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FROM THE EDITOR, SHIRLEY MOORE



IT'S BEEN AN interesting ride for me the past couple of years and I have thoroughly enjoyed it, but unfortunately, it's my time to move on.

My husband and I have relocated to Toronto after he transferred for his job. We were going to have him attempt the daily eight-hour commute, but in the end, we thought it might prove to be a bit difficult, especially in the winter.

I'm going to miss editing the alumni magazine though, because the work has been interesting and rewarding. When I signed on in April 2005, I was given the task of leading the process to redesign and rework the magazine and I think the whole team has been successful in making it even more accessible, entertaining, and readable.

The magazine team, its supporters and the alumni went through an entire revisioning exercise that began with an alumni survey and ended with a new look, new content and new photography.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the magazine including the Laurentian University Alumni Association, Alumni Relations, University Advancement, President's office, Development office and Public Affairs. I would especially like to thank the magazine's editorial board, who met with me after each issue to offer their professional advice and feedback. A magazine is never the work of one person, so I would also like to thank the photographers, translators, proofreaders, freelancers and the amazingly creative publications team that includes writers and designers.

I wish all the luck in the future to the new editor, who will be announced in the next issue, and to the readers and alumni. I was inspired by so many of your stories, from the straw-bale house builders to one of Canada's oldest lifeguards. I have enjoyed learning more about the Laurentian family and I encourage you to continue to send in your letters, your alumni updates and your story ideas. The magazine is here mainly to keep you informed about your alma mater and one another.

LETTERS

Dear editor,

In reading Laura E. Young's Favourite son returns home in the Fall 2006 edition of the alumni magazine, I was struck by the detail that Science North had removed Alex Baumann's name from its roadside marquee citing "marketing priorities."

I was among the scores of folks on hand the day Prime Minister John Turner welcomed Baumann home to Sudbury and opened Alex Baumann Waterfront Park after Baumann did Laurentian, the Nickel City and Canada so proud at the Los Angeles Olympics. That was a moving event and a fitting tribute to a local and Canadian hero. I had no idea the park named in honour of Baumann had been largely subordinated by the attraction with which it shares real estate.

What a myopic decision by Science North and how disappointing a slight to Baumann. Perhaps now that the Baumann legacy is growing once more in Canada – for the benefit of his home nation – Science North officials, local politicians and other leaders will do the right thing and restore Baumann's name to the location. Perhaps it may even prove a "marketing" win for the science centre and the municipality.

Yours very truly,

Phil Andrews, HBA 1992

Letters to the editor

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

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Please note that letters are published at the discretion of the editor and are subject to fact-checking and editing.

TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THE SUN

Do you have a story idea for us? Do you know of a grad doing something "very cool"? Are you doing something "even cooler"?

We're always interested in what grads are doing. Here are some possible themes we plan to cover in the future: grads who have unique jobs and grads who are working outside North America in "exotic" places.

If you know of anyone who fits the bill, drop us a line at magazine@laurentian.ca.

LAURENTIAN PROFESSORS SCORE FIRST NATIONAL AWARD OF ITS KIND FOR SNO



(From left to right) Laurentian professors Dr. Doug Hallman, Dr. Clarence Virtue and Dr. Jacques Farine are among a team of researchers that won the inaugural John C. Polanyi award for their groundbreaking work on the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory experiment.

By Shirley Moore

THREE LAURENTIAN PHYSICS PROFESSORS are among a team of researchers that have been honoured with a new national research award for their work on the groundbreaking Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO) experiment.

Dr. Jacques Farine, Dr. Doug Hallman and Dr. Clarence Virtue are among 22 researchers who won the inaugural John C. Polanyi

award in November from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada (NSERC), a federal funding body for science research.

This initial seven-year underground SNO experiment has become nationally and internationally renowned and wrapped up late last year. Among its greatest findings is that neutrinos have actual mass, something that has affected scientists' basic understanding of how the universe formed.

Many astronomy and physics books have now been rewritten and mention this experiment, says Farine. "We really changed something important in the understanding of nature."

The team of researchers, led by Queen's University's Dr. Art McDonald, has been involved in the design, construction and operations of SNO, a facility that is two kilometres below surface in the hot and humid tunnels of CVRD Inco Limited's Creighton mine in Sudbury. The scientists needed the unique underground location so they could gather information on the elusive neutrino, a tiny subatomic particle that comes from the sun. Scientists needed to take measurements without a lot of background interference that can be caused on surface.

There are now plans to convert the original experiment to look for new neutrinos from the sun and Earth. A new lab called SNOLAB is under construction right now, just a short walk from the original underground SNO facility.

The award is named after Dr. Polanyi, a Canadian researcher who won the 1986 Nobel Prize in chemistry and includes a research grant of \$250,000.

FALCO LECTURES RENAMED

HOT ON THE HEELS OF AN ENDOWMENT from Xstrata Nickel was a name change for Laurentian University's annual lecture series.

The old Falconbridge Lecture Series will now be called the Xstrata Nickel Memorial Lecture after the Swiss mining company took over Falconbridge last year and changed the company name. The new Xstrata Nickel contributed \$100,000 in December to continue to bring well-known lecturers to Sudbury and in a joint press release, Laurentian and Xstrata said the money remaining in the trust fund for the original Falconbridge lectures will be combined with the new endowment. The press release said the company's new endowment will ensure the lectures will continue in "perpetuity."

Along with the name change, Xstrata and Laurentian announced this year's lecturer, Dr. Roberta Bondar. Canada's first female astronaut in space was set to speak on March 22, as of publication time. Bondar is one in a long line of famous people brought to Sudbury under the old Falco moniker, including former military leader Roméo Dallaire, author Margaret Atwood and American civil rights activist the Reverend Jesse Jackson.

The series was originally established in 1978 with donations from employees, families and friends to honour five senior executives from Falconbridge who died in a plane crash near Barrie, Ontario in 1977. The lectures will continue to be free to the public.



Canada's first woman in space – Dr. Roberta Bondar – is speaking in Sudbury as part of the newly-renamed Xstrata Nickel Memorial Lecture Series.



the trade mission to INDIA

REACHING BEYOND OUR BORDERS

By President Judith Woodsworth

These are exciting times as we serve more students at a distance and reach out to alumni around the world. Internationalization is on the agenda of all universities, and Laurentian is no exception.

In January, I joined Premier Dalton McGuinty on his trade mission to India. The mission was the initiative of four provincial ministries, including the premier's own, Research and Innovation. About 100 delegates, including a wide range of business people and representatives of colleges and universities, were on the mission.

It was a whirlwind – and gruelling – trip to a large country that deserves a much more leisurely tour. We “did” New Delhi, Bangalore and Mumbai in less than a week. I was glad I had been to India twice before, since we did not get to see the real India. We had a taste, however, of the customs and flavours of the country: gracious hospitality;

magnificent splashes of orchids and other exotic flowers; decorative and delicious hors d'oeuvres passed around at receptions; and colourful parakeets gracing the hotel gardens. The other side was also visible: crowded city streets, chaotic traffic and poor children with outstretched hands, glimpsed fleetingly as we moved to and

of India: a population of 1.1 billion with a rapidly growing middle class; a highly skilled and educated workforce with an insatiable appetite for learning; and a huge market with significant economic potential. It's a country of challenges, too: transportation, pollution, infrastructure and – important for us in the education sector – insufficient spaces in post-secondary institutions to meet the demand.

While this particular trip was only enough to scratch the surface, some opportunities emerged: to recruit students to Laurentian, to establish linkages with certain institutions in India, to promote student and faculty exchanges, and to share our expertise in areas such as environmental science, climate change and cancer research, to name just a few. The

experience was rewarding in itself, and as a way of opening the door, even just a crack, to a world of possibility.



Premier Dalton McGuinty and members of his trade mission to India.

from the airports, or from one meeting to the next.

We learned a tremendous amount in those meetings about the changing face

LU RUNNER WINS SILVER AT NATIONALS By Laura E. Young



THERE WAS A TIME when Leila Angrand would step out of her bathing suit and into her running gear.

But the wear and tear of being a two-sport athlete finally took its toll and she dropped the swimming in order to concentrate on track and cross-country running in her third year.

And what a move it's been.

Angrand claimed a silver medal, despite being ranked fifth heading into the final of the 3,000 metre run at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Indoor Track and Field Championship March 10.

"She's still a raw talent. I'd say her training age in running is only about two or three years. She has only ever run a handful of track races. Her potential to improve is huge," says coach Dick Moss.

And so far, this has been her best running year ever, he says. "She has never been this consistent with her running training. Her technique is the best it has ever been. When she runs, it looks effortless."

This winter, Angrand, 21, also represented Laurentian on the Ontario University Athletics indoor track and field circuit for the first time and immediately jumped into the top three rankings in the 1,500 metre run in the OUA.

She was 18th at the Canadian cross-country running championships

in Vancouver last November and on the university scene, she was a first team OUA all-star (for the third year), finished fifth at the OUAs and ninth at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport championships. She was a second-team all-Canadian.

Angrand sees room for improvement in her national championship race that got her into the Canadian team pool. Still, it was "another stride forward. Confidence-wise it was one of my best races."

Moss believes Angrand has the confidence she needs to jump to a new level.

"Having run successfully this fall against some of the best women in the country, including Olympians and national-teamers, she now has a level of confidence that she hasn't had before. That's all-important in this sport."

Angrand has been enjoying the moment, as she draws closer to her goals, she says. "I'm faster than I ever was, but all the girls are getting faster too."

She will graduate in June and hopes to pursue graduate studies at an Ontario university. "Where I go will pretty much depend on where I get in. I am hoping to still pursue cross-country running and track next year to complete my last year of eligibility. I am looking forward to graduating, and taking the next step to my education and future."

CEMI GETS NEW DIRECTOR, MORE BACKING

By Laura E. Young



PETER KAISER, A PROFESSOR OF MINING ENGINEERING at Laurentian and an internationally renowned expert in geomechanics research, became the founding executive director for the Centre for Excellence in Mining Innovation in March.

CEMI will have benefits for Canadian mining, Laurentian University, Sudbury, northern Ontario, "and if we're a little

ambitious, for the world," Kaiser said.

The environment has "fortunately" moved to the front of the national political agenda, so with CEMI, "we can reposition ourselves in Sudbury as leaders in environmental stewardship," he said.

CEMI's key priorities are researching deep mining, mine process engineering, the environment, exploration, and telerobotics and automation. CEMI has already begun work on several projects to the tune of \$1.8 million.

Kaiser's appointment was the latest in a string of good news for the centre.

Before Christmas, the mining company Xstrata Nickel – formerly Falconbridge – contributed \$5 million to CEMI.

Together with the Xstrata announcement, industry and government have pledged two-thirds of the start-up costs for CEMI including a \$5 million cash and in-kind donation from CRVD Inco Limited and \$10 million from the Ontario government. The city of Sudbury has committed \$50,000 over three years.

CEMI had established a \$30-million budget with the provincial, federal governments and industry each pitching in one third of the total budget.

The federal government has not yet announced whether it will support the centre. Federal funding agency FedNor is currently examining the funding criteria for CEMI and providing professional expertise and resources with one of its project officers, says FedNor spokesperson, Peter Williams.

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUING ON CAMPUS

By Jean-Maxime Bourgoin

THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS on the Laurentian campus continue to proceed. The new full-service Tim Hortons opened on February 12, much to the pleasure of the student population, staff and faculty. The new extension to the Arts building includes a new classroom and a new microcomputer centre.

The extension to the Ben Avery Physical Education Building was supposed to open in January 2007, but is now behind schedule. Normand Lajeunesse, director of physical plant, planning and security, says the extension is delayed because the initial plans were not precise enough and rock was discovered in the construction area. He says that he is satisfied overall with construction on campus, including the new English School of Education building which is expected to open next year.

The students have voted to pay for the expansion through their auxiliary fees. Lajeunesse says he expects the Ben Avery addition to be completed in September 2008.



The new full-service Tim Hortons opened in February.

CAMPUSQUIZ

How much do you really know about your university?

Name one of the Laurentian professors who won the John C. Polanyi award for working on the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO) experiment?

(hint: all three LU professors who were part of the winning team are listed somewhere in the magazine)

Send the correct answer to magazine@laurentian.ca with the subject line "Spring 07 trivia" before April 30, 2007, and we'll enter your name in a draw for a Laurentian gift-pack. Good luck!

Congratulations to Rachele (Kennedy) Wall (BSL Translation 1988) who entered our last Campus Quiz contest. She won the draw and received some great Laurentian swag after correctly answering that swimmer and alumnus Alex Baumann won two Olympic medals in Los Angeles.

LU REVAMPS ITS WEBSITE



Laurentian has launched its new website. The massive undertaking took several months to complete and the site first went live in late January.

It'll be easy to find if you'd like to log on. You can still reach it at the old URL: www.laurentian.ca.

PROPOSED ROAD THROUGH LU TRAILS STIRRING DEBATE



By *Laura E. Young*

LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY IS HOLDING consultations over the city's proposal to build a new road on university property.

The university invited the university community, stakeholders and other interested parties to a meeting at the beginning of March to gather opinions on the controversial plan.

The invitation came out of a Board of Governors meeting on February 16 and is in addition to a motion it passed, saying "the board sees no advantages to the university for the development of a road on its property as proposed by the city" and it "runs counter to the university's environmental policy."

The board considered Laurentian's academic mission, marketing strategies, and the environmentally-focused mandate of the institution, and recognized that study, leisure, field work, and research directions depend on the use of university lands, it said in its motion.

The city of Sudbury's plan for a road through the university's skiing and hiking trails has sparked controversy on campus.

At press time, the city of Sudbury was updating its environmental assessment with Dennis Consultants and hoped to

report back to Laurentian before the end of the school year. The city has adjusted its original plans to accommodate the concerns raised in the fall of 2006 by proposing to relocate the trails and bring in bridges, says Robert Falcioni, director of roads and transportation.

"We have always taken the position that we would relocate or replace (the trails)," he says.

Whether this second access road is built, "depends on the growth of the university or if there's more development on the peninsula that will need better access," he says.

The first proposed route will eliminate most ski and hiking trails, except the Gully Loop, according to Laurentian Nordic's website. Laurentian Nordic ski club started a Save our Trails campaign and an online petition last fall. With more than 1,300 signatures, the petition includes comments from Olympians Devon Kershaw and Chandra Crawford.

For Bob Hanson, the coach of Laurentian's nordic ski team which trains on the trails, the real issue is not about making changes to plans for a proposed road. "It's about a piece of land that

should never have a road on it," he says.

Dennis Consultants is collecting information to complete an addendum to the 1995 municipal class environmental assessment and is examining what has changed since that 1995 study, says one of the firm's consultants, Alex Sorenson. Laurentian is expected to supply future growth plans and projected enrolment with the city providing traffic counts to Dennis Consultants.

The idea of a second road around Laurentian has been around since the early 1960s. The key now is looking at how the area will evolve, say Bill Lautenbach, director of planning services for the city of Sudbury, and Sorenson of Dennis Consultants.

The issues influencing the decision to build a road include the planned single-site hospital at the intersection of Ramsey Lake Road and Paris Street, the university and other development, with the university being, "the growth vehicle in the area," Lautenbach says.

It's a "misnomer" that the development is needed for Dalron, the largest developer in the south end, he says. While the road is not entirely for the university as there are other properties in the area, they are minimal by comparison to LU, he adds.

The question remains whether Ramsey Lake Road can handle the university and hospital traffic when the hospital is operating, Lautenbach says.

**HAVE
YOUR SAY!**

Have your say in the Letters section of the magazine... **What do you think of the proposed road?**
E-mail magazine@laurentian.ca

PLUNGING INTO CHALLENGES HEAD FIRST...

one of Canada's oldest lifeguards faces new test

Keeping young and fit is what Beverley Boyce does best. The 70-year-old Laurentian grad is one of Canada's oldest lifeguards and is on the cusp of another physical challenge: her recertification for her National Lifeguard Service, which would let her continue her lifeguarding duties.

The recertification is strenuous enough for someone half her age, but the grandmother and Laurentian alumnus is up for it.

Laurentian University Magazine caught up with her as she started preparing.

BY LAURA E. YOUNG

PHOTOGRAPHY BY LUKE HENDRY

Peanut butter sandwiches and water keep Beverley Boyce's energy levels high for those days when she is lifeguarding for nearly 12 hours.

Then there's a boost of tender loving care when her husband of 50 years, Gerald, visits during his lunchtime to bring an extra large steeped tea with extra cream and an old-fashioned plain donut from Tim Hortons.

"All the people say, 'Where is my tea and donut?'" Boyce laughs, her voice full of affection for the patrons at the Belleville and Quinte YMCA. "Being a lifeguard, you meet beautiful people, so how can you not want to be a lifeguard?"

Still, that wasn't Boyce's first career choice when she retired from supply teaching at age 65. Slight tremors caused by a mild case of dystonia meant she could not write easily anymore,

and she has always adored being in the water. She began volunteering at the YMCA and was eventually offered a chance to teach aquatics. Needing more qualifications, she took her Royal Life Saving Society bronze medallion. "Then I thought I'd better cover myself if there's ever a lawsuit. I'll get my NLS (national lifeguard service)." Unlike in the old days, most pools now require NLS level certification in order to lifeguard.

Boyce, now 70, belongs to a small, select group of about six lifeguards in Canada who are over the age of 70. The oldest lifeguard in that group is 73, according to the Ontario Royal Life Saving Society, which has been teaching lifesaving and the National Lifeguard Service programs before chlorine was ever added to pool water.

Boyce passed her NLS in 2005 and works full time at the YMCA. Some mornings she opens the pool at 6 a.m. and doesn't finish until 6:30 p.m. Until Greenley W & R Booksellers closed temporarily only recently, she was also working once a week at the landmark bookstore in Belleville.

"It's not for the money. It's the love of swimming and the love of books," says the grandmother of six.

This spring, Boyce is facing another challenge. Every two years, lifeguards must recertify their NLS qualifications. She has already started training and plans to take the exam in late March or April. She can still manage the basic skills: lifting a 20-pound weight off the bottom of the pool, swimming a "victim" over to the side of the pool during staff training.

"She's very outgoing. Everyone loves her. She always has a nice comment for everyone," says Sandy Boyle, Boyce's program manager at the YMCA. "She's a good head."



Bev Boyce turned her life-long passion for swimming into a lifeguarding job at age 68.



Lifeguarding requires a healthy measure of physical strength for saving lives and lifting people out of the pool on spinal boards. In some rescues, lifeguards have to swim a set distance to a victim, bring the victim up from the bottom, and clamp them onto the hip. During the swim back to complete the rescue, the victim's head – although not necessarily the lifeguard's head – must remain above water. Boyce can still do the basic skills, says Boyle, her pool supervisor.

None of the physical demands have ever deterred Boyce. When she decided to take her NLS, she checked out all of the requirements and began working out to improve her strength and stamina. She lifted weights, worked on the rowing machine and swam laps.

The course and exams were not as easy for her as some of the “kids” found it, but she thinks some of the stress she endured was due to the pressure she put on herself. “I could do everything but I think it was more nervousness on my part because I wanted to prove something to myself: ‘Can I do this?’”

When she passed her NLS, she followed the trend among the lifeguards at her pool and got her own bellybutton ring. Boyce laughs as she recalls how the other guards told her she had to get one or they would do it themselves. “I said, ‘I’m going downtown. I know where to go. I know a tattoo place [that does them].’”

She also “knew a place” when she was ready to complete her university studies. In the early 1980s, she earned half a credit at University of Waterloo. She then completed six courses at Queen’s University, 45 minutes away in Kingston, but never finished her BA. “Everybody down here is a Queen’s grad and I didn’t want to be. I’m like that.”

In the early 1990s, she was visiting Lake Superior State University in Michigan where her daughter Suzie, now a police officer in Toronto, was studying. Boyce knew a bit about northeastern Ontario and decided to write Laurentian for a calendar. She liked the courses that were offered and figured “I want to be different.”

She was emerging from a period of caring for everyone else. She used to be a foster parent for out-of-town members of the Belleville Bulls Junior A hockey team of the Ontario Hockey League during the 1970s and 80s. She looked after her mother-in-law and then her own mother in her own home after they had suffered strokes.

“Both mothers helped with our kids. As parents get older, you have to think back. They changed [your] diapers. They were there (for you). Basically, you can’t do anything wrong whatsoever in a parent’s eyes. They love you whatever you do.”

She had been interested in working with a hospice group at her local hospital, and selected Laurentian for its array of religious studies courses. She also took credits in native studies.



All in a day at the pool:

(from the top) Boyce works with Chloe Rozeboom, and teaches Corrie Pearson, 3, and her doll about looking to the ceiling.

(top right): A rare moment in the day for Boyce to sit down.

(bottom right): Bev and Gerry Boyce celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 2.

(bottom left): Boyce practises for her recertification with YMCA program manager Sandy Boyle.



Boyce graduated in 1999 after completing a general bachelor of arts with an emphasis on religious studies.

Completing a university degree by distance education worked “because I just put my mind to it.” She moved her desk into the kitchen. “I was right in the midst of things if the kids came home from school or I had something cooking on the stove. I loved it.”

If she passes her recertification this spring, Boyce says she may also add a tattoo. “I’m almost tempted. I may get a burning bush or a Canadian flag,” she says.

If the recertification doesn’t work out, she will find another challenge, “because I am that kind of person.”

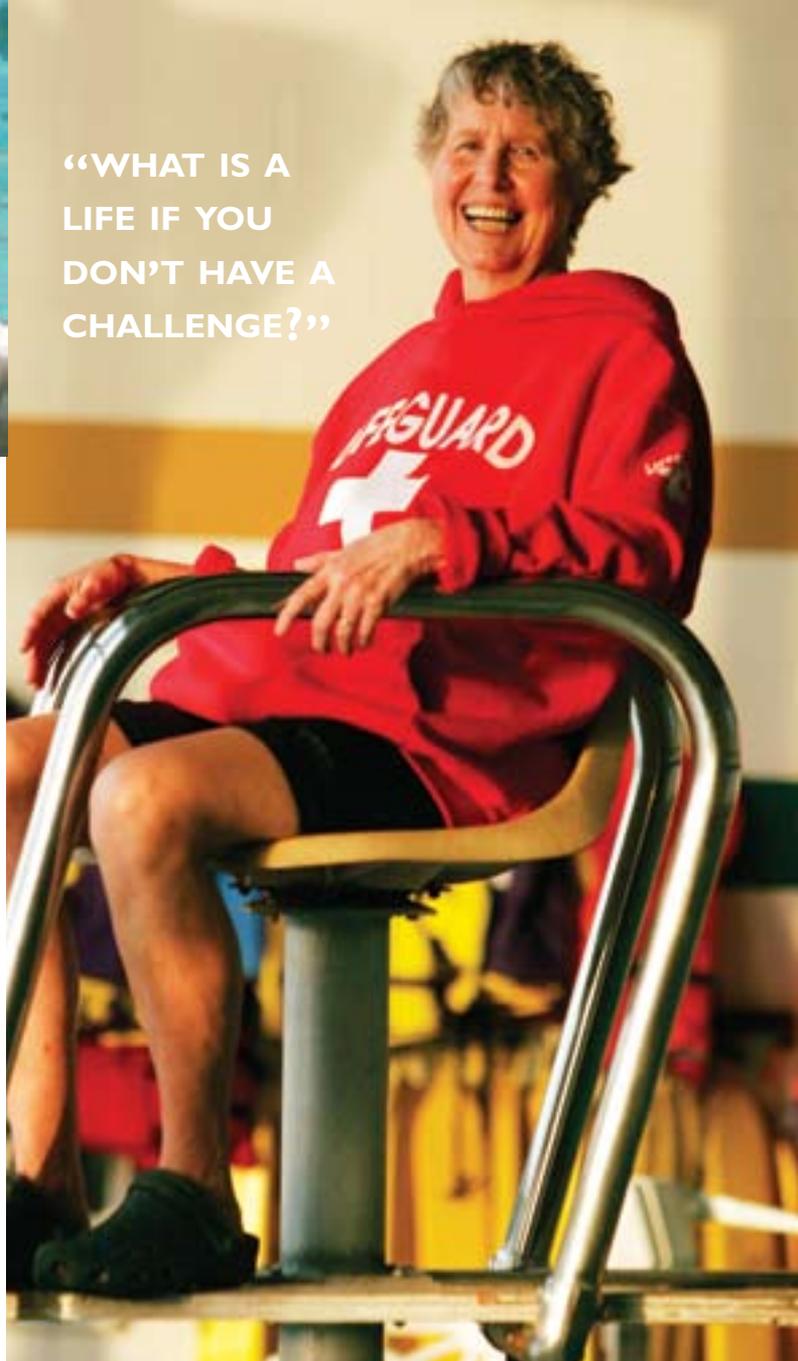
Boyce needs challenges. “What is a life if you don’t have a challenge? My husband is busy with his writing. I’m not going to sit at home. I don’t like housework. I’ll do it when I can.”

She enjoys lifeguarding for the personal satisfaction. “It was the same with the courses I took. I couldn’t get enough.”

When she is not spending time at the pool, Boyce thinks about meeting with someone from Laurentian’s distance education office to find a means of helping distance students. If there are enough long distance students in her area, she would like to find a way to have the students over to her house to meet and support each other. “Basically that’s what it’s all about.”

Laura E. Young is a Sudbury-based journalist.

“WHAT IS A
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STATS

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FAVOURITE PROFESSOR

Boyce says she likes all of her professors. “You can phone them anytime you want to if you have a problem.”

FAVOURITE MEMORY

While in distance education, Boyce would still make annual visits to the campus. She remembers going through the bookstore, meeting the secretary in University of Sudbury where she had taken some courses in native studies. “The visit just brought back memories and it brings chills. Wow, I attended. I am a graduate of Laurentian. I’ve got my ring to show it.”



RUNNING CANADIAN SPORT

One of SPAD's most influential grads

BY LAURA E. YOUNG

In 1979, there was no fanfare, nor any expectations of Lane MacAdam, an anonymous Ottawa teenager coming to Sudbury to take sports administration. But he also loved soccer, having grown up playing it in Ottawa. With his soccer boots slung over his shoulder, he boldly showed up for tryouts, earning a spot on the talented men's squad.

Five years later, MacAdam had grown from a "what-were-you-thinking bench-warmer" to team co-captain hoisting the Canadian Interuniversity Sport soccer championship trophy. To this day, his voice turns warm as he recounts his soccer achievements and how he evolved as a player.

And to think that was only the beginning.

These days, MacAdam is the executive director of sport excellence at Sport Canada. He works alongside the two Olympic improvement committees, officially known as Own the Podium and the Road to Excellence. He spent January jetting and driving across Canada reacquainting the country with his new colleague and fellow alumnus Alex Baumann. Baumann recently moved back to Canada as director of the Own the Podium program for the Summer Olympics. The Own the Podium and Road to Excellence programs are focused on improving Canadian results at the Summer Olympics, Winter Olympics and Paralympics. In addition, MacAdam manages the \$27 million budget of the athlete assistance program and works with the drug-free sport and long-term athlete development programs.

MacAdam is one of 700 graduates of Laurentian University's sports administration program, the university's first niche program. Founded in 1972, 35 years ago, SPAD began honing graduates to work in all levels of sport and business across North America.

MacAdam had been tossing around going to school for business or architecture when his high school guidance counsellor happened upon Laurentian's SPAD program. "When I found SPAD, that was it for me. It combined everything I was interested in. It shows how a small program in a small school can put a school on the map."



Lane MacAdam (left) and Keith Bridge celebrate their 2-1 overtime win to claim the 1983 CIAU title.

But MacAdam not only became a SPAD student, he excelled on the soccer field as well. Still, in his first year at Laurentian, it didn't matter that he had played competitively in Ottawa and had represented eastern Ontario at the 1976 Ontario Summer Games. That first year, he rode the bench because he was part of a team with "unbelievable talent," he says. Some of his teammates went onto professional soccer careers.

By fifth year, he was playing more, and he and his co-captain Keith Bridge, were leading the soccer Vees to the Ontario and Canadian championships. "On paper, we had no business winning," he recalls. But as the season went on, a "really neat" combination of raw rookies, eager sophomores and "wily veterans" mysteriously gelled.

As the spotlight brightened and their fan base grew, the captains had to ensure everyone was finding the right balance between soccer and their studies. The Ontario University Athletics and Canadian final playoff games were held at home on the Laurentian field with the Vees' nation in full cheering force. In the meantime, MacAdam had started his MBA studies at Laurentian, making even the celebrations of their Ontario and Canadian university championships tough to enjoy.

"Here I had to back down (from the partying) and focus on my studies. I was struggling a bit that term to Christmas."

Eventually, course changes and a need to get into the work world factored into his decision to end his MBA studies a few credits shy of the degree. He returned to Ottawa and landed "an unbelievable job," thanks to the work he had done on the 1984 federal election campaign.

MacAdam became the special assistant to the minister of Sport, then Otto Jelenik. He eventually served three different ministers of Sport – including current Quebec Premier Jean Charest – before leaving the federal government in 1991 to become the president and CEO of the Canada Games Council. In 2002,

he returned to Sport Canada becoming its director general in 2003. He was named the executive director of sport excellence in 2006.

It's no surprise to his former coach, Greg Zorbas, that MacAdam has excelled in his career. "With some athletes, you can almost predict how well they'll do in life. Lane was one of the best, if not the best, captains I've ever seen.

"He had high standards and didn't accept any excuses. His work ethic and commitment were beyond compare. He always keeps in touch. (He's) a valued friend for life."

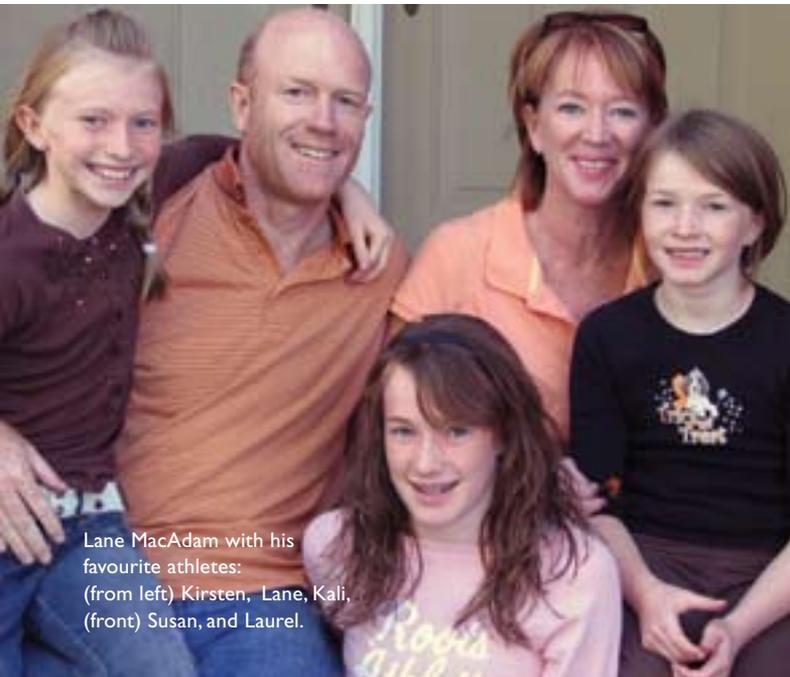
Although it has been years since MacAdam and Baumann have seen each other, they were reacquainted last year. "It was like we'd see each other just yesterday. It's kind of neat to be familiar. We know each other's background and roots," says MacAdam.

Baumann's arrival generated excitement. "There's a real optimism in the summer sport community that we'll get some leadership and profile," says MacAdam.

As well, there is a more scientific and developmental approach being taken to sports programming that will ensure better results at the end of the day, he says. But he argues that it's not all about just securing medals at the elite level of sport. The programming model starts with basic movements that are fundamental to being active, and that encourage the fun aspects of sport helping people to be fit for life, he says.

Not surprisingly, MacAdam's home life is a frenzy of athletic activity, too. Over a January weekend in Ottawa, he and his daughters were involved in 13 games plus playoffs during a ringette tournament. A lifetime in sport has taught him how to prioritize and stay organized. Besides, he doesn't sit on the sidelines. If you're at the rink or the soccer field, you might as well be involved, he says. When his girls fell in love with ringette, he became a coach. He didn't know much about the game at the start, but he learned "and never looked back." ■

For more on SPAD, turn to page 30.



Lane MacAdam with his favourite athletes: (from left) Kirsten, Lane, Kali, (front) Susan, and Laurel.

STATS

DEGREE

SPAD 1982, one year of MBA

FAVOURITE COACH

MacAdam credits his coach Greg Zorbas with having a huge influence on his life beyond the soccer field. Zorbas was an expert in "bringing out the best in people," MacAdam says.

NOTEWORTHY

Co-captain, 1983 men's CIS and OUA soccer champions

FAVOURITE MEMORY

"It's tricky. The highlight was winning (the Canadian Interuniversity Sport soccer title – the first and only one for LU) as it was part of the overall experience at Laurentian. That's just so powerful, it's hard to think of anything else."

BATTLING FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T

Grad leading charge to build hospice for the dying

With an estimated 1,200 people per year in Sudbury in need of palliative care, news of government funding to cover the construction of a residential hospice for the area has been greeted with enthusiasm.

A capital campaign to cover operating costs is currently underway to ensure that by April 2008, Sudbury will have a 10-bed bilingual residential hospice where the terminally ill can die with dignity.

The driving force behind the Sudbury Residential Hospice is graduate Léo Therrien.

BY COLLEEN KLEVEN

Léo Therrien believes it is his duty to fight for the rights of the terminally ill.

As the executive director of Maison La Paix – a centre created to provide supportive housing to people living with HIV-AIDS – he considers his strengths to be in administration and fundraising, but his efforts are always focused on people.

“I’ve been here at Maison La Paix since March of 2000. In March 2001, we had a resident who had been here for five years who died. In November 2004, we had a palliative patient die here. He was paralyzed, could barely talk, but he had a smile on his face all the time. He didn’t want to die at home as a burden to his family. He had his last breath in front of me. That is not something you forget,” says Therrien.

In March 2005, after a request submitted by Therrien, Maison La Paix received permission from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to take palliative patients who were not HIV positive. Although it was a step forward for Therrien, he knew the current facility did not have enough beds or resources to fully meet the needs of the dying in Sudbury.



Léo Therrien stands at the newly approved site for the Sudbury Residential Hospice, set to be built near the entrance of South Bay Road on the north side of Bethel Lake Cottage.

He began “crashing” the meetings of every potential networking partnership involved in palliative care that he could find. He joined committee after committee in order to present the idea of setting up a dedicated hospice for people in Sudbury who are dying and in need of care.

He approached FedNor for funding for a feasibility study and hired a consultant to do the study.

“The study convinced the government to fund us but we got the money before we did the study. We all knew that we needed a capital campaign, which has raised \$2.3 million,” recalls Therrien. The feasibility study recommended where we could get the funding: \$1 million from the Northern Heritage Fund, \$500,000 from FedNor and \$200,000 from the City of Greater Sudbury. That is exactly what we got. We are the only residential hospice in Ontario to get funding from all three levels of government.”

That support included provincial Northern Development and Mines Minister Rick Bartolucci, the Health and Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario Minister Tony Clement and the Sudbury city council.

Claude Berthiaume is impressed with Therrien’s efforts but he is not surprised by his ingenuity. Now a Sudbury city councillor, Berthiaume met Therrien as a fourth-year student. Berthiaume was Therrien’s field placement supervisor at the Sudbury Probation and Parole Office.

“When he’s committed to a cause, he gives 150 per cent. He’s not afraid to tackle big issues and he’s no quitter. Usually, a request for funding of any type has to go through our budget process before we adopt our budget. When Therrien gave his presentation to city council, he succeeded in getting \$200,000 (for the hospice) from the city even though we had not budgeted that money.”

As chair of the Sudbury Residential Hospice fundraising campaign, Gerry Lougheed Jr. has also worked closely with Therrien.

“In the French language, ‘pierre angulaire’ means cornerstone and the name Léo Therrien in my lexicon means community cornerstone for Sudbury,” says Lougheed, a prominent Sudbury businessman well-known for his own community involvement.

“I’m very impressed and inspired by Léo. He sees the big picture, he knows what needs to be done and most importantly, he knows what needs to happen for it to be done. He is a gifted leader. His accomplishments at Maison La Paix document this quality of leadership and compassion.”

In the midst of all the accolades, Therrien remains focused on the big picture. “In social work, what you learn is to get involved with everyone else around you as much as possible. The Sudbury Residential Hospice is a project that a lot of people have wanted to do for years. I kept pushing for the funding but I always remembered that your voice is bigger if you join it with other people,” says Therrien.

That lesson is one that Therrien has learned in the years since earning an honours bachelor of social work degree at Laurentian in 1984. (His wife, Christine McInnes, is also a Laurentian graduate and earned her honours bachelor of social work degree in 1989 and her master’s in social work in 2003).

After graduation, Therrien spent five years working for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. His responsibilities included raising money for their overseas projects.



Léo Therrien, with his wife Christine McInnes and their daughters Alexandra and Emma at Le Petit Paradis.

By the early 1990s, Therrien was married and supporting his young family. He taught part time at Collège Boréal, worked as part-time co-ordinator for Contact Interculturel Sudbury – an organization he describes as “a welcome wagon for francophone newcomers in town” – and worked part time at Village International, a fair-trade craft store he opened in Sudbury.

Brenda Swaln worked with Therrien at Village International from 1990 to 1997. She remembers him as “an extremely dedicated person, a humanitarian. He is very politically knowledgeable and he is always fighting for the underdog. Léo has spent his life working for the betterment of other people.”

Therrien considers everything he has accomplished over the years to be “social action.” To detach himself from the emotions of his work, he and his wife have a camp they call Le Petit Paradis. “When you’re there you work on your camp, you take saunas, you go swimming, you do gardening and you escape from everything. It’s good for me, for us, for our kids (Alexandra, 14 and Emma, 10). I look forward to going there whenever we can.”

Therrien is also grateful for his wife’s constant support. “Christine listens well and she is very patient. She has always been a big support to me. She’s the only person I can really talk to about what’s going on because I know it stays with her. I have had to bend her ear quite a few times.”

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STATS

DEGREES

BSW 1984, started MSW in 2004

QUOTABLE QUOTE

“I think the Sudbury Residential Hospice is a direct result of me doing my masters at Laurentian. When I started my masters, there was no picture for a hospice in Sudbury. When you work all these extra hours to do master’s research you can apply it to other things. The papers I did in my first classes, all the essays that I did, were used in the feasibility study (for government funding.) All the research I needed to do, I did in my class. Life is a crossroad. The road that led me to Laurentian led to the Sudbury Residential Hospice.”

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK SET TO CLOSE

THE END IS NEAR FOR NETWORK TO WHICH LU MADE BIG CONTRIBUTIONS

In the corridors of Laurentian University, a little-known environmental group has been working, not to stop climate change, but to help us deal with it as it arrives. Laurentian is the Ontario base for a cross-country network that educates municipalities and others about how climate change will affect them and what they can do about it.

The milder than normal winter in parts of Canada, the weird weather on the west coast, the lack of snow in parts of northern Ontario – and the Oscar-winning documentary *An Inconvenient Truth* – have all brought climate change to the forefront of the public agenda.

But even though the issue is garnering more ink, the cross-country group known as the Canadian Climate Impacts and Adaptation Research Network is about to wind down after only a six-year journey. Federal money is drying up in a couple of months, at the end of June, leaving the massive task of helping us prepare for heat waves, flooding and droughts up in the air.

BY SHIRLEY MOORE

YOU'VE HEARD THE STORIES. Your cousin spent thousands of dollars on a new snowmobile last fall and couldn't take it out for a test drive. Your best friend had plans for a romantic ski weekend and had to cancel because she couldn't find snow anywhere.

It's a hassle for those who love the white stuff, but it has even more serious ramifications for some municipalities and industries. Near the town of Collingwood, Ontario, the province's largest ski resort temporarily laid off 1,300 people because mild temperatures that continued into January meant no snow for skiers and snowboarders.

The Canadian Climate Impacts and Adaptation Research Network, that was set up to warn municipalities and industries about this type of scenario and help them prepare for it, is set to close down soon.

The federal funding was originally for a five-year term, and the program received a one-year extension.

C-CIARN, as it's called, was created by the previous federal Liberal government in 2001 and is made up of 13 offices around the country – one for every region including British Columbia, the Prairies,



Al Douglas

Quebec, the Atlantic and the North, and one for major sectors including health, water resources, forests, agriculture, landscape hazards, fisheries and coastal zones.

Many involved with the project aren't pleased about the network closing.

The well-known Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, Gord Miller, is on the advisory board for C-CIARN Ontario. With regards to the funding running out, "I can't really comment on the wisdom of the federal government. I can express my strong disappointment. It

seems like a wholly inappropriate time," says Miller.

"The prudent thing from my perspective is to keep it alive."

It's not as if the network was expensive to run, say many. Each office receives an average of \$100,000 a year, according to the federal government.

Dr. Quentin Chiotti, who is also on the advisory board and is the air program director and senior scientist for Pollution Probe, calls it a "really limited budget; grossly underbudget, as far as I was concerned" and says not renewing the funding is a "huge step backward."

The national co-ordinator for the federal government, Carrie Spencer, says the network was never meant to be a permanent program, "because we felt what we wanted them to do was jumpstart the issue [of climate adaptation] and really build interest in the issue and they've done that.

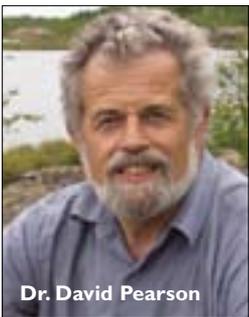
"I can understand that you'd want to keep it and keep the money, but I really do think that the future looks really good. That's what it's all about," says Spencer. "It shows they did a great job."

It's the good work that Dr. David Pearson, Laurentian professor and the chair of the Ontario office, would like to see continue. Politicians don't commit to an ongoing program anyway, he says. "They try it out and close it if it's not valuable. My view...realizes the value of what C-CIARN did and what C-CIARN's mandate was.

"I think it's like building a new lab, putting instruments in it and then closing it at the moment when you know how to get the best of what you've established. I think it's more than anything else shortsighted."



Laurentian campus in Sudbury including the Willet Green Miller Centre



Dr. David Pearson

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT CLIMATE CHANGE IS the topic of the day. In early February, a United Nations panel of scientists from across the world came out with a sobering report. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change stated global warming is “very likely” caused by humans and regardless of whether countries slow or reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, rises in temperatures and sea levels “would continue for centuries.”

“It is going to take major changes in lifestyles to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases. Regardless, if we completely stop emitting greenhouse gases, the climate will change into the future, so adaptation is necessary,” says C-CIARN’s Ontario co-ordinator Al Douglas, a two-time Laurentian graduate who holds an MBA and B.Sc. in chemistry.

“It’s concerning. It’s quite drastic...,” he says.

Over the last few years, C-CIARN offices like the one in Ontario have been gathering research about climate change and holding workshops with decision-makers and municipalities to show them what kinds of things they need to do to plan for the future.

The workshops – which have been held with groups like the Toronto Conservation Authority and the cities of Guelph, Mississauga and Thunder Bay – include a “climate change 101” course that shows communities how vulnerable they are to climate change and how they can prepare for it by making plans now.

In Ontario, climate models show that the province is expected to warm between two and five degrees over the next 30 to 50 years depending on the location, says Douglas, who works in the Willet Green Miller Centre on the Laurentian campus.

“You can have extreme events in terms of precipitation...heavy rain fall events, heavy snow, or hardly any. Ice storms [are also possible].

“You can also have periods of prolonged drought; extreme heat events where you have very high temperatures. It’s how these impact the municipalities. How will it impact the ecosystems, the forest, the fish, the water supply, tourism and recreation?” he says. “If you have an extreme heat event, do you have the system in place to accommodate those extremes? Do you have cooling stations? Do you have bottled water?”

Municipalities can make preparations to reduce some of their costs in the long run, says Douglas.

“It’s always much more expensive to clean up and repair than make slight changes to your infrastructure. If you’re about to dig up and replace a storm drainage pipe, one that has decayed, you might replace it with a 20 or 25 cm one (rather than just 12 cm). That incremental cost is much less than going back and having to replace it.”

Climate change can even mean benefits to some, including a longer growing season, says Douglas, “You could see lengthening of seasons that makes it beneficial for agriculture. A longer summer is of benefit to the tourism industry. It’s important to understand and take advantage.”

There is one glimmer of hope for the dying network, with some possible suitors on the horizon. The prairie office is talking to industry and the Saskatchewan government, and the Yukon office is talking to the territorial government, says Spencer, the national co-ordinator.

In Ontario, advisory board member Chiotti has spoken to the province, including the minister of the environment, about supporting the Ontario office and hopes to know more about possible funding in June. Douglas and Pearson are also working toward that end.

As for keeping the entire C-CIARN network going as-is, it doesn’t look like there is any forthcoming announcement from the current federal Conservative government.

In the meantime, Canadians continue to discuss and wonder about climate change.

Douglas himself has noticed it. He owns a resort on the north side of Manitoulin Island, and says, since 2001, water levels have dropped on Lake Huron by three-quarters of a metre to a metre.

“We have a huge, huge sandy area. I have to extend my water line out to draw water for the customers.”

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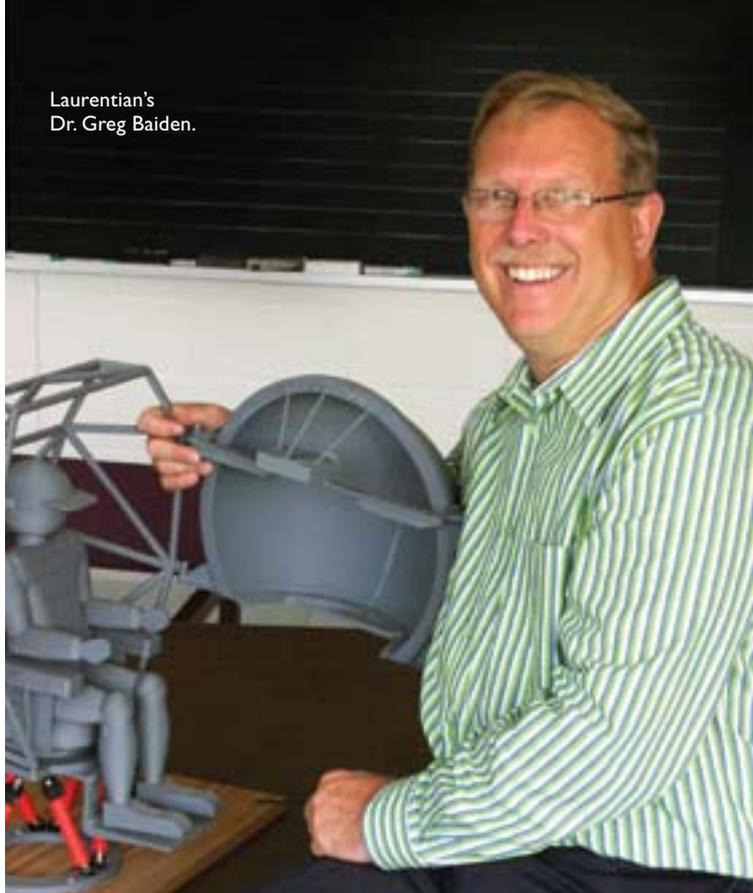
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MAKING SCI-FI DREAMS A REALITY

BY CRAIG GILBERT

Laurentian's
Dr. Greg Baiden.



TODAY'S INDUSTRY-STANDARD global positioning systems can tell you where you are on planet Earth within about 50 feet or 15 metres. Laurentian University's Dr. Greg Baiden is working on technology that can tell industry where their equipment is operating within a few millimetres.

Baiden holds a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in robotics and mine automation. His research aims to take humans out of dangerous situations where remotely controlled, untethered robots could do the job. To make that possible, Baiden and his team are working on new communication and positioning systems that support their research and are inspired in equal parts by real-world demands and science fiction dreams.

"Robots need to know where they are in 3-D," he says, "so we spend a lot of time in that world. It's a lot of fun. That's the best thing about it."

Baiden has made headlines in Sudbury for testing his spherical optical communication system by controlling a freely mobile underwater robot from a boat in Ramsey Lake. The idea is to send commands using light to reduce the lag (or time difference between when a command is inputted and when the machine responds) to a very small increment. If the technology is there, automated underwater mining becomes possible. Considering that the vast majority of the Earth's surface is under water, Baiden says, the implications are enormous.

Baiden serves as chair and chief technology officer of Penguin Automated Systems Inc., a company he formed to commercialize the technology developed and provide consulting services to a variety of clients. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in mining engineering at Queen's University and his PhD at McGill University in Montreal.

The former Inco engineer says being able to control machines accurately and in real time from a remote location can save companies and workers time and money, not to mention the benefit of taking humans out of as many hazardous situations as possible.

"It's a really, really rich research area. I had a friend at Inco that came into my office one day and said, 'I have a problem. I send people underground to do a 30-minute job, and it takes them 30 minutes to get there and 30 minutes to get back. What I need is a Star Trek transporter.' I looked at him and he was perfectly serious."

What Baiden and his team did with telerobotics was allow technicians to control machines on different levels and even different mines with the flip of a switch from a control room.

"So we actually accomplished the transporter in a different way. On that first day, I thought he was crazy, but it was some of the best advice I ever got."

Telerobotics has applications in police robotics, border security, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), submarines and terrestrial vehicles used in forestry and mining, he says. "The basic technology is the same across all of them."

A more extreme example is the increasing amount of work occurring in space. It costs about \$10,000 US per pound to send something into orbit. That's \$30 million per person just to get off the ground.

"The costs go out of control and telerobotics becomes very important," he says. "It would be nice to send a robot instead."

Craig Gilbert is a Sudbury-based freelance writer.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES: departmental and professor updates

BIG BUCKS DEPOSITED AT THE BANK OF LAURENTIAN

In January, Laurentian University professors received \$151,228 from the Ontario Research Fund-Research Infrastructure program to help researchers buy equipment for their work.

Dr. Redhouane Henda, an associate professor in the school of engineering, received \$77,595 to purchase a pulsed electron deposition facility that will help Henda and his team create special ultra-thin coatings to make items such as tools and aircraft engines stronger and tougher. This can help the aerospace, deep mining and oil exploration industries. The machine is expected to arrive this summer.



Dr. Sabine Montaut,

professor of chemistry and biochemistry, received \$73,633 to buy a mass spectrometer that will help her look into the possibility

that wild Canadian plants hold the key to cancer research. (news release)

MED SCHOOL DEAN GETS AWARD

Dr. Roger Strasser, Founding Dean of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), was named the inaugural winner of the Small, Rural and Northern Award of Excellence by the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) last November. The award recognizes individuals whose contributions exemplify innovation and excellence in the delivery of patient care within rural and northern communities.



Strasser has also been recognized as a medical pioneer by the School of Rural Health at Monash University in Australia, has received the Honorary

Fellowship of the prestigious award Fellow of Wonca, and was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners in recognition of his world leadership in the field of rural health. (news release)

PHARMACY PLACEMENTS

Laurentian University and University of Waterloo have joined forces to increase the number of pharmacists in northern Ontario and other underserved regions.

Waterloo's new School of Pharmacy is expected to open in January 2008 and Laurentian will help recruit and find co-operative education placements across the north and in other regions of Ontario. They will also collaborate on research, online services and distance and shared education.

Waterloo's new school will be Canada's first school of pharmacy in 20 years. The program will be 11 semesters long with seven academic sessions and feature four co-operative placements. (news release)

BEHAVIOURAL NEUROSCIENCE PROF NAMED BEST LECTURER

Dr. Michael Persinger has won TVOntario's second Best Lecturer Competition. This is the first time the Laurentian behavioural neuroscience professor has won the competition, and the second time he has been named to the top 10. TVO received 258 nominations from across the province, a panel whittled down the list to 10 professors, TVO aired those ten lectures

and the public voted for the best presentation. The contest wrapped up in mid-February. (www.tvo.org)

PROF RECEIVES ALMOST \$1 MILLION TO HELP REDUCE SMOKING RATES FOR FIRST NATIONS



Laurentian's director of native affairs academic, **Sheila Hardy**, and her co-principal investigator, Sonia Isaac-Man of the Assembly of First Nations, have begun

research into using traditional teachings about tobacco to decrease smoking rates among First Nations youth.

The Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative gave Hardy and Issac-Man a \$990,172 grant for the project that was announced in December 2006. The research is expected to last five years and they plan to hire a research co-ordinator who will be based out of the AFN in Ottawa.

"Rather than saying, 'Don't smoke, because,' are there messages in our traditional teachings that can be related to youth in a more positive way so they actually take a critical look at what they are doing," Hardy says.

Other partners include four First Nations in Canada: Katsie First Nation (British Columbia), Sandy Bay First Nation (Manitoba), Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation (northern Ontario) and Elsipogtog-Big Cove First Nation (New Brunswick). People in the four communities will be hired to link with the research co-ordinator and conduct research specific to the needs of each individual First Nation.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

BY DAVID WHITE, BPHE 1983
PRESIDENT OF THE LUAA



FRIENDSHIPS ARE DEARLY valued by everyone, and yet at times, they can also be very difficult to maintain. All of us who graduated from Laurentian University have made friends while in class, in varsity sports, in residence, or in any number of clubs and social groups that make up Laurentian University life. It is regretful, however, that as we continue down our own paths and break our own trails after LU, we

lose contact with many of those same friends. Of course, this is to be expected. After all, our time at Laurentian has prepared us for exciting new careers, new families and other educational endeavours.

I recently came in contact with an old friend via a congratulatory note I sent while in the role of alumni association president. Much to my surprise, this friend responded and we have since caught up on each other's lives and renewed our friendship. Thankfully, there is a simple service for all of our alumni who wish to be in touch with their old friends. Just log on to www.lualumni.laurentian.ca and click on the Online Community link to register for the service. The Alumni Office also has addresses for most graduates and can send along a message to one of your friends in order to re-establish contact. Just let them know whom you'd like to contact, and they'll try to facilitate your request as quickly as possible.

There is another way that alumni can make a mark. The president of the university, Dr. Judith Woodsworth, has formed a strategic planning group that has been assigned the task of thinking about what Laurentian University should be like in the next five, 10, 25 and 50 years. This group consists of a wide cross-section of interested individuals and is currently in the process of debating the university's direction.

I am very fortunate to have been asked to sit on this committee and I would like to speak on behalf of all Laurentian alumni. I encourage each and every LU grad to think about their alma mater during this exhilarating time of continued growth and renewal. Please send your comments to alumni@laurentian.ca. I look forward to your input.

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CHAPTER NEWS

VANCOUVER ALUMNI CHAPTER LAUNCH

The Laurentian University Alumni Association is very pleased with the most recent launch of the Vancouver Alumni Chapter, Laurentian's first chapter in Western Canada.

Approximately 35 graduates from the Vancouver area attended our official chapter launch on January 25, 2007, including the inaugural chapter president, Daveen Morrison (BPHE 1976). The event was held at the exclusive Vancouver Club, and special guests included Dr. Judith Woodsworth, president of Laurentian University.

Thanks to the Laurentian alumni who came out. It is safe to say the Vancouver Alumni Chapter launch was a fantastic success, and Daveen Morrison is looking forward to many more exciting Vancouver chapter events in the near future. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Vancouver chapter via e-mail at vancouverchapter@laurentian.ca.



A presidential welcome

SUDBURY ALUMNI CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Approximately 40 Sudbury Laurentian alumni came out to celebrate an evening of exceptional camaraderie and holiday cheer at the annual Christmas party on December 13, 2006.

The event was held at Peddler's Pub, a favourite establishment for many current and former LU students alike. Judging from all of the smiling faces, it was easy to see that all who attended were remembering the great times gone-by, while creating more great memories.

The Laurentian University Alumni Association wants to extend thanks to all alumni who participated.



Another great holiday moment

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please continue to visit our website for updates on upcoming events such as:

SPAD Chapter Launch – April 12, 2007 (Toronto)

Ottawa Alumni Chapter Golf Tournament – June 7, 2007 (Gloucester, Ont.)

Spring Convocation – May 29 to June 2, 2007 (Sudbury)

SPAD Golf Tournament – June 29, 2007 (Newmarket, Ont.)

President's Cup Golf Tournament – July 5, 2007 (Sudbury)

SPAD 35th Anniversary Gala – September 12, 2007 (Toronto)





HOCKEY FANS CELEBRATE IN OTTAWA

Sports fans made it out for a special event held by the Ottawa Alumni Chapter this past February.

The chapter held its first “Hockey Night in Ottawa” on February 17, 2007 and witnessed a match-up between the hometown NHL favourites, the Ottawa Senators, and the Atlanta Thrashers. Alumni watched the game live at Scotiabank Place, to cheer on their favourite team and meet up with fellow Laurentian grads.

The Ottawa Senators battled it out with the Atlanta Thrashers, and LU alumni were not disappointed with the Senators’ feisty display, as Ottawa gave the Thrashers a real “thrashing.” The Senators won 5-3.

The excitement was not only limited to the ice. Before the game, alumni were also invited to the Senate Club for a pre-game reception to catch up with past classmates and friends, to mix and mingle with other Canadian university alumni, and to meet Phil Legault (SPAD 1986) who is vice-president of communications for the Ottawa Senators.

This first-ever event was such a blast, it has since been decided that Hockey Night in Ottawa will be a repeat-event. If you would like to attend next year, be sure to visit our website to find out more about this and other upcoming events: www.lualumni.laurentian.ca.

CALLING ALL ABORIGINAL ALUMNI

Kwe Kwe, Aanii, Wahjay, Se:kon

If you are status, non-status, Métis or Inuit and you have graduated from Laurentian University we want to hear from you. We are starting an Aboriginal Alumni Chapter and we need help with identifying our Aboriginal grads.

If you’re interested or you know somebody who is, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 705-675-4818 or e-mail alumni@laurentian.ca.

Hope to hear from you!

Lost Alumni

Help us find these SPAD graduates who graduated between 1979 and 2003 and don’t receive the magazine or any of our mailings.

**Melanie Burroughs
Gregory Campbell
Barry Chobotar
Stuart Cousins
Kellyann Festarini
Alexander Hannay
David Holmes
Bill Houldsworth
Roberta Leach
Jonathan Malton
Luc Ouimet**

**Karen Oullette
(Semeniuk)
Anthony Ruffo
Brian Stevenson
Cheryl Swarbrick
Evangelos Tsarouhas
Martin Uusitalo
Aaron Vehkala
David Webb
Michael Whelan
Jason Wright**

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REACHING ALUMNI CHAPTERS

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President, Renée Leduc, B.Comm. 1996

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President, Kyle Clarke, BPHE 2000

President to be announced

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President, Louis Clausi, BA 1985

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GRAD STUDENTS HOLD ROUND TABLE

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A number of students turned out for our first ever Graduate Education Day Round Table Talk, which was organized in partnership with the Graduate Studies Office.

The event gave students a chance to learn more about graduate studies at Laurentian University.

The panel members included Laurentian alumni who have completed graduate studies either at Laurentian University, another institution or a combination of both. Panellists included Christina McMillan-Boyles (B.Sc.N. 2002, M.Sc.N. 2006), Jennifer Schell (B.Comm. 2004, MBA 2006), Melanie Mehes (B.Sc. 2003), Sarah Elsasser (B.Sc. 2002), Vanessa Rukholm (BA 2002) and Tee Jay Rosene (BA 2005, MA 2006). The moderator was Patrick Imbeau, who is currently

working on completing an MA in sociology at Laurentian University.

After each participant gave an overview of his or her experience as a graduate student, audience members asked questions about graduate studies and programs available at Laurentian.

The Alumni Relations Office would like to thank all of the panel participants for making this event a triumph, especially Jennifer Schell and Vanessa Rukholm who travelled from out of town to participate. This event will be repeated again next year, so keep watching our website for more information: www.lualumni.laurentian.ca.

The Sudbury Alumni Chapter and Laurentian Athletics present:

PRESIDENT'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, July 5, 2007
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Information: Alumni Relations (705) 675-4818 or alumni@laurentian.ca



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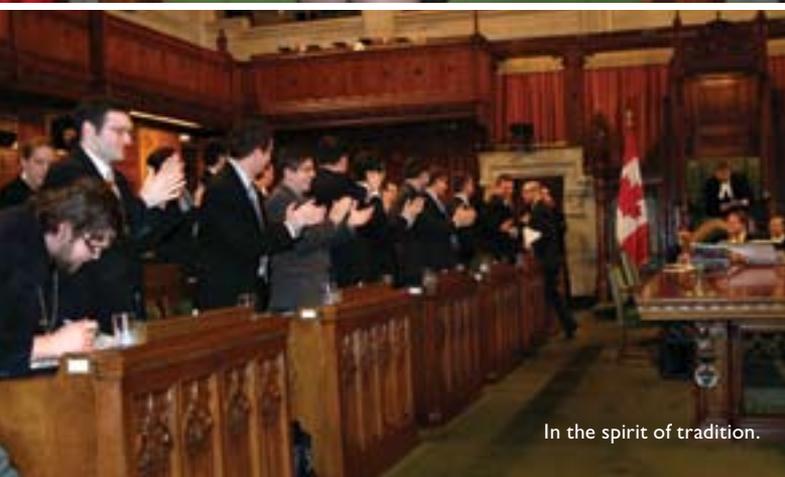
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Christopher Rodgers (BA 2003)



Deirdra McCracken (BA 2004)



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ALUMNI MODEL PARLIAMENT SUCCESS

More than 60 of Laurentian's "political alumni" gathered in Ottawa for the 15th anniversary of Model Parliament. Over the years, the annual Model Parliament has developed into a significant event for many Laurentian students, alumni, faculty and staff. Model Parliament gives Laurentian students the opportunity to learn how the House of Commons operates by actually allowing them to take over the House during the parliamentary winter break. Participating students model their activities on real politicians and on real issues, and through this exercise, come to a better understanding of Parliament while achieving higher levels of academic performance.

Many noteworthy individuals took part as members of various parties including Christopher Rodgers (BA 2003) for the Liberals and acting as prime minister, Deirdra McCracken (BA 2004) for the Conservatives, Liam McGill (BA 2003) for the New Democratic Party, Steven Pageau (BA 2001) for the Bloc Québécois, and Neil McGraw (BA 1998) as Speaker.

Of course, the success of an event is also measured by all of the fun the participants have, and this most recent reunion was most certainly fun. A banquet was held in the evening to commemorate the many years of lively debate and let alumni catch up with old friends.

The LUAA is calling the 2007 Alumni Model Parliament an outstanding event and is looking forward to the many future Model Parliament reunions to come. A special thanks to Liam McGill and Dr. Rand Dyck for organizing this event.

ALUMNI UPDATES

1960s

Linda Thomson, BA Français 1966, lives on a horse farm with her husband Doug in Orton, Ontario. She retired from a very rewarding teaching career in 2001. Since then, she has been working with a student exchange program and generally enjoying all of the advantages retirement offers.

Gordon Wickenden, BA History 1964, is now retired and living in Carleton Place, Ontario. He worked for the Sudbury and Leeds Grenville County Boards of Education for 33 years and retired as principal of Rideau District High School in 1997. In retirement, he served on the Board of Directors of the Family and Children's Services for Brockville and Leeds Grenville as director of services. Today, he says he is a happy grandfather and avid golfer.

1970s

Lisa Steinberg (Elise Robitaille), BSL 1977, has just completed her Master of Theological Studies at Tyndale University Seminary in Toronto and is working as an associate pastor at Covenant Christian Community Church (Brethren in Christ) in Penetanguishene, Ontario. Elise and her husband Robert (who passed away in 1994) have five children – Nadine, Damien, Paul, Jean-François and Valérie. Her son, Damien, has just released his first CD, *L'homme qui me ressemble*, on the Audiogram label.

1980s

Monique Durette, BSL 1980, was hoping to spend the rest of her career as a translator and manager with Janssen-Ortho, but her position was eliminated after three years due to a restructuring. Monique then decided to become a freelance translator for the pharmaceutical industry and anticipates getting a lot of work because of the

high demand for translators in that field. Monique and her partner David Murray, who is also a Laurentian alumnus, live in Acton, a small, picturesque town northwest of Toronto.

Heather (Nugent) Graham, BPHE 1987, moved to Ottawa in 1987 to attend the University of Ottawa to complete her Bachelor of Education (1988) and her Master of Education (1996). At present, she is the principal of Alta Vista Public School. You may reach her at heather.graham@ocdsb.ca .

Ray Lalonde, BA 1985, gets together on an annual basis for a weekend of golf and fun with other Laurentian alumni and their friends. The included photo is from the summer of 2005 when they celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Ouellette Invitational at Windermere House in Muskoka. They are always interested in hearing from friends they have lost touch with, and you can reach Ray at the following e-mail address: raylalonde@rogers.com .



Back Row: Mike O'Neil, Richard Ponsonby, Mitch Harrison, Pete Carbonneau (B.Ed. 1986), Mike McPhail (Ph.Ed. 1985), Richard Duffy (B.Sc. 1988), Ray Lalonde (BA 1985), Matt Riding, Phil Ouellette (University of Sudbury Frosh in 1982), Paul Gallant (SPAD 1985), Scott Gilliard.

Front Row: Joe Spence, Guy Faucher (HBPHE 1988), David Bilodeau (B.Comm. 1986), Rick Pajot (SPAD 1986).

Not present: Tony Lavalle (B.Comm. 1987), Peter Lavalle (B.Comm. 1984).

Nadine Lalonde, BSL 1988, is in her 20th year of business as a freelance translator. Her company Traductions ZipZap Translations in Penetanguishene was incorpo-

rated in 2002. Last year, the francophone community recognized her efforts as a community builder. To learn more about Nadine's business and accomplishments, go to www.lacle.ca/gala/1Main.htm and www.nscfdc.on.ca/frame1.html .

1990s

Lisa Casey (Doherty), BA 1993, and her husband **Shawn Casey, BA 1994**, recently celebrated the birth of their second daughter. They say they are now blessed with Siobhan, 3 ½ years, and Hanna, 3 months. They are living just west of Barrie and both work full time. Lisa works for Honda and Shawn works for State Farm Insurance. If anyone wants to reach them, they can e-mail willothwisp@bmts.com .

2000s

Tanyann Hamilton Grey Owl Belaney, BA 2002, has been called to the bar. She won her first criminal trial while articling. While a member of the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee (PYAC) she was invited to attend the Future Leaders' luncheon and was honoured to sit with the premier. Tanyann was also invited to attend the province's Centennial Summit. She recently purchased a restored Victorian home.

Stephanie (Tousignant) Di Cesare, B.Comm. 2004, in the last year, has been blessed by getting married and giving birth to a healthy son, Jakob, in May. After her maternity leave, she will return to work at Transport Canada. Stephanie is raising money for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation by participating in The Weekend to End Breast Cancer where she will walk 60 kilometres in two days. The event is taking place from June 1 to 3, 2007. Stephanie's goal of \$2,000 will help cancer research and education. To make a donation, go online at www.endcancer.ca or call (613)722-7224 (participant # 610111-14).

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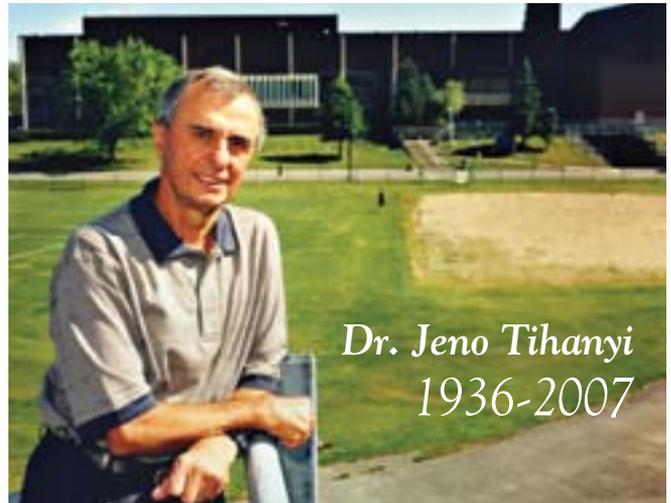
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IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Jenó Tihanyi
1936-2007

An unmatched era in Canadian coaching ended on March 4 when Dr. Jenó "Doc" Tihanyi died of cancer. The coach of Olympic gold-medalist Alex Baumann was 71 and had spent 44 years coaching swimming at the regional, university and international levels.

Tihanyi's dedication as a coach was unparalleled, Baumann said during a service held at the Fraser Auditorium on March 9. While remembering sandals and flutterboards flying by his head "at 90 miles per hour," Baumann also recalled Tihanyi's innovative, imaginative and free-thinking style.

"His legacy lives on," said Ken Shields, Tihanyi's friend and the MC at the service. "Canadian sport is in your debt." - Laura E. Young

Carrey, Raymond

porter, on January 2, 2007 in Sudbury

Dahl, Denise (née Lahaie)

BA 1975, on January 20, 2007 in Sudbury

Este, Sara Ellen (née Makinen)

alumnus, on November 24, 2006 in Sudbury

Harper, Robert Norman

BA 1985, on January 15, 2007 in Ottawa

Morin, Linda A. (née Costello)

BA 1976, B.Ed. 1981, on January 24, 2007 in Sudbury

Podolski, Eira (Ada) (née Myllykangas)

BA 1981, on December 16, 2006 in Credit Valley

Reid, Ruth (May)

BA 1971, on January 8, 2007 in Sudbury

IN THE NEWS

JENNIFER ABOLS (B.Eng. 2005) received the Bill Moore Special Achievement Award from her employer during an event held in February in Ottawa. The award recognizes service to the Canadian mineral processor's division or an outstanding technical contribution. She is now the vice president of Canadian operations for Gekko Systems and is based in Australia. (*ferret.com.au*)

DEIRDRA MCCRACKEN (BA 2004) is currently working as the press secretary for Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and took part in the Alumni Model Parliament in January. She is the recipient of a Canada Graduate Scholarship and won the The Next Great Prime Minister competition for 2005/06. (*macleans.ca*)

KERRY MOYNIHAN (B. Comm. SPAD 1979) is currently vice-president, external, for WorldSkills Calgary 2009. He was previously employed as director of marketing and government relations at Olds College in Alberta. From 1999 to 2002, Kerry led Canada's National Ski Team as president/CEO, and was named one of the top ten sport administrators in Canada by the Globe and Mail. (*news release*)



BASKETBALL COACHES GET HUGE HONOUR

KEN AND KATHY SHIELDS (former basketball coaches) have had the basketball court at the University of Victoria named after them. It's now called the Ken and Kathy Shields Court. Ken coached Laurentian's men's team and Kathy was one of many stars from the 1970s when the Lady Vees won five national titles. Both went on to coaching careers that are unprecedented in Canadian basketball. Between them they have won 15 national championships – Ken, seven straight national men's titles and Kathy, eight national women's titles – and mentored hundreds of Canadian players. (*Laurentian University Magazine*)

ROBERT DELINE (BA 1970) is the new executive director of the Northern Ontario Commercialization Initiative (NOCI), a group cultivating the north's natural assets and building a biotechnology-based economy around innovation in forestry, mining and health care. Deline will develop a network that blends business and research. The group hopes to quickly commercialize and market cutting-edge technology and northern medicinal plants, forest foods, biofuels and chemicals. Deline is based out of North Bay. (*news release*)

HUGUES GIBEAULT (B.Comm. SPAD 1987) is executive vice-president of Optimé International, and has been elected to the Canadian Paralympic Committee's board of directors as the director of marketing and partner relations. His background in amateur sports is diverse and includes being commissioned by the international paralympic committee to develop the first-ever worldwide marketing program for paralympic games and athletes, as well as developing sponsorship and marketing programs for the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association and the Canadian Alpine Ski Team. (*news release*)

GHISLAINE GOUDREAU (BPHE 1997) recently became the first Aboriginal winner of the 2007 WAGS/UMI Distinguished Master's Thesis Award through the Western Association of Graduate Schools in Seattle, Washington. Goudreau, a health promoter in environmental health at the Sudbury and District Health Unit, earned her M.Sc. in health promotion from the University of Alberta in 2006. (*Laurentian University Magazine*)

GIL STELTER (FORMER LAURENTIAN PROFESSOR) recently received municipal and provincial heritage promotion awards in Guelph, where he has accomplished great things with history and daylilies. He is an expert breeder of the flowers and is recognized as the first person to cross wild daylilies with modern man-made hybrid plants. He is also known as an expert on urbanism. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ontario Heritage Trust last November for his two decades of heritage advocacy in Guelph. He is currently working on a history book about Guelph and a series of essays on great cities such as Istanbul and Prague. (*The Guelph Mercury, December 09, 2006*)

40 UNDER 40 GRADS IN SUDBURY

A number of Laurentian graduates were chosen for the Northern Life's "40 under 40" feature in December 2006, which listed a number of people under 40 who are considered community leaders. Here they are:

SHERRY BORTOLOTTI (BA 1992) is the principal of Bishop Alexander Carter Catholic Secondary School. With her encouragement, her students raised more than \$1,000

for tsunami relief, collected for food drives, and have been involved in other fundraising projects.

ANDRE DUMAIS (B.Sc. 1997) is the manager of marketing and business systems of Bestech Engineering and is responsible for marketing and branding the Sudbury-based engineering firm.

CONWAY FRASER (BA 1994) is the producer of news and current affairs at CBC Radio in Sudbury. While working at CBC Television in Winnipeg, he won a Gemini award for investigative reporting.

ANNA FRATTINI (B.Comm. 2002) is the community economic development officer for the Town of Espanola and is working on the town's residential marketing campaign.

JEFF FULLER (B.Comm. 1991) is president of Fuller Industrial and now employs 30 people with plans for growth. Fuller Industrial supplies rubber-lined pipe and fittings to mining companies throughout the world. This year, Jeff won the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce's New Business Start-up Award.

JASMINE LACHANCE (BA 2001) recently left her job as a family resource worker with Our Children, Our Future

to work as an addictions outreach counsellor for Iris Addictions Recovery for Women's pregnancy/parenting outreach program.

DR. MICHEL LARIVIÈRE (BEPS 1990, MA 1992) is a registered clinical psychologist and a professor at Laurentian. In addition to his research and teaching duties, he has a private practice and consulting firm.

PAUL MCNEIL (B.Sc.N. 2001) is a registered nurse at the Sudbury Regional Hospital who works with people living with HIV and AIDS. He is also a marathon runner.

JENNIFER MICHAUD (B.Sc.N. 1995) is the regional program manager for North Network, a partner in the Ontario Telemedicine Network.

NORMAN PICHÉ (BA, B.Comm. 1994) is the division director for Investors Group, manages 20 consultants and oversees \$175 million in assets. He also teaches part time at Laurentian.

KATHY SVALINA-GROTTOLI (B.Comm. 1999) is the marketing and human resources manager for Keith R. Thompson Inc., a waste management company.

(*Northern Life*)

UPDATE ON ALUMNI WHO LEFT NEW ORLEANS

ALLISON ERNA FEX MOISAN AND REY MOISAN have had a double celebration. On September 22, 2006, they welcomed their first child, Matthieu Alexandre Moisan. Allison has also earned her PhD in reproductive biology from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Allison attended Laurentian University and Rey is a graduate of Laurentian University. They were featured in our Summer 2006 magazine as they rebuilt their lives after Hurricane Katrina claimed their New Orleans' home in 2005. (*Sudbury Star*)





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LAURENTIAN'S FRENCH CONNECTION CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

BYGONE UNIVERSITÉ CANADIENNE EN FRANCE WAS FOUNDED 20 YEARS AGO

By Carrie Ivardi

For nearly 10 years, Laurentian students had the opportunity of a lifetime, to study thousands of kilometres away while still feeling connected to home.

From 1987 to 1996, students could live in Villefranche in the south of France and attend the Université Canadienne en France (UCF). The school began with the vision of then-Laurentian president Sir John Daniel, who teamed up with Blythe & Company, a Toronto-based educational travel organization, to offer Laurentian and other Canadian students the opportunity of a lifetime.

UCF offered courses in French as a Second Language, as well as English and French undergraduate courses selected from Canadian university programs in humanities and social sciences, music and fine arts. All anglophone students were required to register in at least one FSL course per term.

Denis Lauzon, who studied international business and law at UCF in the six-week spring session of 1990, says the real value for students who attended the hillside campus on the Cotes d'Azur, had to do with the organized travelling part of the program.

"If you were taking art history, you went to Venice, for example," explains Lauzon. After completing his

18 credits toward his undergraduate degree, he stayed on as a staff member once his semester came to an end. He worked as assistant to the president and coordinator of the UCF program from 1990 until the spring of 1996 when the program shut down, because it became too expensive for the university to maintain, he says.

"Weekend trips were the norm," says Lauzon, who is currently the manager of counselling and support programs at Laurentian. The campus was a great starting point for trips to Provence, northern Italy, Spain and the rest of Europe, and the extensive train system made it easy for students and staff to travel while living in France.

"If you were taking art history, you went to Venice, for example."

Lauzon says Blythe & Company bought the site, which was previously an estate owned by a wealthy American family. The company then built villas for students and staff to live in. There were usually 160 to 170 students on campus in any given semester.

As a recruiter and someone who travelled across Canada to promote the

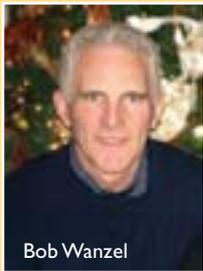
program, Lauzon says the program wasn't hard to sell and it attracted people from all walks of life who attended for a semester or a year.

"There was one older lady – she had to be in her 70s – from Vancouver... secretaries from Toronto... a marine officer... and so many others," says Lauzon.

The opportunities for learning were not only there for students, but for staff. Diane Roy, manager of application services at Laurentian, worked as an administrative assistant at UCF from 1994 to 1995. She brought her husband and three children with her for the one-year adventure.

"My first impression was that the students were all happy to be there," says Roy. "Living up on the campus was like one big community. It was beautiful. And the Mediterranean weather... you could be on a beach in the afternoon, then in the mountains at night where you'd wake up to four feet of snow."

Roy said that for the students who couldn't afford to travel every weekend, there were other opportunities. "We had a van that held 10 students, and we'd take day trips. It was wonderful. We'd see these little, little places and we loved doing it." ■



Bob Wanzel

THE CREATION OF SPAD

By Laura E. Young

Sports Administration, known widely by its acronym SPAD, became Canada's first honours bachelor of commerce and administration degree in sport management back in 1972. The program, which blends commerce and the practical and theoretical sides of sport and physical education, is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year.

SPAD's first director, Bob Wanzel, believed it was vital to SPAD to create an alumni network on par with the Harvard School of Business, so that from the very beginning grads would be able to spread the word and attract students and employers. "It's a thread that carried over today so their passion is not just for business and sport but for SPAD."

SPAD's roots were inspired by a simple newspaper article. Ken Loucks, director of commerce and John Dewar, director of physical education, read an article in which then-NHL president Clarence Campbell discussed the skill set needed to be an effective sports administrator. Business, sport interest and knowledge were judged to be the key necessities, and Dewar and Loucks pulled together a course after meeting with Campbell. Wanzel left the University of Alberta to become SPAD's first director and develop SPAD courses as the program evolved.

SPAD, which accepts about 50 students per year, is also developing an MBA program which is expected to start in September 2008. SPAD is also exploring international research collaborations because students have requested international exchange opportunities.

Up until now, 700 students have graduated from SPAD, and of the 450 with which the program is in contact, about 60 per cent are working in a variety of sports fields while the rest work in business.

The 35th anniversary celebrations will be officially held at the Hockey Hall of Fame on September 12 in Toronto. The cost is \$99 per person. For more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at (705) 675-4818.

UNIVERSITY OF SUDBURY TURNS 50

By Craig Gilbert

If you're itching for a party but you just can't wait for Laurentian University's 50th Anniversary bash in 2010, you'll want to mark your calendars for an early celebration.

The University of Sudbury will kick off a year of festivities in honour of its own 50th Anniversary on May 25.

On that Saturday night, as many as 500 U of S alumni, guests and interested members of the community will begin the celebrations at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Sudbury, says Lucie Beaupre, acting registrar.

A full complement of activities is being developed, including an art auction featuring works donated by the local arts community, Beaupre says. The works will be on display at the event, and organizers are appealing to the arts community for donations. The tickets are \$50. Since all proceeds will go to the university's scholarship and bursary fund, tax receipts will be issued to the donors.

Other events to mark the 50th anniversary include the annual University of Sudbury awards ceremony on October 13 and the Alumni v. Former Residents hockey tournament which has a spot for anyone with a pair of skates.

Beaupré is an alumnus herself, so the celebrations are designed "by us, for us," she says proudly.



U of S was founded as Collège du Sacré-Coeur in 1913. The college changed its name in 1957 and entered into the Laurentian federation as a founding member in 1960. According to its website, U of S is an "undergraduate liberal arts university in the Catholic tradition committed to bilingualism and the heritage of Canada's First Nations."

If you're interested in participating or you have items, stories and photos for a celebration album that will be assembled during the course of the year, please contact: University of Sudbury 50th Anniversary Convenors www.usudbury.ca, usudburyalumni@usudbury.ca, 705-673-5661 ext. 313.

GRAD RELEASES FIRST BOOK OF POETRY AND **ART** INSPIRED BY ARCTIC

BY CARRIE IVARDI



Fred Spina stands in front of The Wall of Names sculpture he designed and built for Sien Lok Park in Calgary.

With the recent publication of his first book of poetry and artwork, *Ferdinando* (Fred) Spina has found a balance between his family life, his career helping abused children and his art. For four months out of every year, he works as a social worker in the Arctic and based his first book on that experience.

“I’m in the groove now. My vision of what I need to be doing is more clear.”

The book, *Arctic Notes and Prairie Places*, is half art and half poetry. Spina began compiling poetry and images for the book a few years ago. It was published by Bayeaux Arts and released in December 2006.

Spina, whose father is also an artist, says that while he was taking his social work and psychology degree at Laurentian, he worked overseas during the summers. He travelled to Europe, Asia and Africa. In Amsterdam, he met a street artist, and spent some time watching him draw and paint.

“It was like a door opening for me,” he recalls. He began to draw, made some money with his art, travelled across Europe and visited museums. After completing his degree, he continued to paint, but he also bought chisels and started sculpting wood. He entered and won some sculpting competitions in bronze and granite.

He then settled in Calgary to work as a child welfare investigator, but he continued to work on his art, and it has paid off. Spina now has several pieces of sculpture on display in Calgary. Two of his sculptures, *Millenium Arch* and *Sentinels of Time*, can be found on 4th Street in Calgary’s southwest end. His commissioned *Wall of Names* sculpture, which is a monument to the early Chinese settlers who had to pay a head tax to immigrate to Canada, was a millennium project he completed in 2002. The motif of bronze with ceramic inlay had the support of not only the City of Calgary, but the provincial and federal governments as well.

Now, his short annual stints in the Arctic keep both his hands, and his mind, busy.

“(The work in the Arctic) fits in with my life,” he says. “I come up here,

I do social work, use my degree, and I do artwork on the side. I enjoy it on many levels – I learn a lot. It’s like an adventure.”

His artistic nature allows him to see a beauty in the northern life others miss. The high suicide rate in the north contrasts with the openness and great sense of humour of the people, he says.

“There is a cleanliness, an austerity to this place,” he says during an interview from his temporary home in Taloyoak, a community of 750 people in Nunuvut that is located east of King William Island. “I really like the people... (there are) a lot of carvers. I try to bring a simplicity, a naïveté (to my work), but with underlying tones and currents. People here are like that.”

With the publication of his first book, Spina says, “I’m in the groove now. My vision of what I need to be doing is more clear. It wasn’t until a few years ago when I thought of putting the travelling, painting and poetry all together in book form.”

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Students attend classes in southern France at the Université Canadienne en France.

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