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Standing in front of the Marion McCain Arts and Social Sciences Building, I can see diagonally across the street that the view along University Avenue is changing dramatically again.

The still unfamiliar profile of the Kenneth C. Rowe Faculty of Management Building rises above sidewalks crowded with new and returning students, professors and staff. The altered streetscape is the most visible sign of the momentum on campus this fall.

Another sign of the times came from Management Dean Phil Rosson during the building opening. Dean Rosson flashed cards that captured the excitement of the day: Wow! At Last! Thanks! As a member of the Dalhousie community for three decades, he welcomed the collaboration that the new home facilitates by bringing together Business Administration, Information Management, Resource and Environmental Studies, and Public Administration. We are invited inside the Rowe Building with writer Marie Weeren, who explores some of the possibilities created by the successful Management without Borders building campaign.

There’s still another reason to celebrate, and that’s the national recognition earned by Dr. Srinivas Sampalli. Our cover photo highlights the only Nova Scotia-based professor chosen to receive a 3M Teaching Fellowship from the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. “Srini,” as he is known to his students, has long been appreciated for his passion and enthusiasm for teaching.

I’m pleased to convey some of the excitement on campus to our alumni who are living around the world through this annual international edition of the magazine. At the same time, this brings the chance to share more broadly some of the experiences of our alumni “from away”.

Across the Atlantic ocean, Travis McDonough (BScK’94) is fast becoming a health and fitness entrepreneur in the west of Ireland. Writer Cathy MacDonald caught up with him as he rested between tennis matches during a recent active vacation in Nova Scotia.

Seldom have boundaries between the natural and built world seemed so transparent as during the destruction caused by hurricane Katrina in the southern United States. Sara Butler (PhD’01) was shocked to discover that her young family was in the direct path of the monster hurricane. Her former colleagues were relieved to hear the outcome of that journey, which Sara has also agreed to share with us.

That these distant events were so keenly felt back on campus by her friends in the McCain Building shows just how strong our connections remain, no matter how far from the campus life takes us.

Sincerely,

Amanda Pelham
Editor
Celebrating teaching excellence

Dr. Srini is known by students and faculty in his Faculty at Dalhousie University. His contributions to teaching have earned him national recognition.

Dr. Srini is a professor in the Faculty of Computer Science and has been a faculty member at Dalhousie since 1992. During this time he has been awarded the Dalhousie Faculty of Science Teaching Excellence Award, the Dalhousie Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence, and the Association of Atlantic Universities Distinguished Teacher Award.

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But perhaps most reflective of the care and dedication Srini gives to his students, is the Srini Award for Teaching Excellence created in 2000 and awarded by the Dalhousie University Students’ Computer Science Society to the professor in the Faculty who demonstrates teaching excellence as voted by the student body. Srini was the inaugural winner of the award, and his teaching contributions to the Faculty are now honoured each year as colleagues are recognized for their teaching with an award carrying his name.

Students describe Srini’s teaching as “energetic”, “active”, “positive”, and “enthusiastic” and remark repeatedly that he is “the best teacher I ever had.” Yet Srini’s contributions to teaching extend far beyond his own classrooms. He has been engaged in student and faculty mentoring, innovative programming for students of all levels both within and outside of his own faculty and the university. He is currently turning his attention to the Faculty of Computer Science’s graduate programme, as the Graduate Coordinator, integrating teaching, learning, research, and career training.

The 3M fellowship will allow Srini to continue to promote and develop his passion for excellence in teaching and learning.
New faces on campus

Among the thousands of newcomers joining the campus community this fall are new leaders.

Dr. Bonnie Neuman, who hails from York, says deciding to become Dalhousie University’s Vice-president Student Services was an easy choice, given the university’s national prestige and regional charm.

“We are committed to working even harder on reinforcing a supportive, respectful learning environment for our students, and looking for more ways to help our students, especially the non-resident students, engage and connect in a meaningful way with student life at Dalhousie,” she says.

A group of new deans is bringing a fresh outlook to each respective faculty: Dr. William Webster, Health Professions; Philip Saunders, Law; Joshua Leon, Engineering; and Philip Rosson, Management.

“I am really excited to be back at Dalhousie,” said Leon, who was a student at Dal. “I am looking forward to Dalhousie taking a real leadership role in engineering education in the province and the country.”

“This is a year of change for the Faculty of Management and one that opens up tremendous opportunities, with our move into the state-of-the-art Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building,” says Dr. Rosson, acting dean.

Mission to Mars

When the spacecraft Phoenix Scout lifts off in 2007 to explore Mars, a little piece of Dalhousie will be onboard.

Dr. Tom Duck and other researchers in the Department of Physics and Atmospheric Science will place a lidar (or laser radar) on Mars to study the distribution of dust in the Martian atmosphere and look for clouds and moisture on the surface.

The Phoenix Mars Scout is a joint project between the Canadian Space Agency and NASA to investigate the water cycle on Mars. In addition to Dalhousie, the Canadian Science Team includes scientists from York University and the University of Alberta. The Canadian contribution to the mission will be an automated weather station, complete with the small lidar system. The spacecraft will land on the red planet in May 2008.

“By studying dust particles in the Martian atmosphere, we will gain insight into the internal dynamics of our own atmosphere,” says Dr. Duck, who directs the Atmospheric-Optics Laboratory at Dalhousie. His team designs and builds lidar systems which are used for atmospheric research. This technology will now be used to study the Martian atmosphere.

World’s oceans changing

A major study in Science by biologists Dr. Boris Worm and Dr. Ransom Myers warns that the world’s oceans are being altered by overfishing and climate change, with serious consequences for large ocean predators.

The researchers, together with partners in the United Kingdom and Germany, have documented a decline of biodiversity in the open oceans, with large fish such as tuna, marlin, swordfish and sharks particularly affected. They draw parallels between these species and the ocean’s tiniest dwellers, zooplankton.

“Very few people are aware that the global ocean as a whole has changed. It’s a message that needs to be repeated over and over again for it to be understood,” says Dr. Worm. They point to overfishing and climate change as the culprits for a 50 per cent decline in biodiversity, while acknowledging that a few “hotspots” for biodiversity still exist in the world’s oceans. It is essential to preserve these areas.

“We work with the media because Continued

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High-tech sleuthing cracks illegal fishing case

They thought they had a case, but would it stand up in court? The bodies seized by fisheries officers during their inspection of a fishing boat looked suspiciously like a threatened species of wolffish, but it was hard to tell conclusively. All identifying features, including the heads, had been removed. It was time to call in the fish forensic squad.

In order to support their illegal fishing case, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans turned to biologist Dr. Paul Bentzen and the facilities available at Dalhousie’s Marine Gene Probe Lab. Grad student Megan McCusker was able to use DNA analysis to identify the species of fish.

“We were ideally positioned to give them an answer on the fish,” says Dr. Bentzen. “We took out a little tissue from each fish; Megan extracted the DNA, sequenced the right part of it, compared it to our data base and it was unambiguous. They were northern wolffish,” says Dr. Bentzen.

This evidence helped to secure the country’s first conviction under new Species at Risk legislation, when an East Jeddore fisherman pleaded guilty in court to possession of seven northern wolffish. His $3,000 fine was earmarked for the Dalhousie research program that helped to identify the fish.

“The story doesn’t end with the conviction,” points out Dr. Bentzen. “There is a much larger story of species of fish that face an uncertain future. The work Megan is doing is important to help understand the fish and to lay the groundwork for understanding how to preserve it. It is entirely appropriate that this fine will go toward the very research that helped seal the case.”

Wolffish are thought to be fairly sedentary as adults, suggesting that they may have highly distinct populations. Unfortunately, many of these unusual features also make wolffish particularly vulnerable to fishing mortality and habitat degradation.
Dalhousie spin-off company chosen as province's Exporter of the Year

 Halifax-based Satlantic became the province's overall export success story during the 21st Nova Scotia Export Achievement Awards.

 Founded by oceanography professor Dr. Marlon Lewis, Satlantic designs, manufactures and sells a wide range of precision sensors and systems for the study of aquatic environments.

 The award for developing new markets went to GeoProjects Canada Ltd., a consulting firm that supports offshore exploration. GeoProjects’ continuing association with the Dalhousie commerce co-op program has enabled the company to hire a number of international students for work placements. “Our clients are international so our staff need to have a global outlook,” says President Tony LaPierre (BSc(Hon)'85, MASc'99).

 These exporters have successfully made the globe their market place. The awards are sponsored by Nova Scotia Business Inc. and the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Association.

Dinner is served for 500 alumni and friends

 More than 500 alumni and friends were welcomed to the annual dinner by President Tom Traves on September 29. Invited speaker Dr. George Elliott Clarke (MA’89, LLD’99), of the University of Toronto, read his original poetry accompanied by jazz opera.

 Reflecting on a few of the accomplishments of the Dalhousie community over the past year, President Traves highlighted the university’s teaching award winners and growth in research funding. Investment in campus renewal has been significant over the past six years, with much of the support coming from alumni and friends of the university.

 Outstanding alumni Joel Jacobson (BCom’63), Dr. Robert Parkin (DPharm’51, BSc’51, MD ’56) and Sheri Price (BScN’92, MN’01) were honoured as A. Gordon Archibald Award winners for service, commitment and contributions to Dalhousie.

 The Alumni Award of Excellence for Teaching was presented to Dr. Dennis Phillips, of Psychology.

Building a better community

 The newly renovated Architecture and Planning Building has been renamed by the Board of Governors in recognition of Ralph M. Medjuck’s many contributions to Dalhousie University. The Ralph M. Medjuck Building will support our faculty and students in their continuing work to make communities around the world better places to live.

 Ralph Medjuck, Shirlee Medjuck and President Tom Traves at the dedication.
William Dennis Chair in Pediatric Epilepsy Research

One recent afternoon, pediatric epilepsy expert Dr. Joseph Dooley was called upon to care for a young patient who had started having seizures. As he spent time with the four-and-a-half year old child, he also began to get to know the family and their concerns.

“The family had questions I couldn’t answer,” said Dr. Dooley, a professor of pediatrics and Head of the Division of Pediatric Neurology, Dalhousie University and IWK Health Centre. “With pediatric epilepsy, there are many questions, not so many answers.”

Dr. Dooley was on hand for the announcement of the William Dennis Chair in Pediatric Epilepsy Research. This chair, the first of its kind in Canada, will increase new knowledge and understanding of pediatric epilepsy. The chair will be located in the Department of Pediatrics at the IWK Health Centre. The chair is named in honour of William Dennis, who died of complications relating to an epileptic seizure in 2002.

Halifax’s Dennis Family has made a leadership gift of $2.3 million to endow this research chair, and an additional $500,000 has also been secured from other donors toward the total funding of $3.5 million. Sarah Dennis (BA’91), sister of the late William Dennis, spoke on behalf of the family. “It is our hope that this chair will make a real difference.”

“This is of profound importance to the university because it is important to this community,” said Dr. Tom Traves, Dalhousie’s President. “We are a small community, we know one another and we want to work together.” He recognized the commitment that Sarah Dennis has made toward ensuring that the chair is fully funded, motivated by her dedication to a cause “near and dear to her heart.” Dr. Traves also noted the significant role of the Province of Nova Scotia in investing in medical research.

Taking on the world – one step at a time

Adrienne Junek (BSc’04) represented Canada at the World Taekwon-do Championships in Dortmund, Germany. She is the national gold medalist in women’s first degree black belt (individual patterns) and is a research technician in Anatomy and Neurobiology.

(Halifax Herald Photo, reprinted with permission).
A LERTED BY A CALL that cancelled a scheduled doctor’s appointment because of ‘a storm,’ Sara thought she should hear the latest weather update. Her husband Mark LaBine checked on the internet for MSN.

“It was at that point that we realized it was a ‘Cat-5’ storm, coming right for New Orleans,” she recalls. The storm was in fact Katrina.

One of her first thoughts was about the aftermath of Hurricane Juan. Sara was a post-doctoral fellow living in Halifax, having completed her graduate program in medieval studies at Dalhousie, when the September 2003 hurricane ripped through.

“Hurricane Juan was a frightening experience, and Halifax didn’t have any fears of flooding,” she says. “We were fairly convinced that a bad hurricane would flood our entire house, which like most New Orleans homes, is a bungalow that sits flat on the ground. We had all heard the horror stories of New Orleans becoming the new Atlantis with the right storm.”

Inside of 20 minutes she threw together enough clothes for her children, Cade, four, and Genevieve, two. “Allow me to emphasize – 20 minutes. We brought enough clothes for the four of us for three days and left,” she says. They all piled into their beige pontiac mini-van and Mark pointed it toward Mississippi.

“We weren’t really worried about leaving without very many things – usually you leave because you don’t want to be there if the power goes out – so you leave and then come back in a few days to pick up the fallen branches. That’s what we were
the history department at Loyola University and moved her family to New Orleans. At Loyola, she's chair of the Medieval History program and teaches a course on world civilization. In this class, she discusses the nature and characteristics of the American dream. “The most difficult part about moving to the States has been the shock of the class and racial issues. This has been an essential eye-opener for Americans. Now nobody will be able to turn a blind eye to the poverty,” she says.

It was the connection to Loyola that enabled them to learn more about how their friends and co-workers made out after the hurricane. The university set up an alternative web-site so that people could share their experiences. They started monitoring the site from Kingston. “When we got there, the hotel turned us down. There had been a computer error and they didn’t receive the internet bookings. It was only after I went back in there with two crying kids that they changed their minds and gave us a room. We were very happy – the next place was another six hours along the road,” she says.

For the next couple of days they were camped out in the Best Western. Like many around the world, they were riveted by television coverage of the storm. “We spent a lot of time crying, they showed places on the news where our friends lived and we just knew it was going to be bad,” she says. “When we heard that 80 per cent of New Orleans was under water, we assumed our place was too. So we packed up the car and went to my parents’ house in Ontario, a three day drive.”

It was a surreal drive home to Kingston, complete with a radio rant from Rush Limbaugh about not rebuilding the city. “How horrible. I know we had only been there a year, but there is something about the south and about New Orleans. We love the city terribly,” she says.

Just a year earlier, she'd gladly accepted a position as an assistant professor in

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“Thankfully, she was fine – very hungry, very thirsty. Otherwise, she was just very happy to see them,” Sara says. They also discovered that the house was essentially sound. “Both yards looked like a war zone with downed trees and branches and portions of other people’s rooftops, but our house was miraculously intact with no flooding,” she says. Mark was able to pick up their photo albums and her grandmother’s tea set before heading quickly back to Canada.

“We will go back to New Orleans – we love that city and we love that life. Loyola is hoping to start in January. Luckily the campus is relatively unscathed, some flooding, some downed trees, but generally fine,” she says. “If we can continue to live there, we fully expect at least one other family will be living with us during the rebuilding period.”

Describing themselves as “still a little shell-shocked,” Sara has enrolled her son in junior kindergarten while her husband continues working remotely from a home office. Queen’s University has provided library and office privileges so that she can continue her research. “We have been reminded about what good people Canadians are – they really do care.”
The striking design of the new Faculty of Management building exemplifies the faculty’s underlying interdisciplinary philosophy – management without borders.

Photo: MacDonald
Opening up endless possibilities for conversation, the new Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building invites interaction and interdisciplinary learning

by Marie Weeren (BJ(K)’93)

The opening of the Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building in September marked the first time Dalhousie's entire Faculty of Management was housed under one roof. The $25-million building, which stands on University Avenue across from the Dalhousie Arts Centre, is a striking structure designed to embody the Faculty’s underlying philosophy – management without borders – the name also given to the successful capital campaign which made the visionary building a reality.

This management vision, according to the Faculty’s acting dean, Dr. Philip Rosson, is “really one of providing students with the best opportunity to study management in the fullest sense of that word and in the most modern sense of that word. Management is a critical activity in all sectors of the economy and really all areas of society. Oxfam has a need for excellent managers just as much as Bombardier does.”

The Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building provides a central and vibrant learning space for these managers of the future. Rosson says having a dedicated facility, “will create a pride among faculty, staff and students.” He adds that it also “makes it easier for us to compete in tight markets for the best students and faculty.”

The ultra-modern new building supports an interdisciplinary environment for management study by bringing together the Faculty’s four schools: Business Administration, Public Administration, Information Management (formerly the School of Library and Information Studies) and Resource and Environmental Studies. Another key feature of the new facility is the bringing together of the Faculty’s centres for integrated learning and research – Eco-Efficiency Centre, Centre for Management Informatics, Norman Newman Centre for Entrepreneurship and RBC Centre for Risk Management. “The centres are consistent with the management without borders philosophy,” says Rosson. “Because each centre deals with cross-cutting themes, faculty members and students of the various schools will participate.”

The Foundation

When it comes to research, program development and delivery, a collaborative approach across disciplinary lines is not a new concept for the Faculty of Management.

“Interdisciplinarity to me is an appropriate mix of strengths drawn from different disciplines, but these strengths remain clearly visible, they do not become homogenized,” says Dr. Fiona Black (MLIS’93),
director of the School of Information Management.

For example, the Bachelor of Management degree encompasses the entire Faculty as students choose courses from all four schools: Business Administration, Information Management, Public Administration and Resource and Environmental Studies.

The RBC Centre for Risk Management, headed by industrial engineering associate professor Dr. Ronald Pelot, is grounded in an interdisciplinary approach. Risk management is a rapidly growing field, which crosses multiple boundaries of study – from health sciences to business, technology to law.

“There’s a lot of room for research,” Pelot says. “The risk management centre will provide an opportunity for Dalhousie to be at the forefront of this intense interest in developing new and better risk management practices.”

Ryan Deschamps (BA’02, MLIS, MPA’05), the first student to complete a combined graduate degree within the management faculty, says his experience working with and learning from students and professors across the disciplines has served him well in his role as the e-Learning Services Manager for the Halifax Public Libraries.

“In some senses I’m back in school,” he says. “When I was at Dalhousie I would be challenged in my views all the time. Similarly, working with community groups I hear a wide range of perspectives and opinions. I had to be prepared for that and I am.”

With a new building in a central-campus location, the Faculty of Management will be in a strong position to continue and deepen cross-disciplinary collaboration.

The Builders

The realization of the Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building is a source of pride for Dr. Abol Jalilvand, former dean of Dalhousie’s management faculty, who now serves as dean of the school of business administration and graduate school of business at Loyola University Chicago. “If I was to identify some of the most important accomplishments in my career as an academic and human being, that accomplishment will be ranked in the top ones, probably the top one. What it will do for Dalhousie University and the province of Nova Scotia is amazing.”

It is a pride shared by many. The Faculty of Management, with its more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, has evolved significantly since the 1920s when Dalhousie’s commerce department was created. While the Faculty was excelling in providing programs that anticipated 21st century market demand, the physical infrastructure was not keeping up with the times.

In excess of 500 donors – more than 90 per cent of whom were Faculty of Management alumni – supported the

Ken Rowe and President Tom Travis visit the project during the construction phase

Dr. Fiona Black and acting dean, Dr. Philip Rosson unpack in the Faculty of Management's new home
Management is a critical activity in all sectors of the economy and all areas of society. Oxfam has a need for excellent managers just as much as Bombardier does.

capital campaign, which reached its goal in a rapid three-and-a-half years.

Kevin Kelly (BCom’76), is one of those supporters. The recently retired president of Wellington West Capital, Kelly solicited senior business people who were Dalhousie alumni, across the country. “I’m very, very proud to be a Dalhousie alumnus,” says Kelly, whose son Connor is a first-year Dalhousie arts student. “Now with the new facility there’s just a renewed pride. I’m very, very proud of the faculty, what we’ve built and the people who’ve made it happen.”

The people who have made it happen is a long list, indeed. More than 80 per cent of management faculty and staff participated in the campaign. “This was not a difficult campaign to believe in,” stated national campaign chair and business leader John Risley (LLD’05). Dalhousie honorary degree recipient, Ken Rowe (LLD’02), for whom the building is named, clearly agreed. “It is a prime responsibility of those in management to train their successors,” he said. “I believe a major university needs to have a strong management faculty as part of its diverse educational offering.”

The View

“It is invigorating to move into new space and to be able to develop the atmosphere for learning, teaching and research that we want in that building,” says Black.

This atmosphere will be encouraged by a number of design features of the 140,000 square-foot, five-storey building. A central feature is the atrium, which is surrounded by walkways and look-off points. These provide an informal venue for conversation and the possible sparking of new ideas and collaboration.

The building’s first floor has a 400-seat auditorium and six state-of-the-art case rooms designed to minimize the distance between professor and student, and maximize the opportunity for dialogue.

The Faculty’s four centres for integrated learning and research are housed together on the second floor, allowing an even greater opportunity for collaboration across the Faculty, Dalhousie campus and beyond.

Shared space for student society offices, a case room primarily dedicated to executive training and a shared faculty lounge are additional elements of the new building. “We hope the new building will act as a meeting point not only for the Faculty of Management and Dalhousie, but for the professional community,” says Rosson. “We want to try to establish it as a place for dialogue on the theme of management.”

Whether the dialogue takes place through a speaker series or on a stairway matters less than the fact that it is taking place. With a new building and the sense of optimism and energy it brings, the possibilities of future conversations and collaboration are endless.
Call it a love match

A bit of luck – and love – led Travis McDonough (BScK’94) to become a health and fitness entrepreneur in the west of Ireland
Sitting in front of the Killam Library, Travis McDonough fits right in. He looks like a student, albeit a keen one, since it is only late August.

In truth McDonough (BScK'94) is 34. But with his hemp necklace and casual clothes, he looks at least a decade younger, despite just finishing a grueling week of matches against some of the best tennis players in the province at the annual Nova Scotia Open.

Maybe it’s the genes. Mom is former Halifax MLA and now federal MP Alexa McDonough (BA’66, MA’69, DCL’95 (Kings)). Dad is Peter McDonough (BCom’63, LLB’67), a leading Halifax lawyer and founding president of the Dalhousie Black and Gold Club.

A lot of it is healthy lifestyle. “Nutrition and fitness are big aspects of my life,” acknowledges McDonough.

That’s a bit of an understatement, considering McDonough’s growing business empire is based on nutrition and fitness. In the past eight years he has built a successful orthotics practice in Ireland. He’s also opened seven franchised chiropractic and multidisciplinary clinics and nine women’s fitness centres throughout the western part of that country, with another group of fitness centres opening before Christmas.

Why Ireland? A combination of luck and love.

“I’ve always been kind of infatuated with Irish culture and Irish life, always had a love for Irish music,” explains McDonough. “We went over about 10 years ago, my father, brother and I for the summer, and I just thought, ‘wow, what a tremendous place to come back to’.

After graduating from Dalhousie, and following four years studying chiropractic medicine in Toronto, McDonough did just that. He boarded a plane for Ireland on what was meant to be a short visit.

“When I got there, I thought I’d be there for six to eight weeks,” he grins. “Well, eight years later I’m still there.”

‘There’ is Ennis, a town verging on city status in the southwest of Ireland. McDonough admits there was no real science to his decision to settle there, simply a combination of factors. It was the nearest town to the Shannon airport, and he arrived in the middle of an annual music festival.

“There was music playing in every pub and on very street corner. I thought I’d died and gone to heaven,” he recalls. He started working in a short-term situation. Within eight months he had an associate and began opening a network of chiropractic clinics.

“I was in the right place at the right time,” he suggests.

He also had the right idea. Hurling, a combination of lacrosse, hockey and soccer, is the Irish national sport. Teams are as revered as the NHL’s Leafs or Canadiens. Shortly after opening his first clinic, McDonough called up the local celebrity coach and invited him to an assessment.

“I treated him, and by the end of the week, had all 40 of his players as patients. It was a major infusion for the business. People would come into the waiting room just to see the players. It made my practice right there.”

McDonough is doing his best to cultivate more Irish-Canadian connections. Not only did he influence Irish hurling star Tony Griffin’s decision to travel thousands of miles to Halifax and attend Dal’s kinesiology program, but back in Ennis one of McDonough’s orthotic partners is Dr. Hayden Landry (BScK’96), originally from Yarmouth, N.S.

McDonough works hard to ensure he has the best of both worlds. An annual two-month summer trip home to Halifax is non-negotiable for him and partner Margaret Taylor, also from Halifax. The couple has a year-old daughter.

“It’s so important to allocate that time to be with family and friends,” says McDonough, who schedules four hours to work every ‘vacation’ day, often spending it at the financial offices of his older brother Justin.

“Used to making long-term plans, McDonough expects to settle back in Nova Scotia by the time his family is ready for school.

“It’s really important for us to have them educated in Canada,” he says. “Being away, you really learn to appreciate what we have here that is amazing, like health care and education. No where in the world can you get an education like you can in Canada.”

by Cathy MacDonald
Navigating the dot-com boom and bomb

While it hasn’t always been smooth sailing, computer science graduates are still finding rewarding careers as entrepreneurs, with industry and in academia.

by Marni Tuttle (BA, BCS’96)

While many people dream of sailing into a prolonged semi-retirement, Donald Chisholm – at age 34 – is already living that dream. Donald’s success illustrates a stereotype of the ‘dot-com’ boom. He is semi-retired, thanks to his first high-tech business venture. InfoInteractive, which he founded with Bill McMullin, is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of AOL and remains based in Bedford, Nova Scotia.

“I got lucky,” Donald says. Though he makes it sound like chance, getting to this point took a lot of skill and patience. It was hardly smooth sailing during the initial stages.

Donald spent months determining...
what the product would be and endured weeks when valueless stock options meant pay covered expenses. Risk grew as the fledgling company took on employees. Responsibility to investors was added with a launch on the TSX and NSDAQ. Then along came the right offer, and patience and honesty were crucial. With Donald, what you see is what you get – including a dressed-down, straightforward style.

Media reports suggest that the halcyon days of the dot-com explosion have passed. But, the continued growth and expansion of this Bedford office is a testament to a sustainable market for computer science graduates in Nova Scotia and a promising future. AOL now employs over 80 people, and more than half of those are Dalhousie graduates.

Despite such success stories, a recent gathering of industry, government and academic leaders on campus for the launch of a Privacy and Security Lab shared a common concern for the future.

A “talent gap” was identified as the most pressing problem in advancing technological security; protection of privacy and economic growth by Harris Miller, president of the largest IT industry association in the world – the Information Technology Association of America.

There has been a 30 to 60 per cent reduction in students entering advanced IT programs at universities across North America since the so-called ‘dot-bomb,’ pointed out John Schwarz, president of Symantec, the world’s number one computer security company.

This pattern occurs despite the fact that there are, and will continue to be, more job opportunities than ever in the field. Mr. Miller remains optimistic and notes that on the list of the 10 best jobs of the future produced by the U.S. government, five are IT related.

Dr. Allen Jost, a professor at Dalhousie’s Faculty of Computer Science, agrees. “Despite dropping enrollments all over North America, the jobs of the future are in IT. There are already more jobs available in the Computer Science co-op program than we have students to fill them. Major North American technology companies, including such giants as Microsoft, are now deeply concerned that there will not be enough computer science graduates to fill the needs of the job market,” says Jost.

Meanwhile, both AOL and SupportSoft are ‘buying Nova Scotia,’ choosing companies for their specific products and finding a comfortable fit. The province offers a highly educated work force with low turnover and many ex-pats who are interested in coming home. The province is only a time zone or two away from major centres.

“SupportSoft is telling the world about the business case for software development in Nova Scotia, by its intentions to expand its Halifax operations,” says Stephen Lund, President and CEO of Nova Scotia Business Inc.

The investment by these two companies is part of a trend, says Mike Smith (BSC ’83, BEng ’85), Vice-president AOL (Voice Services). “After four years of good management, steady growth and a product that has performed very well, AOL sees Nova Scotia as a very attractive location. We’ll be hiring for 11 positions in Bedford that will require computer science graduates with two years of experience. These are tasks that could be done anywhere, and they’re coming to Nova Scotia.”

That’s a message that others are reinforcing. “Having a well-respected company invest resources in Nova Scotia sends an incredibly valuable message to the global IT community about the province’s advantages as a centre of excellence for software development. Clearly, one of the most important elements to our offering is the high quality talent pool from which companies can staff their operations,” says Premier John Hamm (BSc ’58, MD ’63).

A significant factor in building capacity for the province has been the dynamic growth of Dalhousie’s Faculty of Computer Science.

The dynamism in the Faculty caught the attention of an alumna who was working in Vancouver. Dr. Kori Inkpen (BCS ’92) was approached by then Dean Jacob Slonim, and was persuaded to return to Halifax.

“I was excited about what was happening in the Faculty. There was momentum and growth – and great opportunities to collaborate with good people,” she recalls. Other aspects of her life made the decision a good fit, with a baby on the way, and a Halifax-based opportunity for her husband Jeff Quinn (BA ’93). She became an associate professor of Computer Science in 2001. The rewards include lifestyle, collaboration and a team of great students.

Her research team includes more than a dozen students. Graduate students mix easily with undergraduate NSERC-
funded students and co-op work term students. “It’s a wonderful team, lots of fun, balanced with a great deal of work. You’ll pull your share of ‘all-nighters.’ The expectations are high but so are the rewards,” says Dr. Inkpen. Benefits for the students include authorship, conferences, connections, the personal support of a mentor and friend, and future employability.

Inkpen’s current collaborators are thinking about ‘The Living Room of the Future,’ in the EDGE Lab. This is a paradigm for human-computer interaction in common environments. In the future, people will be living in a multi-user, multi-input, multi-display world.

“How will you access your TV Guide in the future? Will it be a multi-user tabletop display that is also your coffee table? Or will it be on a personal tablet?” she asks. “What about sharing information? It’s about being able to take the work you’ve compiled on a personal machine, throw it up to a multi-user display, and have it be interactive for a group,” she says.

Dr. Inkpen is mentoring the next generation of computer scientists, including grad student Malcolm Rodgers (BCS’01, MCS’05) enjoyed and benefited from his time with the EDGE Lab. Now he’s applying human-computer interaction principles to assist doctors. Together with Dr. David Alexander (MD’74) and Dr. Bill Oxner (MD’94) he is working to make use of tablet technology – an electronic version of pen and paper.

“Working on a computer behind a desk changes the relationship between the doctor and the patient. The tablet is less threatening, because it lets the doctor interact with a patient at the same time as writing notes. It also eliminates the typist, an approval stage, and letter writing, and the date entered on the tablet is used to create the letter,” says Malcolm.

This new method may eventually improve turn around time on documents, enhance personal interactions between patients and doctors, and perhaps, result in a commercial application.

Recent computer science graduates continue to have their choice between entrepreneurship, which always offers both risk and reward; and other employment opportunities in the province – or, as industry leaders suggest, even further afield given the predicted need for talent globally.

For Bedford’s Donald Chisholm a major motivation in career choice was being able to choose where he would live. Since his successful entrepreneurial initiative secured international interest and his future, he can see where the currents will take him.

Donald Chisholm is a dot-com success story thanks to his first high-tech business venture, Infolnteractive, which was picked up by AOL.

“I got lucky.”

In Dal’s EDGE Lab, Dr. Kori Inkpen is mentoring the next generation of computer scientists, including grad student Malcolm Rodgers.

“At expectations are high, but so are the rewards.”
Whoever coined the phrase “jack of all trades, master of none,” didn’t anticipate Dalhousie alumna and varsity athlete Cathy Campbell, (BPE’75, MSc’77, MD, CCFP, DipSport Med), team physician, Canadian National Women’s Soccer Teams.

As a student in the ‘70s, the self-proclaimed “Jack” played varsity field hockey, was a member of the 1973 Canada Games field hockey team, ran varsity cross country, and played varsity volleyball one year and junior varsity basketball. While coaching the men’s and women’s track and field team in 1975, Cathy won the AUAA 400m, 800m, came 2nd in the 1500m and ran in the winning 4 x 100m relay team.

That’s quite a record, added to which, at the age of 45, she competed in a masters track championship in Texas, winning the 400 and 800m.

Cathy, a loyal supporter of Dalhousie Athletics, credits her professors and coaches for giving her the confidence to develop her abilities and believe in herself. “Life was tough for me as a kid. Dal provided a family for me and allowed me a venue to grow and excel,” she says.

Cathy received a Bachelor of Physical Education and her MSc from Dal, majoring in exercise physiology. After completing a medical degree at McMaster she moved to Houston, where she established a practice in family and sports medicine. There she treated and worked with athletes as well as several astronauts. Six years ago, Cathy sold her Texas practice and returned to Canada as physician for the Canadian Women’s National Soccer team.

Cathy’s phys ed class recently celebrated its 30th reunion, and had a chance to compare notes on their Dal experience. “We were all amazed at how lucky we were to have each other and the incredible internationally recognized faculty who taught us,” she says.

Since graduating from Dal, Cathy has loyalty supported its Athletics programs, both financially and as a volunteer. Recently she joined a team of volunteers to help raise $3 million for Dal’s Athletic Endowment Campaign, which will provide scholarships for future outstanding student athletes. (Other team members include Ian Oulton, David Fraser, Donna Curry and Eve Wickwire.)

“I want to make sure that other young adults have the same opportunities or better than I had,” says Cathy, whose commitment to Dalhousie and to excellence in sport has also led to her decision to include a bequest to Athletics in her will.

“I want future athletes to be able to benefit from the positive aspects of sport,” she says. “I appeal to all the athletics alumni to take a minute to think about the effect of their athletic experiences, friendships and opportunities on their own personal growth. I hope they also remember that people helped them along the way and that they will choose to contribute.”

Dr. Cathy Campbell, team physician, Canadian National Women’s Soccer Teams, recognizes the importance of sport in the lives of young adults. Her continuing support of Dal Athletics will help provide scholarships for future Dalhousie student athletes.

For information on Dal’s Athletic Endowment Campaign, contact Linda Crockett at 902.494.6861 or 1.800.565.9969 or email: linda.crockett@dal.ca
Dalhousie Alumni Association
Board of Directors 2005-2006

Nancy Barkhouse (BA’72)
Nancy’s BA was in psychology and Russian. She works for the Halifax Regional School Board with the Technology Integration Leadership Team. This is Nancy’s first year on the Board.

Susan Barry (BSc’79, DDS’83)
Susan lives in Saint John and contributes greatly to the community. Two of her four children came to Dal this September. This is Susan’s first year with the DAA.

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Todd joined the DAA in 2002. He works for Jacques Whitford in Halifax.

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Willena is in her first year on the DAA Board. She works with Novartis Pharma Canada in Halifax.

Rhonda Wishart (BSc’76, MSW’78, LLB’81)
Rhonda joined the Board in 2003 and works with Burnet Duckworth Palmer LLP in Calgary.

Alumni Association President Chris Smith

Dalhousie Alumni Association
President Chris Smith’s affiliation with Dalhousie University goes back to the mid 1980s when, inspired by the stories his aunt and uncle (alumni Eve, BA’61 and the late Ted Wickwire, BCom’59, LLB’62) often told, he headed east to Halifax and the home of the Tigers.

Chris studied commerce in the School of Business, earning his degree in 1988. Enjoying the full scope of a true “Halifax Experience,” Chris lived in Henderson and Bronson Houses before moving off campus his final year. Chris remained active in extra curricular offerings, serving as Sponsorship Chair of the Dalhousie Business Seminar and treasurer of the Commerce Society. On the athletic front, Chris played intramural volleyball and hockey.

After leaving Dal, Chris married fellow commerce grad Lydia Bugden (BCom’88). Chris and Lydia have two children, William and Maggie, and are having a lot of fun learning about life through the eyes of their children.


Feeling the pull of his affection for Dal, Chris accepted an invita-

DAA President Chris Smith

2006 ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Dalhousie Alumni Association is committed to recognizing the dedication, excellence and inspiration of our alumni. Help us celebrate by nominating a fellow grad for one of our 2006 Awards:

- A. Gordon Archibald Alumnus/a of the Year Award
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Physio alumni earning national recognition

Dr. Lydia Makrides (PhD’78) has come full circle with the Canadian Physiotherapy Association’s (CPA) Silver Quill Award. The first recipient of the award to recognize student research contributions in 1981, she is now the mentor of a grad student who received the 2005 award. Sunita Mathur (BSc’98, MSc’00) is currently conducting research at UBC. Many Dal alumni earned recognition from the CPA recently, including Julie McGivery (BSc’05) who received the Helen Saarinen Rahikka Student Leadership Award for reorganizing the national students’ assembly. Carolyn King (BSc’76, MSc’79), one of the country’s leading pediatric physiotherapists, won the 2005 Mentorship Award. The Enid Graham Memorial Lecture was given by Brenda Myers (DPT’73, BScPT’79, MHSA), the Secretary General, World Confederation for Physical Therapy, London, UK.

Congratulations are in order

Dr. Wanda Thomas Bernard (MSW’77), director of Dalhousie’s School of Social Work, has been inducted as an Officer of the Order of Canada. An educator, scholar and social work practitioner, Dr. Thomas Bernard is highly regarded for addressing racial and cultural diversity in education and in the community. • Professor Wayne MacKay (LLB’78), of the Dalhousie Law School, was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in recognition for his commitment and contributions to human rights and equality in Canada, as well as for his stature as a constitutional scholar. • Dr. Raymond Leblanc, of the Dalhousie Medical School, was named a Member of the Order of Canada in recognition for his contributions to visual sciences and health care.
1949

John Bishop Ballem, QC, LLD, BA’46, MA’48, LLB, has just returned from a voyage to the North Pole on a Russian nuclear icebreaker. The Oilpatch Quartet, an omnibus volume of four of his previously published novels will be reissued by Cormorant books in the fall of 2005.

J. William E. Mingo, CM, QC, BA’47, LLB, was inducted into the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame in June 2005. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Law Foundation of Nova Scotia, and is one of the founders of Legal Aid in Nova Scotia. He was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2004 and is a partner at Stewart McKelvey Sterling Scales in Halifax.

1957

David T. Janigan, BSc’52, MD, authored Environmental Illness in Nova Scotia, 1983-2003. Dr. Janigan retired in 2004 as consultant pathologist at Queen Elizabeth Health Sciences, following a career as head of the department of pathology of both Dalhousie and the Victoria General Hospital.

1959

Roselle Green, BA, MA’63, DPA’73, has been inducted as an honourary fellow by the Canadian Public Relations Society’s College of Fellows. The award is in recognition of exceptional professional capability, professional experience, contributions to the advancement of the profession and significant leadership in public relations.

Donald Lawrence, BSc’56, MSc, and wife Pauline announce the birth of their first granddaughter, Philippa Hopp on June 1, 2004, in Whistler. Donald and Pauline have just moved from Nova Scotia to Squamish, B.C., located midway between the Olympic sites of Vancouver and Whistler. Visitors are most welcome, contact them at dlawren@shaw.ca.

1962


1964

Chris Field, BSc, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Statistical Society of Canada in June 2004.

1968

Morira Stewart, BSc, MD’75 (Western), delivered the James Mackenzie lecture at the Royal College of General Practitioners annual meeting in London, England in November 2004.

1971

Deb Jewett, BA(K), MLIS’00, moved to Purcell’s Cove, NS and has a new “fire” at the Theatre Arts Guild doing props, costumes, ASM, or anything backstage. Her son Jeremiah is the actor of the family and daughter Mariah is finishing high school. Contact her at dfjewett@hotmail.com.

Elizabeth Stevens, BA, invites other alumni living in China to contact her at elizinchina04@yahoo.com. Connect with other Dalhousie and TUNS alumni through the Club Canada “network” in China. For more information see www.clubcanada.net.

1973

Colin E. MacDonald, BSc, has been honoured with the Significant Sig Award, which recognizes members for professional achievements that bring honour and prestige to the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Colin has been recognized for his role as co-founder and CEO of Clearwater, one of the world’s leading seafood companies, and as past-president of the Canadian Atlantic Lobster Promotions Association.
1974
John D. Anderson, LLB, is working on a big Russian waterbomber project. For more information visit en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ilyushin_I1-76

1975
Clary Ottman, BSC, is vice president of finance and comptroller of Canada Post Corporation. His wife Maureen (Gordon), BA, BEd, recently retired after 15 years with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario. Maureen was a senior area manager in the greater Ottawa area.

1976
Richard Wood, PhD, has published Introductory Mathematical Analysis (for Business, Economics, and the Life and Social Sciences) 11th edition with Pearson/Prentice Hall. He has also been awarded the Science Undergraduate Student Society Teaching Award for 2004/05.

1977
Robert Barns, Q.C., LLB, is this year’s recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. He has volunteered with the Canadian Red Cross Society for over 20 years. A partner at Burchell Hayman Parish, he is immediate past-president of the Canadian Red Cross, a member of the national board of governors, and vice-president for the Americas of the International Federation of Red Cross Societies.

Diane Plourde Brennick, BA, is working with the Cape Breton Victoria Regional School Board as a language arts consultant for grades 7 through 12.

1979
John H. Cuthbertson, MBA, LLB, received the 2004 Weldon Law Award for Unselfish Public Service for the principled conduct of his life demonstrated through his honesty, integrity and his commitment to the less fortunate.

J. Michael MacDonald, LLB, the former Associate Chief Justice has assumed the post of Chief Justice of Nova Scotia.

1980
Ian Robertson, BARCH, coordinated a weekend of reunion activities in August for those who began their study in ‘76 or graduated in ‘80.

1981
Clifford J. Shaw, Q.C., LLB, has joined the law firm of Faber Gurevitch Bickman in Calgary, continuing his practice in the areas of banking and insolvency.

1982
Barbara Nicholson, BARCH, received a special award for service to the profession during her first Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick Awards for Excellence in Architecture.

Deborah K. Smith, BA80, LLB, assumed the mantle of the new Associate Chief Justice of Nova Scotia.

1983
Stephen Fraser, BPE, a Major in the Canadian Air Force is moving to Dallas, Texas. He will be overseeing the prototype development of the modernized CP120 Aurora Long Range Patrol Aircraft. His wife Lisa and sons Andrew, 14, and Bradley, 11, will accompany him for the three-year tour.

Angela Jaynes, BA(K), achieved fellowship in the College of Physicians of Canada in Toronto in November 2004. Angela is in private practice in Columbia, Tennessee.

Patrick Kelly, BSC78, MSC, teaches multimedia in the Faculty of Architecture and Planning at Dalhousie. He has his students produce a short movie, often tied to work in their design course or thesis. He can be contacted at patrick.kelly@dal.ca

1984
Ruth Fader, BSW, MSW’04, has opened Edgewall Bed & Breakfast in Windsor, N.S. Contact her at (902) 792-1451 or at ruth.fader@ns.sympatico.ca.

Karen Marler, BARCH, and her Vancouver firm of Hughes Condon Marler: Architects, partnered with Moore Ruble Yudell Architects and Planners of Santa Monica, have been selected as the winners of UBC’s University Boulevard Architectural Competition.

Phillip Saunders, BA76, MA82, LLB, has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Law. Philip is a highly regarded expert on ocean and environmental law and policy.

Dianne Van Dommelen, BARCH, Jeff Van Dommelen, BARCH and Pierre Gallant, BARCH75, of Architects4, in association with Stantec, received the first Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick Award for Excellence in Architecture for the Greater Moncton Airport Terminal Building.

1985
Mark Brennan, BA(K), has been appointed to the position of president, CEO and member of the board of directors of Largo Resources Ltd. Mark was a founding member of the management team of Desert Sun Mining Corp. and was instrumental in the development of Admiral Bay Resources.

Karen Kallweit Graham, BARCH, coordinated a weekend reunion at the Faculty of Architecture and Planning for those who began their study in ‘81 or graduated in ‘86.

Mark Hazen, BSc(H)(K), of Defense R&D Canada, received the Technical Cooperation Program Achievement Award, presented by the Subcommittee on Non-Atomic Military Research and Development for contributions to TTCP Collaboration in Network Centric Maritime Warfare Study for the Maritimes Systems Group.

Brian Wagner, BSc(H), is one of ten 2005 recipients of the 3M Teaching Fellowship Award, presented across Canada to recognize teaching excellence and educational leadership. Dr. Wagner is associate professor and chair of chemistry at UPEI.

1986
Michael Newton, BSc, was awarded the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies President’s Award as the outstanding statistician under the age of 40. Contact him at Newton@stat.wisc.edu.

1987
William ‘Scott’ Bromm, LLB, married James McKeen with the help of the TV Series, My Fabulous Gay Wedding. Professor Ronalda Murphy, LLB, stood as maid of honour.

Katheryn (Galey) Collet, BSc(K), and husband Roger announce the birth of Mathieu Owen on March 6, 2004, a brother for Elise. They reside near Fredericton, N.B., and are employed by the Department of Natural Resources.

Alex Neve, BCom’84, LLB, has been with Amnesty International for 20 years and worked in a number of roles, including missions to Cote d’Ivoire, Colombia, Zimbabwe, Honduras, Tanzania, Guinea, Mexico and Ghana. He has represented the organization in UN human rights bodies, the Organization of American States and the G8.

Robert Patzelt, LLB, LLM’97, of Halifax was awarded the 2004 Canadian Bar Association President’s Award. In 2003 he received the Queen’s Jubilee Medal for his volunteer work with Scouts Canada.

1988
Michael W. Dunn, BA (K), is a PhD candidate in special education at Indiana University and is teaching at Washington State University –
Vancouver in the Master’s Special Education Certificate Degree Program.

Kathy-Ann Lewis, BN, completed her MA in management from Webster University in 2003. She is living and working in Bermuda. Friends can reach her at kajl@northrock.bm.

1989
Susan M. Brown, BA’85, MA, son Tom Eidt, and partner Randy Sherman are heading off on their sailboat, the Nancy Dawson, and hope to be in the Caribbean by Christmas. You can follow their adventures at captainrandy.blogspot.com/

T. Donald Godreau, BSC, and Gail J. (Pierce) Godreau, BCOM’90, were blessed with the birth of Jasmine Rebecca on June 8, 2003. Friends can contact them at dg.godreau@sympatico.ca.

Armand Marie Leroi, BSC, won the Guardian First Book Award for 2004 and teaches at Imperial College, London.

Niall Savage, MARCH, won the Halifax Capital District Urban Design Awards for the Creighton Gerrish Development and the Music Room.

Diana Wong, MBA, received her tenure and promotion and will become associate professor at Eastern Michigan University. Diana resides in Ann Arbor with her two children and husband.

1990
Leslie Hill, BSC, is returning to Halifax after nine years working as a scientist in Melbourne, Australia. Leslie has accepted a position in the Cytology Department at Capital Health. Children, Isabella, 4, and Ian, 2, look forward to making snow angels. All friends may contact them at leslie@cbn.net.

1992
Robert Goguen, BENG, has accepted a position with the Air Liquide Canada business development team as a market specialist—chemicals, refining & energy, based in Edmonton. Robert welcomes old friends to contact him at rjgoguen@botmail.com.

B.A. (Rocky) Jones, LLB, was granted an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the University of Guelph in June 2004, for “his long, courageous and effective contribution to the dream of a just society”.

David Jones, BA (K), has recently accepted the post of customer research manager for the Royal Bank of Scotland. David is currently residing in Edinburgh and can be reached at davjoinscotland@hotmail.com.

Paul Kimball, LLB, is co-founder of Redstar Films. His work as a producer, director and writer has resulted in an impressive body of projects. His television documentaries have been aired on several networks including Bravo, CBC, Space, Vision TV and SCN.

Gregory Maclsaac, BA(H)(K), took his MA/PhD in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame and has been assistant professor of humanities at the College of Humanities, Carleton University since 1988. www.carleton.ca/~gmacisaac.

1993
Michelle L. Bennett, BA, and Jim Siller were married on September 11, 2004 in Lunenburg, N.S. and reside in Halifax. Friends can contact them at jmsiller@eastlink.ca.

Kelly Bourque, BA(K), and John Tsipitisis, BA(K), are pleased to announce the birth of Drew Callaghan, July 28, 2004, a brother to Owen. Fellow alumni can contact Kelly at Kellybourque@hotmail.com.


Onaiwu Wilson Ogbono, PhD, is full professor in the department of history, Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. He has been at the university since 2000 when he was appointed the director of African American Studies. He can be reached at cferw@eiu.edu.

Shannon Scott, BSC, BSc’98, and Sean Tibbetts, BSc’94, MSc’99, were married on May 17, 2003 in Bedford, N.S. Sean is a fish nutritionist with the National Research Council-Institute for Marine Biosciences and Shannon is a research assistant with the Fishermen & Scientists Research Society.

Sylvia (de Jong) Upton, BSC (PHARM), and husband Carl announce the birth of Josie Maria on Dec. 22, 2004. They were married in 2001 and reside in Rippled, N.B. Sylvia is a pharmacist at Shoppers Drug Mart in Minto. Contact her at sylviaupton@yahoo.ca.

1994
Sarah (Lefe) Ackerman, BA(K), and her husband Vincent announce the birth of daughter Sabrina Brooke on March 30, 2005. Proud grandparents are John Leefe, BA’66, and Nancy Leefe, BA’65.

Paul Berry, LLB, and Kimberly (Williams) Berry, BA(H)(K), have moved back to Halifax from Toronto. Paul is a competition law officer with Canada’s Competition Bureau and Kimberly is writing her PhD thesis.

Mary LeBlanc, BA(K), married Feargus Breakspear on June 26, 2004. The couple resides in Halifax with two dogs and two cats. Friends can reach Mary at leblanc_
2000

Effie Bouras, BEDS, has worked as an intern architect on the Guggenheim and Hermitage Museums in Las Vegas, completed her masters and is now working towards her PhD at Arizona State University.

Jennifer (Heap) MacDonald, BSc’94, MD, and husband Ian announce the birth of Seamus Andrew Neil, on May 1, 2005. A first grandson for Angus Carl MacDonald, MD’53, and nephew to Michael Carleton MacDonald, MD’94. Jennifer is on leave from her family practice in Liverpool, N.S.

2001

Matt Aronson, BA(H)(K), is currently enrolled in the Integrated BCL/LLB program at McGill Law in Montreal.

Jane (Henderson) Dunn, BA, and Joe Dunn, BENG, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Thomas Edward Dunn on July 28th, 2005. Friends can contact them at janedunn@bluebottle.com.

Ian Khan, DMET, and Angela Nickerson, BMGT’02, celebrated their wedding on June 18, 2005. The couple met at Dal in 2000 and reside in Dartmouth, N.S.

Joseph Pickerill, BA, moved to Washington after graduation to receive a master’s in international trade and affairs. He works for the British government in London and never misses Canada Day celebrations in Covent Gardens at the Maple Leaf.

Lisa Taylor, LLB, former host of CBC’s “The Docket” and “Sweet Justice” is an articling student with Merrick Jamieson Sterns Washington & Mahody.

2002

Delaine Clyne, MURP, attended the International Innovation Exhibition in Korea held in conjunction with the 6th Global Forum on Reinventing Government.

Scott Eagle, BA, of Montgomery Center, Vt., was awarded a master’s in managing innovation and information technology at Champlain College, Burlington, Vt. Eagle is the media coordinator for the office of congressman Bernie Sanders.

2003

Heath Johnson, BCom, received the Gold Standard of the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award from HRH The Prince Edward, Duke of Wessex, at a ceremony in Saint John, N.B. Heath completed his MBA at the University of Oxford in 2004 and is working in management consulting with Accenture in Montreal.

IN MEMORIAM

Patrick Burnett, ARTS, Corner Brook, Nfld., on August 1, 2005.

Charles Donald Davison, ARTS, Halifax, N.S., on April 26, 2005.

Edmund Spencer Proctor, ARTS, Cornwallis, N.S., on March 30, 2005.

Charles Cyril Miller, BA’30, BCOM’31, LLB’35, Sydney, N.S.,

Charlotte (Scouler) Currie, BA’31, Halifax, N.S., on May 6, 2005.

Frances M. (MacDonald) Moss, BA’34, Halifax/Glace Bay, N.S., on July 29, 2005.

Elizabeth Eleanor Wainwright, BA’34, (K), DED’37, Halifax, N.S., on June 14, 2005.

Clarence Patrick Joseph Flemming, BENG’37(NSTC), Halifax, on June 5, 2005.

Harold Augustus Renouf, BCOM’38, LLB’81, Halifax, N.S., on July 4, 2005.

HaroldRussellBryant, MD’39, Charlottetown, PEI., on July 26, 2005.

John (Jack) Francis Woodbury, BSC’39, MD’43, Halifax, N.S., on April 29, 2005.

Bertha Newman, BA’40, Halifax, N.S., on May 4, 2005.


Raymond Lorne Perry, BSC’45 (PHARM), Halifax, N.S., on July 3, 2005.

Kendall James Kenney, LLB’47, Halifax, N.S., on April 1, 2005.


James Donald Wilson, DipENG’47, BENG’49 (NSTC), DENG’79, St. John’s, on May 1, 2005.

David Mills Armstrong, LLB’48, Granville Beach, N.S., on March 23, 2005.

R. Perry Beadon, LLB’48, North York, Ont., on April 24, 2005.

Robert (Bob) C. Bezanson, DENG’48, BSC’48, BENG’51 (NSTC), Dartmouth, N.S., on March 31, 2005.

John Arthur MacDonald, BENG’48 (NSTC), St. John’s, Nfld., on April 19, 2005.

Foster Edward Bateman, DPHARM’50, Falmouth, N.S., on May 7, 2005.

Allan Collings, DENG’50, BSc’50, BENG’52 (NSTC), Halifax, N.S., March 31, 2005.

Hugh J. MacPherson, LLB’50, St. Andrews, N.S., on May 21, 2005.

Roger Eugene Miner, BENG’50 (NSTC), Dartmouth, N.S., March 2005.

James Grant Hunter Morrison, DENG’50, BENG’51 (NSTC), Halifax, on Mar. 30, 2005.

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Donald Robert Robson, BENG’50 (NSTC), Halifax, N.S., on June 15, 2005.

Donald Ingram Rice, MD’51, LLD’80, Middle Musquodobit, N.S. and Toronto, Ont., on May 19, 2005.

Angus Joseph Campbell, MD’52, Halifax, N.S., on May 12, 2005.

James Bowen Fenton, DENGR’52, (NSTC) BENG’54, Kitchener, Ont., on April 16, 2005.

Edwin L. Maclintosh, DDS’52, North Sydney, N.S., on May 25, 2005.

John Austin Munroe, BA’52, DDIV’80 (K), Halifax, N.S., on July 3, 2005.


Walter Deacon MacLean, MD’53, Aberdeen, N.S., on June 5, 2005.


Ralph E. Keith Jr., LLB’56, Wolfville, N.S., on August 7, 2005.

Thomas Bruce, MD’56, Ottawa, N.S., on April 20, 2005.

Jean Olive Nickerson, DPH’58, Bedford, N.S., on June 3, 2005.

Hubert Alonza “Nicky” Sealy, BENG’59 (NSTC), St. Michael, Barbados, on Apr. 12, 2004.

David Fraser Coward, BSc’60, BA ‘62, in March, 2005.

Julius G. Potyondy, MENG’60 (NSTC), Halifax, NS, on March 25, 2005.

Gerald David Roberts, MD’61, Connecticut, ME, on April 26, 2005.

Garth Lee Trider, DENGR’61, BENG’64 (NSTC), Bridgewater, on March 26, 2005.


Georgette Agnes Henderson, DDH’64, Stellarton, N.S., on May 24, 2005.

Ross Thompson-Dennis, DED’64, BED’69, BA’69, Herring Cove, N.S., on May 17, 2005.

Derril Thomas Warren, LLB’64, Vancouver, B.C., on May 23, 2005.

Christena Florence Pierce, DNSA’65, Pugwash, N.S., on April 23, 2005.

Freda Marguerite Gates, DPH ’66, Eastern Passage, N.S., on July 11, 2005.


John P. Lightfoot, BSC’67 (K), BED’68, MBA’77, Halifax, N.S., on April 13, 2005.

David Allen Gillis, BA’68, MBA’70, Halifax, N.S., on June 7, 2005.

Robert John Spitzer, BA’69, Halifax N.S., on April 1, 2005.

Olga Dimitriadis, BA’70, Calgary, Alta., on August 4, 2005.

John Daniel Kiley, BA’70, BED’70, Fall River, N.S., on June 22, 2005.

Peter Marshall Rackham, BA’70, BED’71, Halifax, N.S., on June 24, 2005.

Aldo Manara, PGM’73, Halifax, N.S., on July 28, 2005.

Kenneth Gregory Gass, MD’74, Pugwash, NS, on May 10, 2005.

Mary Ellen Butler, BA’75, Halifax, N.S., on June 22, 2005.

Jane Frances Stewart Gray, DPT ’75, BSC’79, Ottawa, Ont., on April 19, 2005.

David Max Rippey, MD’75, PGM’76, Stillwater Lake, N.S., on May 24, 2005.

Barbara Mary (Wallace) Presse, MA ’76, Halifax, N.S., on July 13, 2005.

Lawrence “David” Brown, BA’77, Halifax, N.S., on May 18, 2005.


Clara Cosper, PhD’81, Ottawa, Ont., on May 30, 2005.

Gerald Lawson Dorey, BED’82, MED’85, Kentville, N.S., on June 7, 2005.

Julius Martin, PGM’83, Halifax, N.S., on May 24, 2005.

Krista Lynn O’Brien, MLS’86, Yarmouth, N.S., on August 11, 2005.

James Houston, LLD’87, Stonington, CT, on April 17, 2005.

Vicki (Navjot) Randhawa, DENGR’87, BENG ’90 (TUNS), Halifax, N.S., on April 15, 2005.

Sharon Anne MacDonald, MLIS’89, Dartmouth, N.S., on March 30, 2005.

Suzann Louise (Foster) Sykes, MBA’89, Dartmouth, N.S., on May 10, 2005.

Ben William Kozak, BSC’93, Ottawa, Ont., on March 19, 2005.

Owen Craig MacDonald, BA ’95 (K), Ottawa, Ont., March 2005.


Norman Dean Moores Poffenroth, MARCH’04, Dartmouth, on Feb. 26, 2005.

Christopher Brennan Richards, BSC’04, Cole Harbour, N.S., on May 21, 2005.

Daniel Gordon Barrett, BSc’05, Summerside, P.E.I, on July 30, 2005.

Patrick Christopher Carter
Theatre professor, director, Shakespeare by the Sea co-founder and Dalhousie Community Award winner passed away in July 2005, in Halifax.
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The Dentistry Officer Training Program is a very competitive program. In Canada they accept approximately six candidates each year. It has opened up doors for me that wouldn’t have been possible otherwise. • I am very interested in promoting and studying aboriginal oral health care after discovering my heritage two years ago, building on a strong research and publication background. • Dr. Richard Price has been my mentor and has inspired my career path through our collaborative working relationship. • You never know where life is going to lead you.

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