentian, and he stayed in Sudbury. He received his psychology degree in 2001, and then graduated from the master's program in human development in 2004. In this multidisciplinary program, he met his fiancée, Cindy Collins (BA 2001, MA 2004).

His work has had a local impact, too. As youth coordinator at the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth (SACY), Newman's days are filled with activities and programs that cater to at-risk youth. It sounds like fun – soccer games, ball hockey matches, even reiki classes – and it is; but the challenge of keeping troubled youth off the streets never fades.

Newman plays many roles at the centre; he counsels youth (aged 16-24), delivers a peer mentoring certificate program, and his DVDs on drug and sexual abuse are used throughout Ontario, and beyond.

He identifies with his clients, and with the pressures on youth. As a university student, he hit a rough patch. His carefree student lifestyle was obliterated when he found himself looking after his grandmother, who was suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Newman remembers trying to care for his grandmother and keep up with his studies. She required round-the-clock attention. There were times, he recalls, when he was studying and would glance out the window just in time to see his grandmother dashing from the property: "I'd have to run after her. It was very difficult for me to balance the stress that came along with that responsibility. The graduate program is where I found my identity and learned to push forward."

He credits his graduate thesis supervisors, Laurentian professors Michael Persinger and Cynthia Whissell with keeping him motivated.

In 2004, Derek Newman had two degrees and began looking for work. The Sudbury Action Centre for Youth offered him a position; as he learned about the centre and what it stood for, he became intrigued: "It seemed like it was really hands-on with clients. I thought it was [like being on the] frontlines."

He was prepared for the challenge.

Laurentian helps students think outside the box, says Newman. He reflects on something Persinger once told him: "There's more than one factor affecting your variables.' I think that helps you come into a job like this one and realize that there's a lot of things affecting these clients: where they live, addictions, their past."

He knows which battles he can fight for his clients, and when to let go: "Some things you can't control. You can't control their income. You can't control where they stay. You have to pick your battles."

About 10,000 youth are recorded as having visited SACY – if only for one visit. Those numbers have risen dramatically from the 4,000 clients on record in Newman's first year at the centre in 2004. He shakes his head over the situation in which his clients find themselves. How can they afford housing?

The first battle for Newman is to help youth meet basic needs, such as housing, and then to deal with their other needs. He tries to get troubled youth to focus on their underlying issues – everything from addiction, to lack of education, to abuse. Clients are encouraged to take ownership in their own healing and build bridges toward education or employment.

But it's never that simple. People also have to want to help themselves, Newman adds, but even those who stumble know they can always return and seek help again. "If they screw up, if they relapse, they can come back here. They know this is a safe environment. That's part of what makes the centre such a unique place in downtown Sudbury."

Newman gestures toward a photograph on the wall. It shows the SACY baseball team, smiling in their blue uniforms. All the initiatives, the stress, and the busy schedule – it's all to inspire and give hope to youth.

"I said to myself when I first came here, these youth deserve so much more than what they've been given and I'm going to do whatever it takes to give them that – to give them what they deserve. I had a good family growing up. I wish they could have that, so I'm going to be their role model. And everyone here is the same. They're all role models." ■

PEER MENTORING CERTIFICATE

The peer mentoring certificate program at the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth has a winning track record. SACY has won three Donner Awards for the program and is currently one of three finalists at the 11th-annual Donner Canadian Foundation Awards for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services.

Newman says the program works because it isn't rigid. In fact, the youth pick the topics, based on a list provided by the program leader. "If they want to learn about suicide, we would bring in someone from crisis intervention who deals with that on a daily basis."

But there are expectations, too: Youth must be willing to deal with their own issues, help their peers, and volunteer in the community. They learn life skills training and counselling.

On one particularly successful night, a SACY mentoring program graduate – now a chef – came in to cook and counsel. Newman says that he spoke to the youth about his past experiences and his life on the streets. "Isn't that great? Peer to peer. We encourage that all the time. He's doing well."

HOLISTIC HEALING WEEK

Jen Bouillon was 16, addicted to drugs, and unsure where her life was going. She visited the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth at least seven times before she really began talking to someone.

And then she tried reiki during holistic healing week.

Derek Newman says, "clients often need ways to deal with stress in the moment." Holistic healing introduces clients to a range of healing strategies, from health food to music, and a variety of alternative practices.

For Jen Bouillon, the healing started with a reiki session during holistic healing week. "It makes you really think. It's very intense." Meditation and yoga also helped her relax and start talking with SACY workers.

Now 21, Bouillon is working full-time at a call centre, and free of illegal substances, thanks to SACY's involvement. "They helped me rebuild my self esteem." She continues to volunteer at the centre. "It helps you realize that when you're clean you can help other people."

Although she relapsed a few times, staff continued to be supportive. "I always came back. I screwed up, but I still needed help. They don't push you away."

Bouillon is planning to go to college and become an addictions worker. For the last 11 months she has been living at home again. "It's very nice. I'm finally building a relationship again with my mom."

Life at SACY: (clockwise from top) Derek Newman in his office; clients enjoy a game of pool; Newman visits with Jen Bouillon; former client and soon-to-be student Caitlin LaFrance.



CHURCH MOTHER

THOUGH ESSENTIALLY EXCOMMUNICATED, LAURENTIAN ALUMNA MARIE EVANS BOUCLIN KEEPS THE FAITH.

BY SUZANNE CHARRON-VIOLETTE

"I am a grandma, love my husband, adore my kids and my grandchildren. They are the reason I get up in the morning," confides Marie Evans Bouclin (B.S.L. Hon., 1987), a female priest and associate pastor at the Christ the Servant Catholic Church in Cobourg, Ontario. "People appreciate that I bring my life experience as a mother into the priesthood – and that it is reflected in Sunday mass."



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Marie Evans Bouclin was ordained in Scarborough, Ontario, on May 27, 2008, by Bishop Patricia Fresen. She has been a Deaconess since 2006, and is the second Canadian woman to be ordained as a Roman Catholic priest. The Church, however, refuses to recognize the ordination of women, or to address the subject openly. “We are told that we have excommunicated ourselves,” she says, but attests her faith as a Roman Catholic remains strong.

Hailing from Smooth Rock Falls, in northern Ontario, Evans Bouclin has always been a practicing Catholic. At 18, she joined the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa and remained in the fold for seven years. By 1966, it was time to take her religious vows, yet she decided against it. Two years later, she married Albert J. Bouclin, a dentist from the Sudbury region. Together, they have three children – a son and two daughters – and now, two grandchildren.

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Following her marriage, she taught high school for five years in Ottawa and Toronto, and then the family relocated to Sudbury in 1970. In the mid-1980s, while teaching and studying at Laurentian University, she obtained her bachelor of science in language (translation and interpretation), and found work as a freelance translator in education, ethics, and theology. During this time, she also performed administrative work at the Sault Ste. Marie Diocese in Sudbury.

Although she had always held traditional religious beliefs, Evans Bouclin began to question some of the scriptural absolutes while pursuing her theology MA at the University of Sherbrooke (she obtained that degree in 1998). She became acutely aware of the diminished role of women in the Church. She felt that too much of the religion centred around men: Women, she asserts, “are totally absent, except in the pews, where they are the majority.”

The exclusion of women from certain positions of power and authority within the Church, a situation that Evans Bouclin refers to as “institutionalized sexism,” is rooted in the Church’s *Code of Canon Law*. Women are still excluded from the Roman Catholic priesthood, despite the current shortage of priests.

“If men and women are both created in the image and likeness of God, then why aren’t women equal to men in real life?” she questions.

Her sense of inequity continues to grow. In February 1992, following a workshop she participated in on women’s role in the Church, she spoke to the media about her views – marking a turning point in her life. Her outspokenness did not go unnoticed. As reported by the *Sudbury Star* on April 12, 1992, Evans Bouclin was demoted from her position as the bishop’s secretary to a position as translator, in which she had little contact with the public.

This experience strengthened her resolve, as did hearing from several women who shared similar experiences. Evans Bouclin sought not to condemn, but to understand, so she undertook an extensive study on how to bring about equality for women in the Church. Her research led her to write several articles and books, including *Pour vivre debout : Femmes et pouvoir dans l’Église* (2000) and *Seeking Wholeness: Women dealing with abuse of power in the Catholic Church* (2006). She also

conducted workshops for women of the Roman Catholic faith dealing with issues of abuse, harassment, or unfair termination.

Evans Bouclin joined the Women’s Ordination Worldwide. She also became an active member of Roman Catholic Womenpriests, whose mission is to prepare women for the priesthood in the event the Church changes its official position.

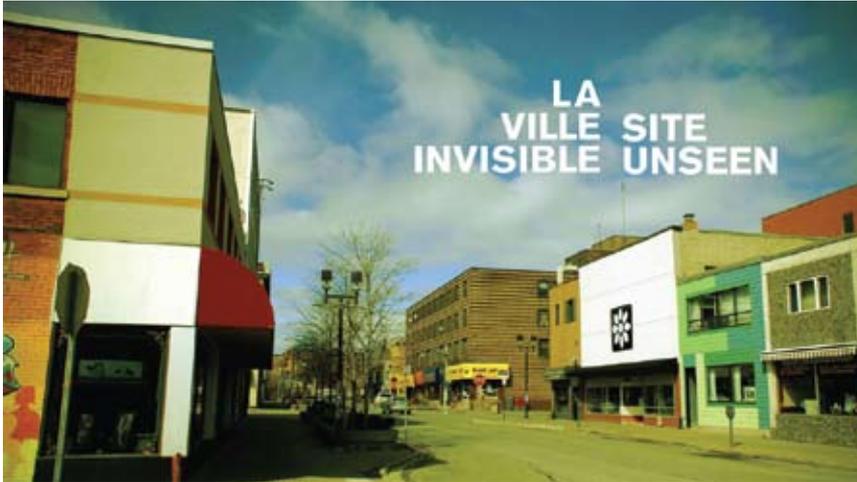
In 2006, she made a big leap and started training for the priesthood herself.

The day following her ordination in 2007, she was approached by Christ the Servant Catholic Church to help establish a new parish in Cobourg with Pastor Kevin Fitzgerald (BA Hon. 1993). Despite the distance from her home in Sudbury, she goes there regularly for liturgical celebrations. As well, she continues to minister to women in need.

Evans Bouclin continues to keep the faith: She believes that the Church of tomorrow “will be more ecumenical and centred around small communities.” This trend would mean a new model for relations between clergy and laity. In small congregations, or what she calls “domestic churches,” everyone would be on equal footing, organized more like a shared circle as opposed to a pyramid structure. “When I celebrate mass in a home environment, we sit around the table, much like Jesus did,” she explains. ■

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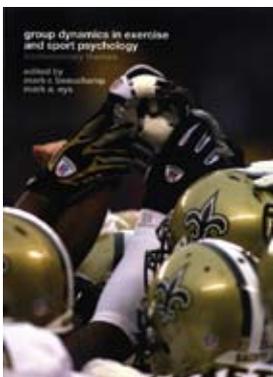
BY LAURENTIAN FACULTY AND ALUMNI



SITE UNSEEN

In search of the spirit of an urban identity, the words and images in *Site Unseen* are a journey through the streets of the City of Greater Sudbury in its 125th anniversary year. The everyday details of a city's landscape reward patient contemplation, as beauty often appears where most unexpected. One photographer, Mariana Lafrance, and a dozen writers – including some Laurentian alumni, faculty, and staff – express their relationship with Sudbury, in a language dictated by its very textures, colours, and ambiance. Published by *Prise de parole*, 2008.

GROUP DYNAMICS IN EXERCISE AND SPORT PSYCHOLOGY



Cultural practices and the way teammates behave fill the pages of two books by professors in Laurentian's human kinetics department. Mark

Eys, assistant professor, is co-editor, with Mark Beauchamp of the University of British Columbia, of *Group dynamics in exercise and sport psychology: Contemporary themes*. The book explores how group members influence one another's behaviour in sport and exercise settings. It is a clear and thorough

guide to contemporary theory and research. Other contributors include Robert Schinke, coordinator of the sport psychology program, and Sarah Jeffery, a master's student in human development. It is published by Routledge Taylor and Francis Group.

CULTURAL SPORT PSYCHOLOGY

Robert Schinke is the co-editor and an author of *Cultural Sport Psychology*, which is published by Human Kinetics, a leading American publisher of sport research books and educational materials. The book examines how culture influences the practice of sport psychology. Schinke, along with Laurentian professors Stephen Ritchie, Patricia Pickard, and Ginette Michel, write about their research and implementation of a sport leadership program in Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve.

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bridging the gap



Teamwork indeed: Professor Ginette Michel (front and centre) with some of her biggest supporters: (back from left): Christian Lebouthillier, Sarah Argent, Dylan McAneney, Candie Sabel, and Darren Stevens; (front from left): Lynn Kabaroff, Sophie Gauthier, Kaitlyn Ellis, and Craig Neilson.

Health professor Ginette Michel wins for her winning attitude

By Laura E. Young

Winner of Laurentian's Teaching Excellence Prize for 2007/2008, professor Ginette Michel (BPHE Hons. 1992) is the coordinator of health promotion in the school of human kinetics. She has worked with graduates and students to create such specialized programs as health promotion without borders and aboriginal health.

"Ginette is unique in the fact that she combines this very personable easy-to-talk-to way, with an ability to push people to achieve their academic best," says Michelle K. Brunette (BPHE 2001), Laurentian International's manager of international student recruitment and admissions.

Brunette says Michel was influential in her own decision to pursue her master's degree in human kinetics.

Michel, who has recently returned from a year's sabbatical, is working on her doctoral degree at Boston University. During her sabbatical, she was a co-author with Laurentian professor Céline Boudreau-Larivière, contributing toward a book by their colleague, Michel Guay:

Prevention et Lesions Sportive, a franco-phone textbook on traumatology in sport and medicine.

Whenever something really matters to students, Michel always supports them, and finds ways to make a person's vision come true, says Ghislaine Goudreau (BPHE 1997), who currently teaches aboriginal health in Native studies, a course developed with Michel's support. Goudreau is also an environmental health promoter at the Sudbury & District Health Unit.

Most importantly, Michel knows how to identify and bridge gaps, Goudreau says.

Back in 2000, Michel became the health promotion coordinator, and quickly began taking the program in new directions. In 2003, she worked with student Julie Cloutier to get a better sense of the future of health promotion. Cloutier surveyed all the health units across Ontario. The information they gathered shaped Laurentian's health promotion curriculum, Michel says.

In 2004, Michel also became involved in developing health promotion without borders with student Jessie Wright.

The program first went to Costa Rica. In 2007, Sarah Argent (BPHE 2008) took the program to Africa, working first in Howard Hospital in Zimbabwe. This past

year, the political climate forced change and she went instead to Ghana, working with Unite for Sight, an international group that promotes vision health.

Michel hopes the program can return to Howard Hospital. "It really caters to our students, [working] in their clinic, going to do countryside runs, educating kids with AIDS-related issues. It was a rewarding experience."

Growing up in Sudbury, Ginette Michel was always athletic: Her parents, Aline and Ernest Pitre, fostered an active lifestyle. In high school, she decided she wanted to teach gym.

Instead, she graduated from Cambrian College's nursing program in 1980; she had been working 16 years in Sudbury when the first government nursing cutbacks began and she saw the writing on the wall. So, she went to Laurentian to pursue physical education.

Within her first week, Michel's career at Laurentian was launched. She made the field hockey team. Her health improved through physical activity and also because the tough workouts forced her to quit smoking. By graduation, she was teaching activity courses.

Michel credits some key members of the human kinetics department for helping her along the way – people such as Bob Jensen, Kit Lefroy, Wendy Jerome, Pat Pickard, Al Salmoni, and Michel Guay were the foundation of her success at Laurentian, she says.

"I learned a lot. I learned also what not to do ... the dos and don'ts," says Michel. "You just take the best from everyone."

VALE INCO LIVING WITH LAKES CENTRE WINS PRESTIGIOUS HOLCIM AWARD



John Gunn (centre), and the architects of the Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre, Peter Busby of Busby Perkins + Will of Vancouver and Jeff Laberge of J. L. Richards and Associates of Sudbury, receive their Holcim Award at an evening ceremony held in Montreal on October 16 (photo provided by the Holcim Foundation).

By *Guylaine Tousignant*

THE DESIGN FOR the Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre is one of the three Holcim Award winners in the 2008 North American competition. It was chosen among 174 eco-friendly and sustainable entries from all over the continent. The winning projects were announced October 16, at a ceremony held in Montreal. Prize money of \$25,000 US was awarded to the Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre and will be used in the construction of this facility.

John Gunn, Canada research chair in stressed aquatic systems at Laurentian, along with the centre's architects, Peter Busby of Busby Perkins + Will of Vancouver and Jeff Laberge of J. L. Richards and Associates of Sudbury, accepted the award.

"The Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre continuously generates public and community support," said Gunn. "This prestigious award will help to establish Sudbury's position among the international leaders in environmental restoration, as well as environmental design and construction."

The Holcim Awards celebrate the top competition entries from five regions – Europe, North America, Latin America, Africa Middle East, and Asia Pacific – with more than 5,000 entries. The three best projects from each region, including the Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre design, will now be entered in the global awards competition in front of a new jury in Lucerne, Switzerland, in May 2009, and compete for one of the most prestigious and valuable prizes in world architecture.

The Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre, Laurentian's global centre of excellence for applied research in environmental restoration and sustainability, is one of the flagship projects that will be funded by The Next 50 Campaign. The centre will allow the university to expand its critical research into the restoration and remediation of damaged freshwater lakes and will be, in itself, a tangible demonstration of Laurentian University's global environmental leadership. To be built to the standards of the prestigious platinum LEED (Leadership in Environmental Energy and Design) designation, the centre will be a model of sustainability, attracting top researchers and scientists from around the world to conduct groundbreaking research.

For more information on the Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre, visit: www.livingwithlakes.laurentian.ca.

For more information on the Holcim Awards, visit: www.holcimfoundation.org.

Over \$3 million invested in LU and Sudbury projects

LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY FIGURED prominently in the Canadian government's funding initiatives, through its northern Ontario funding agency FedNor, in August 2008.

Laurentian received \$10,000 to write the business plan for an information centre within the Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research. The centre will develop, compile, and distribute information to support rural and northern health research and education.

In a separate announcement, Vale Inco Living with Lakes Centre received \$2 million from FedNor. The centre will be an extension of Laurentian's Cooperative Freshwater Ecology Unit, which was created in 1989. The internationally renowned research and monitoring group studies how human activities – namely mining – affect our northern lakes, streams, and wetlands.

FedNor gave the City of Greater Sudbury \$275,000 to help with the extensive upgrades and renovations to the Laurentian Community track. Sudbury plans to host the 2010 Ontario Summer Games and the 2011 Canadian Francophone Games.

FedNor also provided \$100,000 towards the cost of building a new Sudbury Canoe Club, which will improve the site and proximity of the university's rowing club. The club will move to the south side of Ramsey Lake, bringing it closer to students.

MINING FOURSOME

In a blending of acronyms, a world-class mining research centre was formed at the Willet Green Miller Centre at Laurentian. The Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation (CEMI), Mines and Aggregates Safety and Health Association (MASHA), Canadian Mining Research Organization (CAMIRO), and the Mining Innovation Rehabilitation and Applied Research (MIRARCO) celebrated their new mining research group in August.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

DEPARTMENTAL AND PROFESSOR UPDATES

ECONOMICS PROFESSOR A CONSULTANT FOR THE CREATION OF THE BANK OF THE SOUTH

Louis-Philippe Rochon, associate professor in the department of economics at Laurentian University, was one of 15 prominent economists from around the world selected as an expert-consultant in the Workshop on the Bank of the South that was held in Ecuador in June.

The workshop, jointly organized by the United Nations' department of economic and social affairs (UNDESSA) and the government of Ecuador, addressed technical aspects of the creation and operation of the Bank of the South, which would become the World Bank for Latin America.

Rochon, who also made the opening remarks at the event, researches central bank policies and operations. He is leading a research project in this area, supported by a three-year Standard Research Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). His other research interests include dollarization, Post-Keynesian macro theory, and money and banking. He has been teaching economics, in English and French, at Laurentian since 2004.

POOL RENAMED



Laurentian University has renamed its pool in honour of Jeno Tihanyi, former faculty member in the school of human kinetics and founder of the Sudbury Laurentian Swim Club.

The Piscine de l'or olympique Jeno Tihanyi Olympic Gold Pool now dually recognizes Jeno Tihanyi and Laurentian alumnus Alex Baumann, whose two gold-medal performances at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Summer Games brought prestige and acclaim to Sudbury and Canada.

Alex Baumann attended the renaming ceremony.

Jeno Tihanyi, better known as "Doc," coached swimming for 44 years. He trained Alex Baumann from the age of nine in the Laurentian Swim Club. Baumann's training in the pool from 1973 to 1987 was crucial to his international success. Jeno Tihanyi's coaching achievements included 16 world swimming records, being named Canadian swim coach of the year four times, and induction into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame.

Jeno Tihanyi passed away in Sudbury on March 4, 2007.

CHANGES AT LAURENTIAN

Linda Ambrose, a professor in the department of history, is in the role of acting dean, social sciences and humanities.

Harley d'Entremont ended his position as vice-president, academic (francophone affairs).

Gerry Labelle has assumed responsibility for the physical plant and planning and ancillary services, as well as chief financial officer.

Patrice Sawyer, formerly of science and engineering, will replace Harley d'Entremont throughout the transition period. John Isbister, formerly dean of social sciences and humanities, is currently the acting vice-president, administration, until a new president is in place.

Liette Vasseur, associate vice-president, research at Laurentian, has been appointed vice-president, research at Brock University, effective January 1, 2009. Laurentian will name an interim associate vice-president, research, until a permanent successor is appointed.

LU PHD CANDIDATE WINS AWARD



Nadia Mykytczuk, a PhD candidate in the Boreal ecology program at Laurentian, was awarded \$500 for her presentation at the Student Award Symposium Competition held during the 58th Annual Conference of the Canadian Society of Microbiologists (CSM) in Calgary this summer.

Mykytczuk presented an article entitled "Cold adaptation in the acid mine drainage bacterium: *Acidithiobacillus ferrooxidans*" in the Applied and Environmental Microbiology category.

Léo. G. Leduc of Laurentian collaborated with Mykytczuk on her research paper.

LAURENTIAN HISTORY PROFESSOR RECEIVES SSHRC GRANT

Benoît Grenier, professor in the department of history, received a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) – Research Development Initiatives Program, valued at \$36,500.

With this grant, Grenier, in collaboration with historian Catherine Ferland, professor at the University of Sherbrooke, will begin new research on business women in New France between the years 1700 and 1760. History students from Laurentian and Sherbrooke will also participate, giving them the opportunity to gain valuable experience in university-level research.



WHAT TO TALK ABOUT FIRST?

JACQUES TREMBLAY, B.COMM. 1982, LUAA PRESIDENT

AS THE NEW LUAA PRESIDENT one of my first tasks is to decide what to talk about in this column. Should I thank my predecessor, David White, for his commitment over the last two years? Should I welcome our new board members, Mary Trebb, Martin Soulière, Rob Thirkill, and Shawn Rossi? Should I

thank returning members for their continuing support?

Should I talk about our newest chapter launch – Beijing in October 2008? Or, should I review our continuing events at our regional chapters in Sudbury, Ottawa, Vancouver, Timmins, Toronto, and the success of the SPAD chapter?

Perhaps I should review the many products and services LUAA offers through our affinity partners: the MBNA credit card, TD insurance

services, the wine program, and others. Should I talk about the newest service, the Futura Rewards alumni card?

Of course, the answer to all of these is yes. I believe, however, this is my chance to ask each one of you to tell me how to represent the LUAA on your behalf. I strongly encourage you to get engaged, and thanks to those of you who participated in our latest engagement survey. The board has reviewed the results and they will be instrumental in our strategic planning. LU will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2010 and we want to make sure alumni are front and centre at this half-century mark.

Let us know your ideas and thoughts on Laurentian’s anniversary and any other issues that are important to you. After all, our role at the LUAA is to represent you! Contact me at alumni@laurentian.ca or the alumni relations office at (705) 675-4818. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Your alumni association continues to work on your behalf and we appreciate any feedback you can offer on our programs and services. Please send us an e-mail at alumni@laurentian.ca with your suggestions.



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CHAPTER NEWS

GETTING OFF TO A GREAT START

Students from across Ontario seized an opportunity in early August to learn all about Laurentian before even seeing the campus. The alumni relations office, along with Robert F. Bourgeois, Laurentian University's acting president, Dr. Susan Silverton, VP of anglophone affairs, Denis Mayer, associate VP of student affairs, as well as representatives from orientation, residences, the SGA, and the AEF all welcomed the new students in four locations: Barrie, Mississauga, Ottawa, and Sudbury.

During the annual "great start" events, students have the chance to win prizes including \$500 in tuition fee credits, as well as gift cards totalling \$500 for Aramark food services and the Laurentian bookstore.



alumni around the world



Laurentian University hosted its first international "great start" event for students from Malaysia heading to Laurentian. The event was coupled with an alumni reception in Kuala Lumpur on August 9; students had the opportunity to meet alumni in Malaysia who had attended Laurentian.



TIMMINS CHAPTER PROFILE



Timmins chapter president Louis Clausi (right). Photo courtesy of the City of Timmins.

The Timmins alumni chapter is Laurentian's most northern chapter. President Louis Clausi (BA 1985) was eager to share details on upcoming events.

Q: Your chapter has been active for a few years; what types of events have you held for alumni in Timmins?

LC: This past year, our chapter held a social with a band at a local bar. We had a great turnout, and participants had the chance to win prizes. Since the launch of the chapter, we've held various events, such as a sold-out Laurentian Voyageurs male basketball team exhibition game

against a team from Timmins. It was a huge success and raised funds for the Timmins chapter bursary. Also, there have been comedy nights hosted by the first Timmins alumni chapter president, my brother, Alan Clausi.

Q: What kinds of events are planned for this year?

LC: This winter, we plan on hosting another social, and our student send-off parties are held annually during the month of August. Our chapter also welcomes any ideas or suggestions from alumni in Timmins.

Q: Your role as president of this chapter is something that you do in your spare time. In your opinion, has presiding over this chapter been time consuming?

LC: Not really. We do not run too many events. At our last social, about 30 people came out. I am glad to help Laurentian in some small way!

If you wish to become involved in the Timmins Alumni Chapter, contact 705-675-4818 or timminschapter@laurentian.ca

1, 2, 3... FORE!

Laurentian alumni are at it again! This summer's annual alumni golf season began on May 29 with the SPAD chapter golf tournament held at the Cardinal Golf and Country Club in Kettleby. On July 10, it was the Sudbury alumni chapter's turn as they hosted the annual president's golf tournament at the Idylwyld Golf and Country Club, which neighbours the Laurentian campus.

1 Winners of the President's Cup: Frank LeBreton, Bruce Frick, Dave Petryna, and Paul Maynard (far right) receive the President's Cup from Judith Woodsworth, Laurentian University past president, and Paul Douglas, vice-president Affinity Market Group, TD Insurance Meloche Monnex.

2 Winners of the SPAD Golf Tournament: (from left) Honsing Leung, Mark Dottori, Mike Leblanc, Mike Ondevilla.

3 New LUAA president Jacques Tremblay admires a shot taken by LU professor Louis Zanibbi.



Homecomings and reunions

RETURNING HOME: CELEBRATING OUR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE GRADUATES

The Native human services program celebrated its 20th anniversary on the weekend of July 18-19. The reunion was highlighted with alumni seminars and ended with a traditional feast and the presentation of a traditional drum to the department by Native human services alumnus Jim Greer.



Remember when tuition fees were as low as \$800? And singer George Michael was keeping the faith? Those crazy days were revived during reunion events held this past summer 2008. With the help of the alumni relations department, three class reunions were hosted on the LU campus this summer.

1 On the weekend of July 4, it was the graduates of the commerce and SPAD program, class of 1988's turn to celebrate 20 years. They celebrated with a day on the golf course and a pub-style buffet.

2 Nursing 1983 celebrated their 25th anniversary on the weekend of June 27 with a cruise on the Cortina, followed by a dinner.

3 Summer homecomings ended on the weekend of September 12 with the nursing 1978 class reunion. A campus tour of their old stomping grounds and a class dinner recalled happy memories of their days at Laurentian.



IN THE NEWS

**COLIN JENKINS**

Laurentian swimming alumnus Colin Jenkins competed in the Olympic triathlon in Beijing. The native of Hamilton, Ontario, finished in 50th place in a time of one hour 56 minutes 50.85 seconds, nearly eight minutes behind the winner from Germany.

His finish may not have been in the top group, however, he did help fellow Canadian Simon Whitfield earn a silver medal by utilizing

teamwork in the swim and bike portions of the race. Colin was picked for the team at the urging of Whitfield, and had been asked by Triathlon Canada to help the 2000 Olympic champion reel in any breakaway groups in the swimming and bike portions of the race – and he did just that. With Whitfield on his wheel, Colin Jenkins did a masterful job on the bike, holding a slight lead over the field at the end of the first lap. He then continued to challenge the field and close the gap on any breakaway groups to help Whitfield conserve energy and stay within striking distance of the lead group heading into the run. He finished the bike section in fourth place riding the 40-kilometre course in a time of 58:59 for a race total of 1:17:40, heading into the run.

As Colin came out onto the course for the run, he had fallen to 17th place through the transition area, however, his job was done; he had helped Whitfield remain within striking distance of the contenders. Colin completed the 10-kilometre course with a time of 38:39. Canada's Simon Whitfield won the silver medal with an impressive final kick, finishing the Olympic triathlon in a time of 1:48:58.

LYNN JOHNSTON

Lynn Johnston was inducted into the Canadian Cartoon Hall of Fame, which was announced at a celebration in Toronto in August 2008. The Doug Wright Awards were established in December 2004 as a means of casting a spotlight on the range of cartoonists and comic artists working in Canada. The awards

are named after Doug Wright (1917-1983) whose strip "Doug Wright's Family" ran in newspapers in Canada and around the world from the late 1940s to the early 1980s.

MELANIE MARTIN

Melanie Martin, BA 2001, is co-host of the radio show "JJ & Melanie in the Morning" at FLOW 93.5, in Toronto. Her show airs weekdays from 5:30 to 10 a.m. "I like it, but it takes adjusting to," Melanie says. "Six years later and I'm still adjusting. But you get the rest of the day off. Sunday night is tough when you stay up late watching a movie with your kid." (Melanie is the mother of a 16-year-old named Astisha.) Originally from Sudbury, she did a stint in the victim-assistance program. "I had so much difficulty leaving that job behind," she recalls. "It was wrenching what these kids go through." She moved to Toronto and worked as a sales rep. "I sold fax machines for Pitney Bowes and I met my quota, but I was bored out of my mind and was frustrated. One day I was listening to FLOW 93.5's morning show and I thought, 'What a cool job.' Overnight, I made the decision and I went to Humber College for broadcasting and, a year later, got my first job. I handed out my demo tape across Canada and asked, 'Are you hiring?'" She signed on to the top-40 station in Toronto.

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ALUMNI UPDATES

Angel Barbisan, BScN 1986, joined Lake Superior State University as an instructor in the school of nursing. She has a master's degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix, Arizona; a nursing degree from Laurentian University, and a degree in biology/microbiology from the University of Waterloo. She has also worked as a staff nurse in critical care/intensive care at Sault Area Hospital, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

1960s



Brian J. Bronson, BA 1969, wrote and sent photographs showing how the "power of friendship" has developed over 40 years, since, in 1966, eight Laurentian students met at Huntington. This past summer, they shared a cottage and renewed friendships. Everyone is in great health and most are now enjoying retirement. They loved reminiscing about their time at Laurentian and cherish the people they met there. Attending were: (bottom row, from left) Jim Hawkins, Jim Hill, Larry and Maureen Ireland, and Bill and Maria Dobson; (top row, from left) Madelaine Hill, Glenn Holmes, David Bennetts, Suzanne and Brian Bronson, and Greg and Laurie Simmons.

1970s

Mark E. F. Cornish, BA 1975, is retired and living in Cloudland Canyon, Georgia, with his wife, Ursula. He worked 14 years for the Ministry of Community Social Services and retired after 10 years of service for Tennessee State, in the public service division.

Peter Gothe, BA 1975, has recently been appointed general manager of TIENS North America, a company distributing health care, nutritional, and personal care products throughout North America. Peter is the vice chairman of the Direct Seller's Association of Canada, an industry association of corporations involved in distributing products through a network of independent sales contractors. He and his wife, Donna, have three children and two grandchildren. They live in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

Susan Vecchiarelli (maiden name: Silverson), BA 1975, recently retired after 32 years in education – the last 13 years were spent in administration. Most recently, she worked for seven years as principal of Golden Avenue School in South Porcupine, Ontario. Susan has recently moved from Timmins to Waterloo.

1980s

James Coyle, BA 1985, is teaching in Lindsay, Ontario.

1990s

Dave Leatherland, BPHE 1995, lives in Simcoe, Ontario with his wife, Kathryn, and their two children, Erika and Adam. Dave teaches at Delhi District Secondary School where he is the head of physical education, director of athletics and head football coach. He encourages friends from his Laurentian days to look him up and to stop by for a visit.

Michel De Lottinville, BA 1999 and B.Ed. 2000, taught French for six years, has volunteered in theatre productions, refereed hockey, and completed a two-year stint in automotive assembly. Thanks to his bilingual certificate (Laurentian 1999), he is currently setting up a home-based translation service to work in both official languages. Writing and jogging keep him focused. He says his B.Ed. year was simply the best.

Kevin E. Gordon, BA 1999, played for the men's basketball team for about five years of his student life, and he says most people would remember him as "Flash." Leaving Laurentian with a bachelor in economics, his first job at Dell Canada (where he worked for about three years) brought many accomplishments, such as becoming the first rep to sell over \$65,000 in computer equipment in one day. Since Dell, he has worked at other large IT organizations, including Microsoft, Oracle, and IBM. Kevin is currently working in the GTA as the corporate account manager for Softchoice. He works alongside Laurentian alumni from the basketball team: Patrick Duggan and Craig O'Neal. Kevin married Alicia in August 2006. They welcomed their first child, daughter Destiny Mikayla Gordon on October 17, 2008.

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IN MEMORIAM

It is with profound regret and sadness to report that Ira Bailey (SPAD 1983) lost a valiant struggle with lung cancer August 7, 2008. Ira is survived by his wife of 37 years, Freda, and his brother, Al.

Ira came to Laurentian in 1980 as a 30-year-old mature student with a dream of devoting his professional life to sport. His love of sport had been lifelong – first as a youngster in Glasgow, Scotland, and then as a teenager in Sarnia where he grew up after coming to Canada with his family in the 1960s. Tennis, basketball, and hockey were his greatest passions, but his sporting interests were wide and varied.

Ira got to live his dream of working as a sports professional later in life, first with SkyDome, and then launching the Toronto Roadrunners of the American Hockey League (the team that preceded the Marlies) and the Ricoh Coliseum. His sale of the naming rights for the arena stands as one of the biggest hockey sponsorships ever negotiated in this country.

A bursary fund for mature students entering the SPAD program has been established in Ira's name. The fund started with a \$2,500 donation. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$5,000, which will then be matched by the federal government to create a \$10,000 perpetuity from which annual grants will be made to deserving students.

Please consider making a donation. Cheques should be payable to Laurentian University. In the cheque memo line or on attached correspondence, indicate that the contribution is for the Ira Bailey SPAD Bursary Fund. Help create a legacy for a truly special person and help support young men and women entering the SPAD program who share Ira's dream.

Michael Merrall (SPAD 1983)

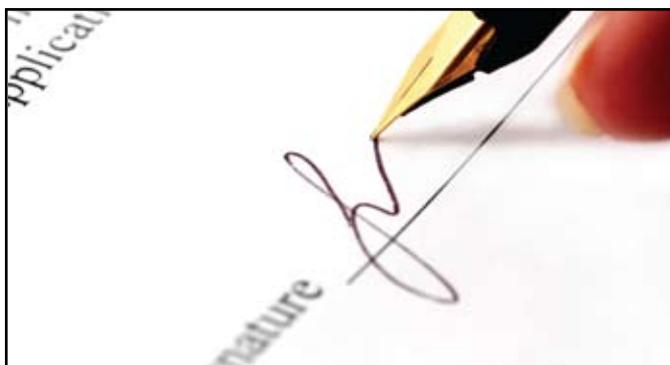
Copeland, Eleanor Carrie (nee Morgan). BA 1977. Former vice-chair Laurentian Board of Governors, on September 12, 2008, in Toronto. She was 80.

Latreille, (Wilkie) Patricia Gail. BScN 1989, on September 19, 2008, in North Bay. She was 68.

Mcllwain, John. Technologist/kinesiologist in the school of human kinetics, on September 8, 2008, in Sudbury.

Peak, Frank Alexander. Former president and board member of Thorneloe University on February 13, 2008, in Ottawa. He was 95.

Thibaudeau, Guy. Former philosophy instructor at the University of Sudbury for 25 years, on August 17, 2008 in Sudbury.



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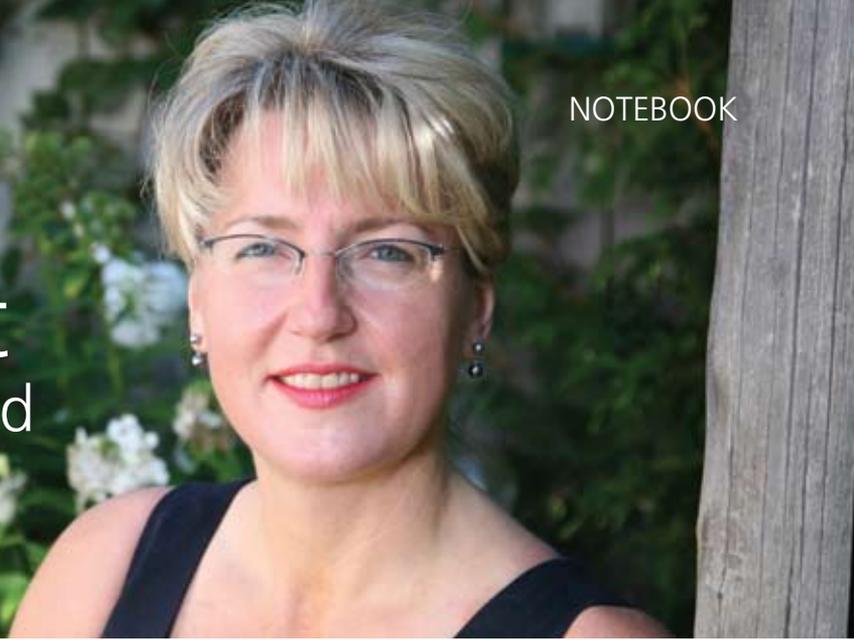
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Life's a retreat says alumna Kate Reid



By *Laura E. Young*

When Kate Reid (B.Sc. 1989) was a psychotherapist, the Laurentian alumna began to realize she wanted to treat the whole person, not just one aspect of health. So, she left her full-time career to spend four years training to become a naturopathic doctor.

Now, having seen many women overwhelmed by with the demands of modern life, she is taking them far away from the stresses of life for a weekend off (let's hope they come back!).

Reid and her business partner, Kathrin van Vierzen, have launched the Deer Trail Cabins Wellness Retreat on the south shore of Manitoulin Island. van Vierzen is the owner/operator of the cabins and the retreat.

"I commonly see women burning out because they are taking care of their immediate family, plus elderly parents, plus maintaining a professional career," Reid says from her Sudbury office. "Unfortunately, their needs fall to the bottom of the list more often than not."

"I see so many exhausted women who are, in fact, experiencing adrenal fatigue syndrome. I thought, 'What better way to get them away from that stress environment and learn some coping techniques for themselves?'"

The wellness retreat opened on Manitoulin Island this September. The first cabin is built and designed. Currently, as many as four women can book a weekend retreat, choosing from cleansing and purification programs,

spa treatments, or an individualized cleansing spa, which entails mixing and matching a variety of treatments. Yoga and meditation are also available, as well as organic meals and a personal assessment by Reid.

Originally from Timmins, Reid graduated from Laurentian in 1989, and worked in Sudbury from 1991 to 1997 as a psychometrist and psychotherapist

"I am driven ... It's a quest to learn, grow, evolve at all levels. That's what I believe life is all about."

at the St Joseph's site of the Sudbury Regional Hospital. She started thinking that people were being treated "in pieces." In naturopathic medicine, she found her calling, as the practice seemed to integrate all aspects of health. She graduated from the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine in Toronto in 2001.

Going back to school was a huge risk, but, at the end of the day, it's important to pursue your passion, or life becomes dull, she says.

Today she advocates for women's health concerns.

Initially, she didn't anticipate working primarily with women. "That has been so rewarding for me and has launched me into a direction of really wanting to empower and support women."

Reid exemplifies the holistic health ideal: She is training to complete the 2009 Sudbury Rocks Marathon. She ran the half marathon in May 2008. Five days a week, she follows a rigorous training program that includes karate, weights, body core and stability work, and distance and sprint training. Every weekend, she heads to Manitoulin for a two-hour bike ride.

"A huge foundation of my practice is the lifestyle component. It's always an entry starting point for my patients to clean up their diet and get on a regular exercise program."

Her passion is infectious. You wish you could double on her bike and go along for the ride: "I am driven ... It's a quest to learn, grow, evolve at all levels. That's what I believe life is all about," she says.

"If we are healthy and joyous in this journey, it just doesn't get much better!"

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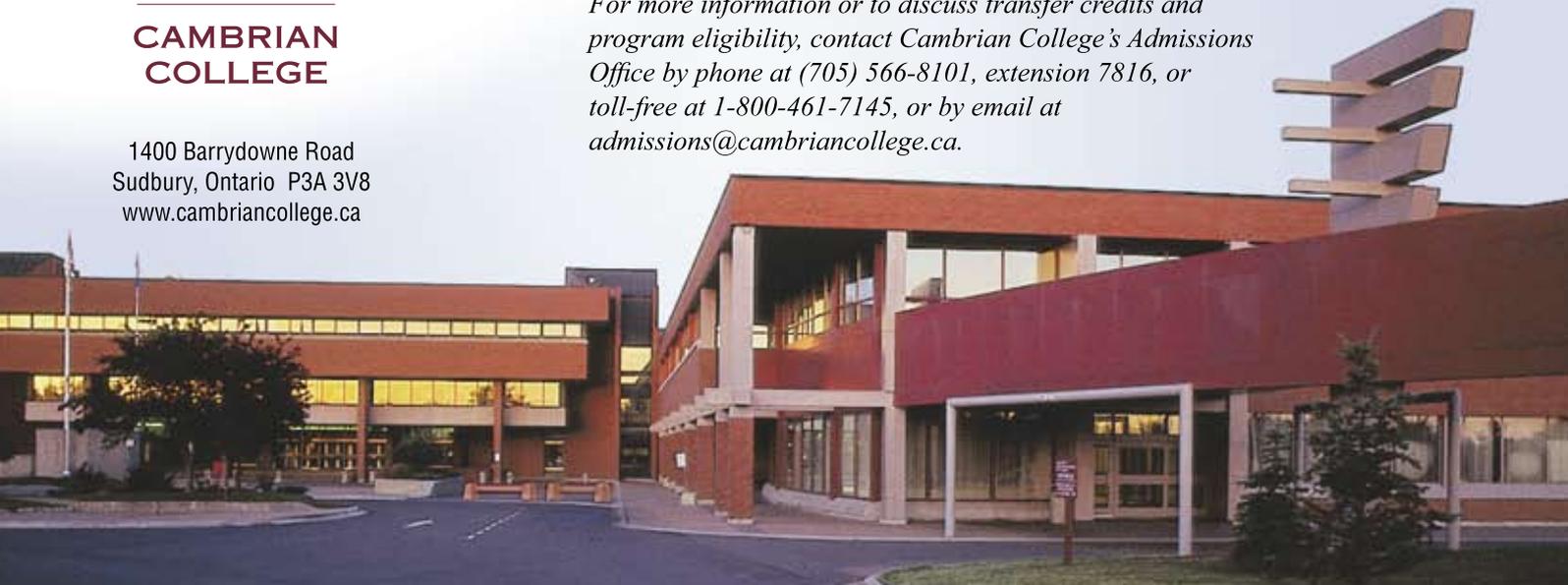
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He oughta be in

PICTURES

LU grad David Anselmo has moved to the big screen – and, for the time being, back to Canada

Welcome to Dongmakgol (2005)

By Suzanne Charron-Violette

He underwent a significant physical transformation — shaving his head, growing a beard, gaining muscle mass, and adding 25 pounds to his usually slim frame. No, it wasn't that David Joseph Anselmo had entered a witness protection program — he was preparing for a starring film role.

Actor David Anselmo (BA Hons. 1999) has always had a passion for film. When he was 10 years old, he saw *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* with his father. It wasn't the movie itself that piqued his interest — in fact, it isn't even a favourite — “but going in there and smelling the popcorn, and seeing all the faces — it was just magical. I loved being at the movies.”

From watching the big screen, Anselmo has now moved onto the big screen. He recently starred in the South Korean film *The Host*, in which he plays an American soldier who has to protect Seoul against a gigantic monster. Filmed by acclaimed director Bong Joon-ho, the movie was a box-office hit in Asia in 2006. “It was the *Titanic* of films,” says Anselmo. The DVD was released in Canada last March, and around the same time, Anselmo moved back to Canada (he had been living in South Korea).

Anselmo attributes his acting skills to the well-rounded, hands-on training he acquired at Thorneloe University. He

enrolled in the theatre arts program in 1999 after receiving his BA. He speaks fondly of (the late) professor Bill Hart, who talked about keeping a sense of balance between art and entertainment.

Anselmo never completed his acting degree. Just before his last semester, he accepted a six-month acting contract in Italy. “If I hadn't left ... maybe that opportunity would have passed me by.”

“I still want to be successful, but I want to be successful on my own terms.”

While visiting a friend in Seoul, he got involved in community theatre, and after meeting a producer from a major television network, he signed on for a six-month contract to play the lead role in a Sunday morning show on current events. Only later did he find out 15 million viewers regularly tuned in!

Anselmo moved on to other television dramas before landing his first film role in 2004. He played an American soldier in a Vietnam horror movie. The following year, he played the role of a brutal U.S. army commander in *Welcome to Dongmakgol*, set during the Korean War. To be convincing, he had to shave his head, grow a beard, and gain 25 pounds — which he did by loading up on hamburgers.

This minor role got Anselmo a lot of attention.

Now, back in Canada, Anselmo has opened a production company for his first independent film project: a feature-length film about four boys growing up in Sudbury. As producer, director, and actor, he plans to shoot *Northern Boys* in Sudbury in summer 2009.

In the meantime, he is spending

time in Vancouver, where his agent is based. While keeping busy writing, acting, and now, planning his upcoming film, he admits that his priorities in life have changed since he began acting: “I still want to be successful, but I want to be successful on my own terms. As you go along, you learn that [becoming rich and famous] is not really what's going to make you happy.”

Family makes him happy, though. And he notes, “everybody in my family has some connection with Laurentian University.” In fact, Anselmo's father Mario is an alumnus (BA 1971). His mother, H el ene, is retiring in January after a 40-year career working at Laurentian's library. Lianne, his younger sister, graduated with a biology degree in 2004. 

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Andrew Mulloy, right, a 2007/2008 deans' scholar and biomedical biology major, conducts experiments with Paul Guérin, a technician and teaching assistant in the department of chemistry and biochemistry.

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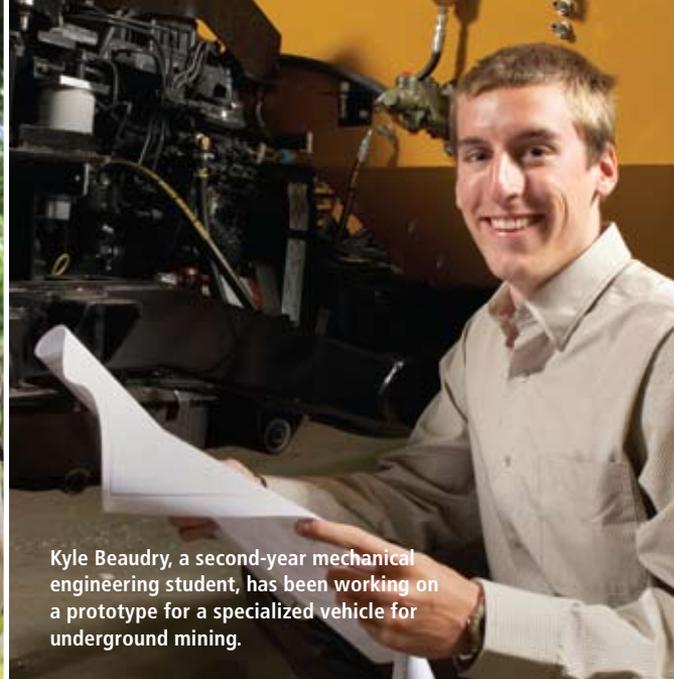
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Robert F. Bourgeois, acting president



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VICTORIA DYKES

Hometown: Oshawa
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Impact of bursary: Attending university is never an easy feat. Post-secondary education is expensive and without financial aid, it would not be possible for me to attend university. Receiving the Advancement Bursary has helped me significantly in my studies – I was able to buy an entire year's worth of books with the bursary. I have worked in the development office for three years through the work-study program, and my time in the office has had a significant impact on my experience at Laurentian. I started as a student caller (calling alumni to ask for their philanthropic support) and have been increasingly given more challenging and leading roles. I am truly thankful for everything the development office has offered me through this award.

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Hometown: Sudbury
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Judith Woodsworth, Laurentian University's first female president, occupied the position from 2002 to 2008. This photograph is from the first year of her presidency. She made a lasting legacy during her six-year tenure, and established three awards:

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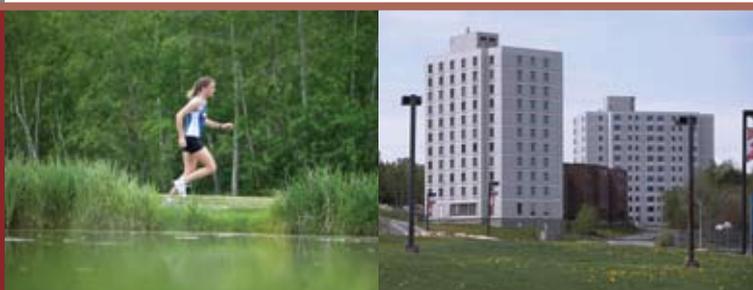
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