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Philanthropist Ken Rowe delivers \$15 million to the School of Business, while Margaret McCain and her late husband, Wallace, put \$8 million toward a new student learning commons. The gifts help boost the university's Bold Ambitions campaign to \$195 million.
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Glancing back, surging ahead

A unique mid-winter holiday that delights students (okay, and employees, too, I admit it) is probably George Munro's best-known legacy. The successful publisher relocated from Pictou County to New York and created new audiences for his sensational 19th century romance novels. George Munro always kept close to his family and home province, and this attachment motivated him to save the day for a financially-struggling Dalhousie College (providing about \$8 million in contemporary terms).

Clearly, philanthropists still follow this long tradition of support as shown with *Bold Ambitions: The Campaign for Dalhousie*. Our School of Business Administration has been strengthened by the largest gift ever made by a local donor. Ken Rowe remains a staunch champion for the school after decades of outspoken support and quiet dedication (see "Seeking the brightest minds, the brightest students," page 22). The campaign is already changing the student experience, notably through the exciting promise of a learning hub for the Life Sciences Centre, enabled by a generous gift from the McCain family (see "A gift of shared learning," page 24).

Such generosity carries over to giving valuable time and expertise to Dalhousie. The Dalhousie Advisory Committee (DAC) is chaired by former Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan (BA'71, LLB'74), who we pursued from Halifax to Edmonton to Ottawa for our cover image. She shares her motivation for keeping close to her alma mater with us (see "Leader of distinction," page 10). It's a pleasure to hear from other committee members about their past connections and ideas for the future (see "Spirit of engagement," page 14).

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I've recently accepted a new work challenge – a year-long secondment to Communications Nova Scotia where I'll be serving the Department of Community Services. To be honest, I felt a twinge when my alarm clock went off early for work on the morning of Munro Day. I'd like to say thanks to former *Dalhousie* editor, June Davidson, together with our magazine team, for ushering this edition into being. I'll be waiting to read the magazine as part of the alumni family.

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Let's get started

I spent the afternoon of October 19 with more than a dozen Nova Scotians in Toronto's Pearson International Airport, waiting to board a flight to Israel but focused intensely on the departure lounge's TV sets. The federal government was announcing the results of its national shipbuilding procurement process, and we all knew that a successful bid by Halifax's Irving Shipyard would have a profound, transformative effect on our region.

When the result was announced, there was jubilation. As boisterous as our cheers were in Toronto, though, the loudest celebrations were back in Nova Scotia, at the Irving Shipyard and all across the province. I could almost hear the proud chants from 1,200 kilometres away: "Ships Start Here. Ships Start Here."

Ships and shipbuilding have always started here, but we can boast just as proudly about our region's expertise in oceans research, innovation and industry. And that's what's so exciting about the shipbuilding contract here at Dalhousie: it's an opportunity to work across disciplines to position Nova Scotia, the Maritimes and Canada as global leaders in oceans excellence.

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At Dalhousie alone, we have more than 100 scientists and scholars working on marine-related science and scholarship. Our researchers garner 25 per cent of all Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council funding for oceans research,

and our Department of Oceanography is among the top 30 in the world – the only Canadian school to make that ranking.

Our oceans expertise is collaborative and cross-disciplinary, spanning several faculties – including engineering, science, computer science and law. Researchers work together on underwater acoustic devices, unmanned vehicles and more. Our considerable breadth of new materials expertise and our Aquatron laboratory can ensure we contribute to developing ships of the future that are greener, cleaner and more efficient than ever before. Our social science and legal scholars expand knowledge related to shipping rights, law of the sea, military policy and transportation management. Our opportunities for partnership with industry and business are almost endless.

And, of course, there's education: many of the engineers, computer scientists and other specialists working on the navy ships of the future will come through our doors and leave with world-class education and industry know-how. And, 20 or so years down the road, we'll be ready to welcome their children who will be looking for the same relevant, world-class education.

Before, during and after Canada's new ships are built and set out to sea, Dalhousie's scientists, scholars and students will be doing our part, working with our community and industry, to make Nova Scotia and Canada world leaders in shipbuilding, oceans knowledge and expertise.

Ships start here. So let's get started.

Upfront on campus



Brazil makes its mark on global stage

With the world's fifth-largest population and eighth-largest economy, Brazil is a country on the move. The South American nation now needs a workforce that can support its rapid economic growth. And so, the country is turning to other universities, including those in Canada, to train Brazilian students who can support their country's future.

Earlier this year the Brazilian government announced plans to sponsor 75,000 students to study and conduct research over the next three years at top universities. The plan identifies 16 areas for cooperation, research and training – all in health, science and technology (including marine sciences). This is great news for Dalhousie, as the university has strong connections with Brazil in the designated areas.

"Dalhousie already has over 20 researchers doing work in Brazil in fields including computer science, medicine, oceans, chemistry, engineering, nursing, management and physics," says Alain Boutet, executive director for international relations.

Last fall, Dr. Boutet travelled to Ottawa to sign an agreement with Brazil's Ministry of Education as part of the CALDO consortium, which includes the University of Alberta, Université Laval, Dalhousie and the University of Ottawa. The consortium now has agreements with Brazil's two top funding agencies as the country looks to advance its research connections with other post-secondary institutions.

Under these agreements, Dalhousie will begin receiving applications, mainly at the graduate level, from Brazilian students interested in studying here during 2012/13.

Meanwhile, late last fall, Dr. Boutet, along with Vice-President Academic Carolyn Watters and Vice-President Research Martha Crago, travelled to Brazil for a week-long mission focused on internationalization and innovation, organized by the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (IOHE).

Internationalization is increasingly important for universities and Dr. Boutet says Dalhousie is well positioned to seize the opportunity.

"We have a recognized brand, strong educational programs and research clusters, and a significant presence of international students on campus – that gives students the opportunity to experience international education and learning."

Keri Irwin

All in the award-winning family

Following on the heels of being named one of Canada's Top 100 Employers by the Globe and Mail, Dalhousie was recently recognized as one of the country's most family-friendly employers.

"Providing family-focused services is part of a good retention strategy," says Janice MacInnis, coordinator of organizational health with Dalhousie's Human Resources. **"It keeps people here and makes us more attractive as an employer. People want to come to Dalhousie because of the range of opportunities and supports that exist."**

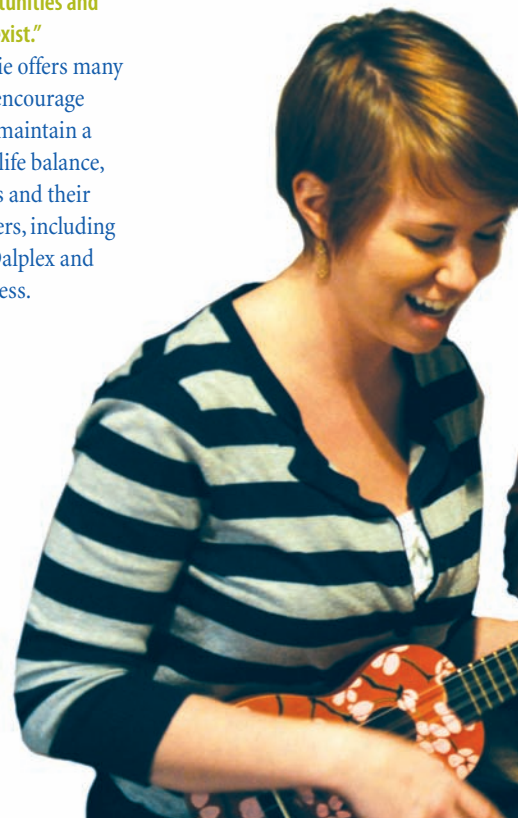
Dalhousie offers many incentives to encourage employees to maintain a healthy work-life balance, for themselves and their family members, including discounts at Dalplex and GoodLife Fitness.

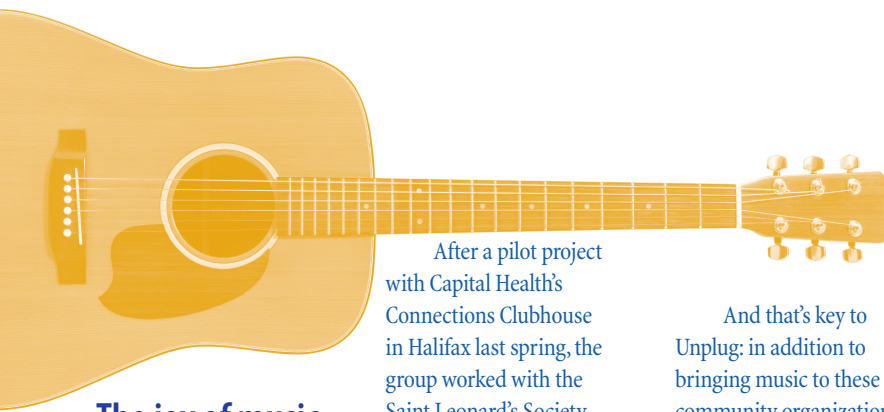
Tuition assistance, a dental clinic, childcare facilities, a comprehensive benefits package that includes health and dental, and a defined benefit pension plan all contribute to Dal's appeal. The university also offers an employee and family assistance program that provides services like personal and career counselling, financial support and stress management advising.

Employee family days for emergency situations involving children or family members, competitive vacation entitlements, maternity and parental leave, and time off between Christmas and New Year's are also available. In October, the university introduced a telework policy.

Ms. MacInnis says Dalhousie has the right mindset for encouraging a balanced lifestyle for employees. "If we want to keep good people, we have to consider ways we can support the whole person."

Krista Beck





The joy of music – unplugged and personal

A group of Dal students is proving that music really is the universal language.

Tim Disher and Daniel Gillis are the brains behind Unplug – a student society that brings music into the lives of Halifax’s marginalized adults.

“We realized that there weren’t really any music programs for people over 35,” says Mr. Disher. “And I’m really interested in the therapeutic and community building aspects of music.”

After a pilot project with Capital Health’s Connections Clubhouse in Halifax last spring, the group worked with the Saint Leonard’s Society shelter network, the Halifax Rehab Centre, and the Brain Injury Association of Nova Scotia. Each program lasts a month, and Unplug’s musical volunteers visit the organization four times to play and share music with its members.

So what’s it like playing music with homeless and at-risk adults in Halifax?

“It doesn’t feel like you are in a ‘shelter,’” says Mr. Disher. “You have the same conversations with the people there that you would with anyone else. As a society, we often treat people in the shelter system as if they are

below us when in reality they are just like you and me and deserve to be treated that way.”

And that’s key to Unplug: in addition to bringing music to these community organizations, society members hope to change perceptions of the disadvantaged.

“We want to create a community, and music is a good tool for that,” says Mr. Disher.

The program doesn’t cost a lot to run: it’s people and instrument powered.

“We have three boxes of instruments with bells, drums, triangles... basic instruments,” says Mr. Gillis. “Volunteers bring their own instruments, too: guitars, saxophones, small pianos and more.”

And every Unplug session is a learning experience – for everyone involved.

Ryan McNutt



Photo: Danny Abriel



Overcoming a struggle; becoming an inspiration

Miriam Laskey has coped for much of her adult life with a severe mental health disability that, at times, made it impossible to function. But her disorder was in remission when she was encouraged by a social worker to return to school and consider getting a degree in social work herself.

And so Ms. Laskey applied to Dalhousie. Her application was not typical – her GPA was a bit low and her prior degree was in chemistry. Dalhousie’s School of Social Work seeks more in its students than high marks, and is known for having one of the strongest affirmative action programs among Canadian social work schools.

“[We] have a longstanding commitment to actively create an organizational culture that is inclusive of human differences through strategies that recruit and support diverse faculty and students,” says Gail Baikie, assistant professor in the school.

Ms. Laskey, now 53, was accepted and began her studies in 2008. Yet she continued to struggle with her illness and relapsed during her second year. The school not only encouraged her to take time off to recover, but gave her extended deadlines on her work.

She did recover, and went on to do her practicum with the Sharing and Caring Social Club, a place for adults with disabilities run by the Canadian Mental Health Association. Having graduated last fall, she is now employed full-time in a managerial position at the club.

Social work professor Merlinda Weinberg says Ms. Laskey was an inspiration to others. “Regardless of where she was at in terms of her own struggle, there was an openness and self-reflexivity about her that was remarkable and impressive... I never felt she was asking for more than what other students asked for, but what she had to overcome was pretty gigantic in comparison.”

Going back to school wasn’t easy, but Ms. Laskey believes her personal struggles have helped her become a better social worker.

“I had character before but this program builds a lot of strength,” she says. “And that’s the liberation of education.”

Katelynn Northam

Upfront on campus



New building to go up, rink likely to come down

As more and more students make Dalhousie their university of choice, the campus continues to grow and change to provide the best experience possible.

The Board of Governors recently agreed to the construction of a new mixed-use facility on LeMarchant Street. The building (architectural rendering above), scheduled to open in September 2013, will include 326 residence beds along with space for several student services. To construct the facility as currently designed, Memorial Arena will need to come down, but plans are already underway to ensure minimal disruption and to expedite development of new fitness space.

Planning for the mixed-use facility has involved considerable consultation with user groups, including current residence students. The seven-story, \$48-million building will house the Student Recruitment and Welcoming Centre, International and Black Student Centres, Health Services, Counselling Services and the new residence rooms.

During the project's early design stage, it became apparent that the neighbouring Memorial Arena – almost 30 years old – could not accommodate the extra snow-load resulting from the new building, and would require a new roof at a cost of \$3-4 million. Added to other planned arena upgrades, the total renovation would cost \$10-12 million – roughly the equivalent cost of building a new basic facility.

Winter 2012 programming, including varsity hockey, skating, ice rentals, intramurals and club programs, will continue as scheduled. The university is using the opportunity to respond to campus recreation needs at an even quicker pace than originally planned.

In one possibility, the fitness and wellness components of the original Dalplex renewal plan identified in the campus planning process – including cardio equipment, group fitness facilities and physiotherapy services – could be constructed on the Memorial Arena site, rather than waiting for the proposed demolition of Eliza Ritchie Hall across the road on South Street (which cannot proceed until the mixed-use facility beds are available). Proceeding this way would mean a new fitness centre could open in Spring 2014 – a full year ahead of schedule.

As for Memorial Arena, the university is investigating several options.

Keri Irwin

Bringing home the gold

As elite sporting events go, the Pan Am Games are among the best. And, as elite athletes go, second-year science student Alexa Irvin is also among the best.

Ms. Irvin, with her Team Canada mates, brought home a gold medal in women's kayaking from the Pan American Games held in Guadalajara, Mexico, last fall.

The Pan American Games attract 6,000 athletes from 42 nations who participate in 36 sports – not far behind the Olympics, and certainly one of the world's largest sporting events.

"The Pan Am Games was a really great experience because it was a multi-sport games event," says Ms. Irvin. "It was great to be a part of Team Canada; I like getting to interact with other athletes who have similar goals."

While she was thrilled about her experience in Guadalajara, this was not Ms. Irvin's first international competition. She competed at the Pan American Canoe Championships in Mexico City in 2010 and won gold in the Jr. K1 1000m race (one person kayak). She also raced internationally as a junior from 2008 to 2010.

She's modest but proud of her contributions to Team Canada, and says she enjoyed her time in Mexico. "It was the first time there were so many non-athlete spectators, and we felt like celebrities and were asked for our autograph when walking down the street."

Ms. Irvin, who grew up in Kentville, N.S., started kayaking when she was 12 years old. As a Dalhousie student, she spends the entire second semester training in Florida.

Jennifer Ahern



Photo: Katherine Wooler





Winning lanterns reflect beauty, community

The School of Architecture's entry in Halifax's Parade of Lights has become an annual tradition known to intrigue the event's 100,000-plus spectators. But at last November's parade, the entry did even more – it received first place for creativity, use of lights and overall effect.

"We took it to another scale this year," said architecture master's student Clayton Blackman, standing beside an ensemble of giant hollow orbs that were transformed into spectacular lanterns.

The seven lanterns each required two months of concept work before proper construction began on the frames. A team of 30 to 40 people needed several days to complete construction.

Students used natural, reclaimed wood and other found materials in the creations, offering a visual representation of sustainability. They took the theme further by turning away from the traditional truck and flatbed combo

for mobilizing their entry. Instead, the lanterns were towed on small trailers by cyclists, in collaboration with I Heart Bikes, a local business started by Dal grad Sarah Craig (BComm'11).

Float organizers wanted to get the whole school involved, so engineering students did the lighting, and students from other programs helped with the cycle power.

The lanterns also offered a good hands-on learning opportunity, particularly for architecture students, while the creative collaboration allowed everyone to contribute to the design throughout construction.

The lanterns celebrate the atmosphere of festivals and architecture's relation to the public. Lit from the inside, the thin pieces of veneer created transparency and a visual sense of lightness. Some lanterns even had shapes and patterns that created silhouettes.

"What makes a good city is everyone approaching things from different angles, like pieces of an urban fabric," said Mr. Blackman.
Katherine Wooler

Better health; slower dementia

Carol Smillie has no doubt that her husband's good health – his continuing dedication to exercise, good eating and taking prescribed medications – played an integral role in slowing his dementia's progress.

"He still went on runs and walks up to the last four years of his life," says the Halifax woman, whose husband, Howard, died three years ago after a long battle with vascular dementia and then Alzheimer's disease.

She says the day program offered at Northwood kept him physically and socially active: **"I think that Howard's disease was definitely slowed because of that,"** says Smillie.

That's not news to Dr. Kenneth Rockwood, who recently released a study on the links between overall health and dementia, focusing on risk factors for dementia.

Dr. Rockwood, the Kathryn Allen Weldon Professor of Alzheimer Research at Dalhousie, applied an index of health variables – from abdominal pain, to denture fracture, to urinary tract infections – to comprehensive data from the Canadian Study on Health and Aging. None of the factors independently had any connection to dementia, and the 7,000 older adults in the original study had no cognitive impairment at baseline.

"We measured 19 variables and after people had five or more – any five – the risk of dementia increased," says Dr. Rockwood. "And the risk was strong enough that it defeated all of the traditional risk factors."

Conversely, the healthier the senior, the less the risk.

The study was prompted by Dr. Rockwood's daily work as a Nova Scotia geriatrician, dealing with people who have multiple, interacting social and medical problems.

He hopes the results influence the way the health system approaches ill seniors. "The traditional model assumes away many other things that people have wrong. Our model embraces it," says Dr. Rockwood.

Skana Gee



Upfront on campus

New home for Native Education Counselling Unit

The university's Native Education Counselling Unit has been providing a sense of home to Métis, Inuit and First Nations students for more than 20 years. Now, after years of moving in and out of various locations on campus, it finally has a house to call home.

The unit, which provides education, support services and sometimes just a listening ear, moved into its new permanent location on South Street last fall.

"This is a great place for students to meet, discuss their studies or just hang out and have a good time," said Don Julien, executive director of The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq – of which the Native Education Counselling Unit is a division. **"Sometimes students that come from First Nations communities are not all that familiar with city life. We hope this offers a home away from home for them."**

Lauretta Sylliboy, a counsellor with the unit, says having their own space can help students who might have to deal with what she calls the "culture shock" of coming to Halifax from across Canada.

"Inuit, Métis and First Nations students can often feel isolated," she said. "We try and make them feel welcome and relaxed here, supporting them as best we can."

Carolyn Watters, Dalhousie's vice-president academic and provost, said Dalhousie has more than 200 students from native communities, and the university sees them as vital contributors to campus culture. "It's certainly our goal to bring a higher profile to Aboriginal students," she said.

Ryan McNutt





Super scholars

They're some of Dalhousie's most accomplished students: scholars, athletes and in their free time, community champions. Dalhousie celebrated a record 96 Academic All-Canadians this year, honouring students who excel both on and off their fields of play.

Academic All-Canadians must maintain a grade point average of 80 per cent or better while also competing in a varsity sport. They're not only some of the university's highest achievers, they're superstars of time management.

Two athletes were singled out for special recognition as recipients of \$5,000 TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Leadership Awards. Miranda McMillan (women's hockey) and Daniel You (men's volleyball) were the male and female student-athletes with the highest cumulative GPA after their third year of studies at Dalhousie – 4.24 and 4.26 respectively.

For Ms. McMillan, a fourth-year math major from Truro, N.S., it's all about ensuring everything – sports and school – gets sufficient attention. **"You're at the rink for three hours every day, so you have to find time to do your schoolwork, whether it's really late at night or you have to get up early in the morning and do work before class."** The plan clearly works for her, and the three-time Academic All-Canadian still finds time to volunteer for the Arthritis Society and serve as a coach with Hockey Nova Scotia.

Another Academic All-Canadian, Robert McCulloch, a fourth-year psychology major from Glamis, Ont., says his success is all about self-discipline: "I train six days a week for the track team, only one day off to give the body a rest. . . I still have to meet deadlines but I only have a set amount of time in the day to get homework done." Despite the grueling schedule, he's more than succeeding – Mr. McCulloch is the reigning AUS pentathlon record holder. *Ryan McNutt and Ellen Denny*

Author, judge, scientist honoured at fall convocation

More than 900 new faces joined Dalhousie's alumni family last October as the university marked fall convocation ceremonies. As well, honorary degrees were awarded to three individuals: Marq de Villiers, the Hon. Justice Mr. Murray Sinclair and Dr. Tim Bliss.

Marq de Villiers, an award-winning non-fiction author and Member of the Order of Canada, has engaged readers in various subjects, including complex issues affecting our planet. His bestselling book, *Water*, earned the Governor General's Literary Award for non-fiction. *Water* also received an award from the Canadian Science Writers' Association. As a reporter and editor, he has crossed international borders – from Cape Town to Moscow. He served as editor and publisher of *Toronto Life* magazine, and later became editorial director of *WHERE Magazines International* in Los Angeles.

The Hon. Justice Mr. Murray Sinclair chairs the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, leading a process intended to provide a full and public account of what occurred in this country's residential schools. In 1988, Justice Sinclair became Manitoba's first aboriginal judge and only the second in the country. From 1988-1991, he was co-commissioner of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry of Manitoba. In 2001 he became a judge of the province's Court of Queen's Bench. Justice Sinclair was honoured with a National Aboriginal Achievement Award in 1994.

Dr. Tim Bliss is recognized worldwide for his pivotal research on the neural basis of learning and memory. The 1973 paper that he co-authored on what is now called Long-Term Potentiation – or LTP – established the most widely studied experimental model of how the brain stores memories. For over 40 years, Dr. Bliss has been affiliated with the British Medical Research Council National Institute for Medical Research. For nearly 20 years, Dr. Bliss has been a collaborator with Dr. Alan Fine, director of Dalhousie's Neuroscience Institute. *Marie Weeren*



Marq de Villiers



Hon. Justice Mr. Murray Sinclair



Dr. Tim Bliss

“I have A GREAT AFFECTION FOR DALHOUSIE, and I think I owe a lot to this institution, in terms of the education and friends it gave me.”

Anne McLellan, Chair, Dalhousie Advisory Committee



From Parliament Hill to the university campus,
Anne McLellan brings **A WEALTH OF SKILL
AND EXPERIENCE** to the Dalhousie
Advisory Committee

BY RYAN MCNUTT

leader of **DISTINCTION**

In January 2006, after more than a decade as a federal cabinet minister, Anne McLellan (BA'71, LLB'74) found herself in the classic 'what now?' position – preparing to move onto something new, but not wanting to rush the decision.

"I gave myself six months," she remembers. "I think you shouldn't make decisions too quickly after such an intense environment; you need to give yourself some time to think about what's next. But you also need to have a deadline by which to make that decision, because otherwise I think you might find yourself sitting at home after a year saying, 'What am I going to do next?' And that would not be good for someone like me."

Five years later, the third stage of Ms. McLellan's professional life – following 17 years as a legal academic and 13 years in government – is plenty busy. She's a public policy advisor with the national law firm Bennett Jones and a distinguished scholar-in-residence at the Alberta Institute for American Studies at the University of Alberta. She does extensive board and philanthropic work, and last year agreed to serve as chair of the Dalhousie Advisory Council (DAC).

"We're provided with the opportunity to learn more about Dalhousie and the role it plays not only in the surrounding region but throughout the Maritimes and beyond," she says, explaining the council's mandate. "We offer our views on how we think the university can sustain itself and grow, continuing to be a place offering outstanding education but also of world-class research and wealth creation."

Every member of the DAC comes to the task from a slightly different perspective. In Ms. McLellan's case, she's not only a Dal graduate twice over, but has spent a good portion of her professional career in academia, serving as both associate dean and acting dean of the University of Alberta's Faculty of Law. She also has valuable insight into the relationship between universities and government, particularly at the federal level.

“Anne McLellan’s leadership, her ability to get to the heart of an issue and **HER CAPACITY TO BUILD A TEAM AROUND HER** meant quite simply that she was superb [as deputy prime minister].”

Paul Martin, former prime minister of Canada

“When we were discussing who would be an ideal chair for the Dalhousie Advisory Council, Anne quickly jumped to the top of our list,” explains Floyd Dykeman, Dalhousie Vice-President External. “She brings national and international leadership to the DAC, but also has deep family roots in Nova Scotia and, of course, strong ties with Dalhousie because of her time here as a student. She’s a creative thinker and a wonderful leader to guide the DAC.”

Ms. McLellan grew up in Hants County, N.S., and completed both her Bachelor of Arts and Law degrees at Dalhousie. She then became a law professor, first at the University of New Brunswick and later at the University of Alberta. She ran for office as a Liberal candidate in the 1993 federal election, winning her riding of Edmonton Northwest by a heart-stopping 11 votes, inspiring the ironic nickname that stuck with her through four close elections: “Landslide Annie.”

She quickly became an invaluable member of the Liberal government. A cabinet minister from the get-go, she ended up serving as minister of natural resources, minister of justice, minister of health, minister of public safety and deputy prime minister over the course of her political career.

These are hardly easy portfolios – in her time as minister of justice she oversaw controversial pieces of legislation, including new anti-terror and security laws enacted following the September 2011 terrorist attacks.

“A lot of people felt [the post 9/11 security legislation] went too far; there were some people who felt it didn’t go far enough. But I think overall we got the balance right,” she says. “I think it’s served the country well. But getting the balance right between Canadians’ collective security and individual rights and liberties: these are important challenges, and you hope that you get it right.”

In 2003, she became deputy prime minister, a role that placed her in the centre of the day-to-day complications and challenges of a minority Parliament following the 2004 election.

“There’s an intensity at that level which is not easily duplicated or replicated anywhere else. When you’re a cabinet minister, you have issues coming at you all the time. When you’re deputy prime minister, you have colleagues with a host of issues from all the departments of government who are looking for advice, guidance and problem solving.

I think even the most intense jobs in the private sector probably aren't as intense, day-in and day-out, as that kind of job in the Government of Canada."

The role may have been intense, but former prime minister Paul Martin says Ms. McLellan brought exactly the right skills and was ideal for the position.

"The role of deputy prime minister is not an easy one. In addition to their other ministerial responsibilities, the deputy prime minister quickly becomes the government's trouble shooter," he says. "Anne McLellan's leadership, her ability to get to the heart of an issue and her capacity to build a team around her meant quite simply that she was superb in the job."

Though Ms. McLellan's life may have quieted down slightly, she relishes opportunities like the Dalhousie Advisory Council – a chance to learn about how her alma mater has changed and grown in the past 35 years, and to contribute her expertise in discussions about its future.

"I have a great affection for Dalhousie, and I think I owe a lot to this institution, in terms of the education and the friends it gave me," she says. "Now, my colleagues and I [on the DAC] get to share what we're hearing from outside about the university. Then, the more we learn about what's happening at Dalhousie, we can spread the word when we talk to our friends, colleagues and associates about Dalhousie and its high quality of education and research in so many areas."

And when it comes to what's happening at Dalhousie, she sees the university's growing reputation as the real conversation-starter.

"I'm excited about the fact that Dalhousie is marketing itself around the world and sees a big part of its future as providing high-quality education and a unique cultural experience to students from places all around the globe," she says, adding that she's seeing Dalhousie's reputation hitting home in Alberta.

"You're starting to see a growing number of students from where I live and elsewhere in Canada coming [to Dal] because of that reputation. They've heard about Halifax from their parents, grandparents or friends, and they know that the environment in the university here, in this region, in this city, is something special!"

“She brings national and international leadership . . . She’s **A CREATIVE THINKER** and a wonderful leader to guide the DAC.”

Floyd Dykeman, Vice-President External



A COLLECTIVE OF GREAT MINDS
HELPS SHAPE A STRONG FUTURE

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Twice a year, Dalhousie Advisory Council (DAC) members put their lives and work on hold to focus on the university. The 26 volunteers come from Canada, the United States, the Bahamas and Bermuda. In addition to geographic diversity, they represent a spectrum of experience ranging from public and community service to corporate leadership. What they have in common is a desire to give back.

“I think they all believe in the mission of universities in the abstract. Because they have a connection to Dalhousie, they think Dalhousie has the capacity to do good in the world,” says President Tom Traves, who sits on the council with Vice-President External Floyd Dykeman. “In pursuit of doing good, they’d like to help us do it better. So I think there’s a larger spirit that’s behind their engagement.”

Anne McLellan (BA’71, LLB’74), a former federal politician and cabinet minister who chairs the DAC, says the connection goes even deeper. “For those of us on the advisory board, we view this as a real privilege.”

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President Tom Traves

Jim Spatz (MD’74), chair of Dalhousie’s Board of Governors, is also a member of the advisory council. He says the group builds on Dalhousie’s strengths and provides “a diversity of advice and a number of lenses through which to view strategic issues and strategy itself?”

One of these lenses comes from Reg Weiser (BEng’66 (NSTC), DENG’96), founder, president & CEO of Positron Inc. in Montreal. He thinks Dalhousie has an opportunity to expand its mandate to “the community at large.”

“We can provide benefits and services to outside organizations by using our knowledge and expertise,” he says. “Dalhousie should be a centre of learning beyond a place where students are taught. It would be a revitalization, and make us less dependent on government funding.”

from left to right

Mathai Mammen

John Schwarz

Jim Spatz

Franklyn Wilson

Kevin McCann

Isabel Bassett

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Steve Parker

Mark Dobbins

Anne McLellan

John Bragg

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BY MARIE WEEREN



from left to right

- Reg Weiser**
- David Bissett**
- Nancy Gosling**
- John Risley**
- Brian Porter**
- Fred Fountain**
- Bill Rand**
- Jim Palmer**
- Ken Rowe**
- Robert Gillespie**
- Angela Singhal**
- Tom Traves**
- Floyd Dykeman**

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- Bill Andrew**
- Richard Currie**
- Jim Dinning**
- Frank Sobey**

President Traves says since the group first met in October 2010, discussion topics have included Dalhousie’s economic sustainability, how the university is preparing medical students to respond to challenges in the health-care system, the university’s impact on provincial development, and how to ensure the best possible student experience.

“It’s really interesting when you’re sitting around talking about how we educate medical students and somebody’s able to say, ‘Well, when I was Canada’s minister of health,’ or when you’re talking about budgets and somebody says, ‘Well, when I was provincial treasurer in a western Canadian province,’ or there’s feedback on business issues from people who deal with business plans all the time and understand complex organizations,” he says. “This is invaluable advice from people who have a lot to say on issues that we’re really engaged in.”

The council isn’t afraid to ask hard questions, which is important according to Fred Fountain (LLB’74, LLD’00), Dalhousie chancellor and council member. “It’s very good for Dalhousie, because it can be instrumental in improving different components of the university.”

“If Dalhousie is the premier institution in a significant region of a G8 country, the institution needs to be world-class.” *Franklyn Wilson*

Broadened perspectives lead to rich discussions and reflect Dalhousie’s international presence. “We can all get locked into our own experience. We can all see the world through the lens of Halifax, the Maritimes or Canada,” Dr. Traves says. “And sometimes that’s valid because obviously we’re rooted in a particular time and place, but you can miss perspectives that people who are out there as truly global citizens can bring to bear on your experiences.”

Council member Nancy Gosling (BComm’76, LLD’10) says students must adopt a global outlook, as well.

“The university is teaching students now who have to be focused on the fact that nobody is an island – and I can say that, having come from an island and always having had the world to compete with,” says Ms. Gosling, president and CEO of Gosling’s Limited in Hamilton, Bermuda. She’s also a Dalhousie parent – her daughter, Victoria Esposito, is a second-year management student.

Council member Franklyn Wilson, CMG (BComm’68), chairman of Sunshine Holdings Ltd. in Nassau, agrees. “I believe the growing international scale of Dalhousie is terribly important to its future. . .” he says. “If Dalhousie is the premier institution in a significant region of a G8 country, that institution needs to be world-class. And that institution cannot be world-class without international students. It has to reflect an increasing portion of the world.”



“Tom [Traves] has the goal for this to be the best university in Canada. I think it can be one of the best in the world.” *Robert Gillespie*

Once the discussions have concluded and the list of items for the university to follow up on is in hand, council members disperse. But the spirit of enthusiasm and dedication they bring to Dalhousie remains.

“I believe in Dalhousie because I had a good experience at Dal and I have an affection and appreciation for my alma mater,” says David Bissett (LLB’62, LLD’03), retired chairman and CEO, founder Bissett and Associates Investment Management Ltd. in Calgary. “It’s important to me, so I think it’s important for other people to experience it.”

As a parent and council member, Ms. Gosling is closer to the university now than at any other time since she graduated. “I was educated here and I’m very appreciative of that experience – it formed who I am today,” she says. “I was honoured to be asked to be part of the Dalhousie Advisory Council and I am grateful to have a way to contribute.”

Robert Gillespie (BEng’64 (NSTC), DENG’08) is also happy to be involved. He grew up just blocks away from Dalhousie and is now principal, Westmount Investments, in Rochelle Park, New Jersey. He affirms: “Tom [Traves] has the goal for this to be the best university in Canada. I think it can be one of the best in the world and I’m happy to do my part to contribute to that.”

Photos: *Danny Abriel*



Jungle gyms...teeter totters...slides...

Outdoor playgrounds help children stay active and entertained, but why should kids have all the fun?

Deb Merry's (BSc'91) outdoor fitness equipment company, GreenGym, is getting a lot of attention. She was recently given an honourable mention at the 8th Annual Stevie Awards for Women in Business, and the company received a \$200,000 investment on *Dragon's Den* in November after her partner, Guy Chaham, made a convincing argument.

"We're good salespeople," she says. "I knew he would be tough."

GreenGym began four years ago in the basement of their home shortly after the birth of their first daughter, Maya. The idea for outdoor equipment came while they were on vacation in Israel and stumbled across an outdoor gym near a beach.

"We had to stop the car and played for over an hour," says Ms. Merry. "We knew this was something we wanted to bring to North America."

The brightly-coloured GreenGym fitness machines don't quite look like what you'd find in a typical gym. The idea is to create a playground where adults can enjoy fun recreational outdoor activity.

"Working out is not just going to the gym," says Ms. Merry. "You can garden, walk or take a dance class. It's about being physically active, and our outdoor gyms provide a great opportunity for people of all ages to get active outdoors and have fun doing it."

Both Ms. Merry and Mr. Chaham get the appeal of exercise as play: Ms. Merry enjoyed playing for the Tigers womens' volleyball team for four years before completing her recreation degree in 1991. Mr. Chaham is a former basketball player with the Israeli national team.

A person is using a green outdoor fitness machine in a park setting. The machine is a teeter-totter style with a green frame and yellow footrests. The person is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and black pants. The background shows a grassy area with bare trees and a building in the distance under an overcast sky.

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While they were preparing for the birth of their second daughter, Shylee, the couple decided to expand their business by manufacturing their own equipment. GreenGym set up facilities at Woodside Industrial Park in 2009 with 15-20 employees. They hope to expand international sales to the U.S. in the near future.

Ms. Merry's entrepreneurial spirit began at a young age. After graduating from Dartmouth High School in 1985, she started her own ballet school as a summer job to save money for university. She later opened a summer gift shop in Mahone Bay and, eventually, ran a small vending services business at the Mahone Bay flea market.

While raising her 18-year-old son Will as a single mom, Ms. Merry worked for Pearson Education for 15 years in sales and marketing, developing new products. "I loved the new product launches and creating new textbooks," she says. "There was always something new to keep me interested."

She admits that running a growing business is challenging but she's succeeding, in part, by sticking to her motto: discover what you're good at and hire good talent.

"Figure out how to bring in other people," she says. "You want to use your own talent or passion and leave everything else to others. I want to do marketing and sales. I try to focus on that the most and leave the finances and operations to my staff."

And, oh yeah, have some fun, too.



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DEB MERRY'S GREENGYM WORKS ON GETTING PEOPLE ACTIVE

BY JULIE SOBOWALE



INTERNATIONAL PHD STUDENTS ENRICH OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR COUNTRY. ARE WE DOING ENOUGH TO KEEP THEM HERE?

Worldly benefit

BY KATELYNN NORTHAM

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Reuble Mathew, a soft-spoken 27-year-old Dalhousie PhD student, is one of many international students in this country who straddle two worlds. Originally from the province of Kerala in India, he has been studying in Canada for more than 10 years and has a hard time identifying with one nation more than the other. “I’d say I’m more a global citizen than an Indian citizen,” he explains.

Mr. Mathew first came to Canada to do bachelor’s and master’s degrees in engineering physics at Queen’s University in Ontario. He later came east to Halifax to complete his doctorate.

His experience here, he says, has been wonderful. “At Dalhousie, I am part of a group that has a great sense of camaraderie. And the work – which involves research, teaching and learning – has been both challenging and enjoyable.”

And so, despite the lack of a definite attachment to either country, Canada is starting to feel more like home and, increasingly, like a good place to stay once he completes his studies. Along with the positive educational experience, Mr. Mathew considers Canada a tolerant society with good employment opportunities. The presence of extended family here doesn’t hurt, either.

Mr. Mathew is one of more than 600 international graduate students registered at Dalhousie each year. They come from countries as close as the United States and as distant as Saudi Arabia.

According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada, international PhD students make up 25 per cent of all PhD students in the country. Canada, with a reputation for tolerance and multiculturalism, has always had a relatively easy time attracting international students to our universities. The trickier part, however, is getting international students to stay – particularly in an age when employment prospects for young graduates are better than ever in countries like China and India.

To address this challenge, and to tempt bright young students like Mr. Mathew to remain in this country, Citizenship and

Immigration Canada recently introduced a new initiative that may encourage more international PhD students to make Canada their permanent home.

Through the Federal Skilled Worker Program, 1,000 PhD students and graduates each year will now be able to apply to remain in Canada as permanent residents without

the previous requirements of a completed degree, a job offer and work experience. PhD students will be able to apply after completing at least two years of study at a Canadian institution, while newly minted PhDs can apply up to 12 months after graduation.

The new eligibility stream is expected to make Canada a more appealing place for international students to settle. “Education in Canada is an investment in our future generations and future citizens,” says Ryan Robski, president of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students. “If students in whom this investment has been made leave Canada because of antiquated immigration laws, our economy is not able to fully benefit from the potential these highly skilled individuals have to offer.”

It’s also likely the changes will boost the success of Canadian universities in international recruiting.

“It makes Canada a more welcoming environment,” says Bernard Boudreau, Dalhousie’s dean of graduate studies. “That is to say, foreign students will feel the rules are not stacked against them if they do wish to stay.”

Mr. Mathew agrees, saying that if institutions and governments spend money to attract international graduate students, it makes little sense to not take steps to retain them. “It would be a poor use of resources if Canada didn’t encourage students to stay and contribute to the economy once they have graduated.”

If Canada wants to develop a knowledge-based economy, says Mr. Robski, it makes sense to look outside our borders. “International students bring with them a wealth of cultural diversity and unique perspectives that benefit our communities as a whole.”

“Canadian students often have as much to learn from international students as they have to learn from us,” he adds.

So while retaining another 1,000 international students may only be seen as a small move, it is a step forward. “This is simply a welcoming opportunity that displays our acceptance of PhD student contributions to Canadian research and the economy in general,” says Dean Boudreau.

After all, says Mr. Mathew, if Canada proves not to be welcoming, he can just as easily go elsewhere.



BOLD AMBITIONS THE CAMPAIGN FOR DALHOUSIE

Seeking the
BRIGHTEST
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**\$15 million gift reinforces
leadership role at School
of Business**

BY RYAN MCNUTT



Photo: Danny Abriel

The thunderous applause rolling through the Rowe

Building last October 20 was testament to the fact that Dalhousie students, faculty and staff had just been given plenty of reason to celebrate.

The cheers and applause erupted after President Tom Traves' announcement that the man after whom the building is named, Kenneth C. Rowe (LLD'02), was making a \$15 million gift to the School of Business. The gift, part of Dalhousie's *Bold Ambitions* campaign, is the largest donation ever to Dalhousie from a Nova Scotian.

Mr. Rowe, a prominent Nova Scotia businessman and executive chairman of IMP Group International, is no stranger to Dalhousie. He was the lead donor to the building that brought together the Faculty of Management's four schools (business administration, information management, public administration, resource and environmental studies), and has served on the School of Business Advisory Council for more than 20 years – 10 of them as its chair. His most recent gift will significantly boost the school's ability to develop students who become thought leaders in a complex and rapidly changing business world.

"I spoke here just six years ago when we opened our new management building and said that, with our new facilities and excellent teaching faculty, there was no reason for failure in turning out well-trained business graduates," recalled Mr. Rowe, broadly recognized for both his business savvy and philanthropy. "Well, six years later, well-trained is no longer good enough. We need the brightest minds teaching the brightest students that we can attract to face the growing economic challenges from global competition."

His commitment to business education relates directly to Mr. Rowe's observations of business and the economy, both nationally and internationally.

"We have a standard of living in Canada second-to-none, in my opinion, but we are facing unprecedented economic challenges in the world economy," he said. "The only way we are going to maintain this living standard for ourselves, and our children, is through education and

productivity. Canada, and particularly our region, needs to be more innovative in expanding our global trade in an increasingly competitive world."

To that end, Mr. Rowe's gift will support a variety of projects throughout the School of Business. New scholarships, funding for student competitions and conferences, enhancing opportunities for faculty research and increasing the school's profile are all on the list.

Dean of Management Peggy Cunningham noted that the values Mr. Rowe applies in leading IMP Group align with those that the School of Business strives to instill in students: commitment to quality, creating value for customers and managing with integrity.

"This is what we are trying to mimic here in the School of Business: that level of excellence and creating great business leaders for the future," she said.

"I can't think of anybody I would rather have to give us the credentials that we need to really prove something that I've been saying for the past few years – Dalhousie's School of Business is one of the best-kept secrets in the country – and that is just about to change."

MBA student David Hall is excited to be part of that change. He said the gift will be significant for students, in particular highlighting the scholarship support.

"In this way, [Mr. Rowe's] gift will not only have a huge impact on the School of Business itself, but on individual students," he said. "This support will raise the bar towards reaching a new standard of excellence here at the school."

Indeed, for Mr. Rowe, raising the bar seemed to be a key inspiration behind his generous donation.

"Through this gift, they now have the money to encourage both students and faculty to strive to be the very best – not only for higher recognition and achievement for Dalhousie, but for the economic benefit of our region and for Canada."

To date, Dalhousie's Bold Ambitions campaign total stands at \$195 million of a \$250 million goal.

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A GIFT OF SHARED LEARNING

McCain donation shapes LSC transformation

BY RYAN MCNUTT

Anyone who's ever studied in or visited the Life Sciences Centre could be forgiven for not thinking of it as one of Dalhousie's most desired destinations. In fact, for years, the LSC has been ridiculed as one of the least attractive spaces on campus.

"Anybody who has spent any time [here] knows that it's not the most welcoming of buildings," admits Chris Moore, Dalhousie's dean of science, noting that the maze-like structure was built for a different era, both in terms of architecture and the university's needs.

"It was always equipped with generous laboratories and lecture halls, but what it has lacked is a space where students can gather. So every day, hundreds of students come through this building. They go to their lecture halls, they go to their labs, and after their studies are done, they leave. And they leave because there's nowhere for them to get together."

Now, that's all about to change.

Beginning this summer, the LSC will be transformed with the construction of the Wallace McCain Learning Commons. The new space will be created thanks to an \$8-million gift to the university's *Bold Ambitions* campaign from Margaret McCain and her late husband, Wallace McCain.

The McCain Learning Commons will take shape in the courtyard area, just outside the main entrance to the LSC. It will be Dalhousie's second learning commons, building on the success of a similar space in the Killam Library. The university's campus master plan envisions four such spaces, spanning all three Halifax campuses. For students, it's a space that's long overdue.

"I can already see myself spending a great deal of time in the new learning commons," said Mahmoud Hashish, president of the Dalhousie Science Society, who thanked the McCain family for the gift.

"It's quite challenging at times to find space to study, space to meet with your group, or space to just take a break... The Wallace McCain Learning Commons will be a space where students can exchange ideas, promote creativity and engage in healthy debate – things I find to be quite central in a high-quality university experience."

President Tom Traves described the Wallace McCain Learning Commons as "a space where students can come together and access the latest technology for their learning purposes; have access to advisors and mentors who are on site...to create, essentially, a kind of intellectual and social sector for the university?"

Though the exact design is still being developed, the project is expected to transform the underutilized courtyard into an indoor atrium, and provide a new entryway to the LSC facing the Hicks Building. It will include open workstations, study rooms, offices and the newest learning technology.



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BOLD AMBITIONS THE CAMPAIGN FOR DALHOUSIE

UPDATE

BY JULIA WATT

Dean Moore hopes natural elements will be incorporated into the design – perhaps a living green wall, rock walls or aquariums – as “reflections of the natural world that most of us spend our lives studying here in the building.”

The spirit of the proposed space, expected to open in 2013, is what inspired the McCain family’s support.

“We strongly believe that especially the undergrad experience should be far more than a series of appointments,” said Margaret McCain, explaining that the learning commons will bring students together from different disciplines and backgrounds.

“This sharing is where ideas are generated, thinking is nurtured, action takes place. I think this will be one of the real labs for learning at Dalhousie.”

The McCains, who received honorary degrees from Dalhousie in 2007 and have a legacy of philanthropic support for education, agreed to make their donation before Wallace’s passing in May 2010.

“[This is] a great opportunity to honour somebody who was truly a business genius,” said Dr. Traves. “I had the opportunity on a number of occasions over the years to talk with him, and what came through always was a total engagement with life and the community that he lived and worked in. He was dedicated, along with his wife Margaret, towards building a better society.”

The McCains’ connections with Dalhousie include a granddaughter and nephew studying at the university. Ms. McCain said they are proud to consider themselves a Dalhousie family.

“I want you to know that Wallace was as proud and happy as I am to be participating in this campaign,” said Ms. McCain. “I do believe, however, that he is here in spirit.”

The McCain gift helps raise the *Bold Ambitions* campaign total and clearly supports two of the campaign’s major priorities – strengthening student success and developing an enriched student experience.

“Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the *Bold Ambitions* campaign. We have made significant progress but there is still much to be done. Your support is important to the overall success of the university. We truly appreciate your commitment to Dalhousie.” *Dalhousie President Tom Traves*

Nearly one year ago, we officially launched *Bold Ambitions*, The Campaign for Dalhousie. Bold for many reasons – notwithstanding the financial target of \$250 million – the campaign is certainly the most ambitious in Dalhousie’s nearly 200-year history. It’s a considerable target, but one necessary to support the university’s vision of becoming one of Canada’s very best. By focusing on student success, an enriched student experience, innovation and design, sustainability and interprofessional health education, this campaign – through the support of alumni and friends – will take Dalhousie to an even higher degree of excellence.

BOLD AMBITIONS PROGRESS

CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES	RAISED TO DATE	GOAL
■ Student Success	\$100.9 million	\$82.0 million
■ Enriched Student Experience	\$3.0 million	\$36.5 million
■ Sustainable Future	\$35.5 million	\$34.5 million
■ Health Care Education	\$54.4 million	\$70.5 million
■ Enhanced Design and Innovation	\$2.2 million	\$26.5 million
TOTAL	\$195.0 million	\$250.0 million

Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Exceeded our \$25 million scholarship goal by 100%. Nearly \$60 million has been raised, meaning \$3 million more each year for student scholarships and bursaries.

Black Student Opportunity Grant Fully funded thanks to a \$1-million gift from the TD Bank. The TD Black Student Opportunity Grant provides financial assistance to black students. It also supports an outreach program for African Nova Scotian junior and senior high students aimed at creating role models and encouraging academic aptitude.

Mark A. Hill Accessibility Centre Made possible by Ian and Margaret Hill, the centre provides specially equipped study space and exam rooms to students with disabilities. It is dedicated to their son, Mark A. Hill, who was left a quadriplegic after a car accident at the age of 18.

MacBain Chair in Health Law and Policy Based in Dalhousie’s Health Law Institute, the MacBain Chair will combine teaching and research responsibilities, attracting students and scholars to the university, and making Dalhousie the largest active health law and policy faculty in Canada.

Graduate Fellowship Fund Dalhousie has a large graduate student population with 3,200 students registered in 60 disciplines. But graduate work means a significant financial investment by students. Once established, this fund will help students continue their education and fulfil their potential. Almost \$2 million of the \$10 million goal has been secured but there is still much opportunity to bring this initiative to fully funded status.

Student Leadership Centre A \$1 million donation from David Bissett helped establish this centre, which will offer certificate programs, one-on-one consultations, facilitated workshops and volunteer opportunities to help students develop leadership skills beyond the classroom. To keep it viable, a \$4 million endowment must be established to support ongoing costs.

Important Campus Infrastructure Dalplex, Dalhousie Arts Centre, Interprofessional Health Education facility, and the Innovation and Design in Engineering and Architecture (IDEA) building. Properly designed and outfitted space plays an important role in student collaboration, team building and the overall university experience.

Several donations have been received, but significantly more are needed to ensure these new buildings and urgently needed renovations become reality.

Transformational Gifts Record-sized gifts for the schools of law and business – important milestones in helping Dalhousie to advance its vision of becoming one of Canada’s very best universities.

DALHOUSIE FUND GAINS STRENGTH

The Dalhousie Fund, our annual giving program, is playing a significant role in the *Bold Ambitions* campaign. More than 7,300 people gave to this fund last year, collectively making a \$3.2 million contribution to the university. This fund continues to grow thanks to the generosity of our alumni, friends, faculty and staff. A robust annual fund is important in meeting the most pressing needs of our students, and equipping classrooms and labs. To date, the Dalhousie Fund has contributed \$15.8 million to the campaign – second only to Seymour Schulich’s \$20-million gift.

DURING A RECENT EVENT IN CALGARY, Jody Forsyth, Campaign Chair, Western Region, explained his reasons for giving to *Bold Ambitions*.

“I BELIEVE IN THIS CAMPAIGN and where the university is headed so strongly that I have committed a leadership gift that will help Dalhousie reach its goal of \$250 million. My wife and I have committed several hundred thousand dollars to fund full-ride scholarships for academically gifted, but financially challenged, students. I believe deeply in equality of opportunity – a social ideal that can be maintained only through quality post-secondary education that is accessible to all; a social ideal that defines us as Canadians, but a social ideal that is in jeopardy.

Continued cutbacks in government funding leave institutions like Dalhousie with no choice but to increase tuition, reduce services, or both. This erodes the ideal of universality in post-secondary education, and erodes the quality of the institution where we were all educated. I want to make sure that does not happen.

And once that goal is met, I want to be a member of an alumni body that will help push Dalhousie beyond simply maintaining the status quo. I want to be a member of an alumni body that will enable Dalhousie to continue to strive for a higher degree of excellence, in both education and research.”



Jody Forsyth

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Alumni volunteers Creating success



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On October 22, Dalhousie hosted the very successful Lobster Tailgate during Homecoming weekend. The event's success was marked not only by the enthusiasm of the participants, but also by the large number of alumni volunteers who came out to help – over 25 alumni from a number of faculties and graduating years joined in the fun.

“We were so thrilled by the number of alumni who showed up bright and early at 8 a.m. to help set up, get the

lobsters ready,” said Courtney Larkin and Leslie Crowell, members of the Dalhousie Alumni Association Board who helped recruit a number

connect individual faculties with their alumni, played a large role in helping to engage so many alumni for the tailgate party. These alumni officers worked closely with their faculties to call out for volunteers, which resulted in an array of faculties represented at the party.

One of the most thrilling parts of the event was that alumni who had not previously been engaged had an opportunity to reconnect with Dalhousie.

“I hadn't been involved much with Dalhousie since I graduated,” said Connie Tremblett (BA'92), alumni volunteer at the Lobster Tailgate party. “Volunteering at the party not only gave me the opportunity to reconnect with the university, but to meet wonderful fellow alumni and current student volunteers and participants. I look forward to further



of the alumni volunteers. “Their enthusiasm and willingness to help out was really invigorating.”

Dalhousie's faculty alumni officers, who work to



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Alumni Events

Fall 2011 and Winter 2012

Dal celebrated **Homecoming 2011** in October with the Annual Dinner, a variety of faculty get-togethers, Dal Tigers games and milestone reunion events.

This fall, we visited Charlottetown, St. John's, Saint John, Moncton, Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa for alumni receptions. Around Halifax, the College of Pharmacy celebrated 100 years, we held a pre-screening movie night and FASS and science hosted a wine tasting. Just this February, we were in San Francisco, Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong.

Alumni receptions later this winter and spring include: **Sarasota, Vancouver, Boston, New York** and **Nassau**. Dalhousie Dentistry will hold its centennial celebration May 23-26 in Halifax. For more information about alumni events, visit dal.ca/alumni/events or contact us at alumni@dal.ca or **1.800.565.9969**. You can also like our page on Facebook (facebook.com/dalumni) for up-to-date details on events and other news around campus.

If you've been missing out on event invitations or you're planning a move, please update your contact information at dal.ca/alumni/update or email alumni.records@dal.ca so we can keep in touch.



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opportunities to volunteer with the alumni association?"

The Dalhousie Alumni Association has a number of volunteer opportunities available, from board committees to events such as Homecoming. If you are interested in volunteering with the Dalhousie Alumni Association, please contact us at president@alumni.dal.ca.
Alix Dostal



Photos: (above) Milestone classes celebrate at Homecoming 2011; (below and right) Alumni receptions in Ottawa and Newfoundland.



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Mentoring: bringing together students and alumni

Last year marked the inaugural year for the Dalhousie School of Business Alumni Mentoring Program, a joint project of the School of Business and the Dalhousie Alumni Association (DAA). The program matches current business and management students with alumni mentors throughout Canada, creating networks and opportunities for both students and alumni.

"The genesis of the mentoring program was a desire to harness the depth and breadth of our alumni community to provide current students the opportunity to engage with alumni who share similar interests and backgrounds," says Gayle Murdoch, chair of the DAA mentoring committee and driving force behind the mentoring program.

The program pairs mentors with students in the School of Business by having the students fill out profiles to gauge their interests and experience. Mentors and mentees have flexibility to meet virtually and/or in person, with an expectation of approximately three interactions per semester. Although the

program formally wraps up for the year in April, many mentoring relationships have continued informally.

The pilot program was an unmitigated success and has since expanded. Over 40 students in the Bachelor of Management, Bachelor of Commerce and MBA programs have been matched this year with mentors from across Canada.

Nelson Ventura, a current Bachelor of Management student, found his mentor to be a valuable resource. "My mentor provided candid career advice that I wouldn't otherwise have access to on a regular basis. It was valuable to have an alumni resource that I could go to with questions that can't really be asked during an interview or with potential employers," he says.

The program has been enriching not only

to students, but also to the mentors.

Reflecting on his year as a mentor, John Sewuster (BComm'87) says, "The alumni mentoring program has been a great way for me to rebuild my connection to Dalhousie and the campus. Participating this year was very satisfying in that I could give back to the community and perhaps, in a small way,

have a positive impact on another person's life."

Plans are afoot to grow the program even further. Says Ms. Murdoch, "The DAA is currently working with the university to determine scalability. We hope to expand this model to other faculties to provide opportunities for even broader groups of students and mentors to be connected."

If you are interested in learning more about the mentoring program, please visit: <http://sbcs2.management.dal.ca/mentoring/mentors/>.
Alix Dostal

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Classnotes

1960s

1960

Ron Gilkie, BSc, BEng'62 (NSTC), MEng'64 (NSTC), was inducted by the University of King's College Alumni Association into The Order of the Ancient Commoner. The designation recognizes his volunteer service to the university as a member of the Property, Grounds and Safety Committee since 2003. Dr. Gilkie is also chair of the President's Advisory Committee for the Restoration of the Lodge.

1965

William Bezanson, BSc, BEng'67 (NSTC), MEng'69 (NSTC), has published *Abandoned Shopping Carts: Personal and Spiritual Responsibility*, based on life experiences that trace back to his time at Dalhousie. The book is an appeal to think clearly and regain a sense of responsibility for taking care of humanity and the world. The theme of abandoned shopping carts symbolizes modern society's rampant irresponsibility. Read about the book at <http://web.mac.com/w.bezanson>. Bill

lives with his wife, Susan, in Ottawa and can be contacted at bezanson@sympatico.ca

1970s

1970

Gloria Alcock, DON, DPH, has self-published *The Nurse at the Top of the World*. The book details Gloria's adventures as a young Canadian nurse living and working for several years in the Canadian Arctic providing health care to Inuit people. The book offers a fascinating insight into the Canadian Arctic of more than 50 years ago – before Anik satellite, when Iqaluit was Frobisher Bay, Inuit were Eskimo and both the Eastern Arctic and the Western Arctic still existed.

1974

Ed Doherty, MD, received the Dr. William Roberts Political Action Award from the New Brunswick Medical Society. The award's citation reads: "A dedicated and accomplished physician, tireless volunteer and a devoted community advocate. Dr. Doherty embodies the best in public service."

Trudy F. C. Mackay, BSc, MSc'76, received the North Carolina Award, the state's highest civilian honor. The award honors men and women who reflect the best in imagination, creativity and humanitarian service. Trudy was recognized for her efforts as an internationally renowned quantitative geneticist. Her work has redefined the boundaries of the genetics of complex traits. Her sequencing of 192 lines of the *Drosophila* fly, which she makes available to other researchers, has become a major, standardized resource for the scientific community to use for gene discovery and evolutionary studies. Her work in quantitative genetics has contributed to understanding health concerns including diabetes, cancer, glaucoma, alcohol abuse, high blood pressure and longevity.

Dale (Bradshaw) Crory Heisler, BA, has completed 35 years of service at the U.S. Consulate General in Halifax as the consulate's political and economic specialist. Dale is also pleased to announce her marriage on April 3, 2010, to Ron Heisler. While Ron recently retired after a long career with Citizenship and Immigration Canada,

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Emma Halpern (LLB'06) has been around the world and lived in many places, from Vancouver to Serbia.

But ask her why she chose to raise her family in Dartmouth after completing her legal education at Dalhousie and she has a quick answer: the community.

“I felt immediately that the values I espouse for my life were very present here,” she explains.

Those values – community, family, relationships and volunteerism – are also what recently led to Ms. Halpern, 33, being named one of *Chatelaine* magazine’s “Women of the Year.” She was one of five finalists in the “Everyday Heroes” category.

Ms. Halpern, who has a bachelor’s degree in international development studies and English from McGill in addition to her LLB, has been active in community work from an early age. But it

was her experience working with at-risk youth in the notoriously tough neighbourhood of Harlem that made her want to enter law. At the time, in the days leading up to and following 9/11, many social programs for young people were being cut in favour of spending on defence and the military.

“I became engaged in activism, but felt I needed more tools to have conversations at higher tables, and to have a say in policy and programming.”

While at Dalhousie, Ms. Halpern took a class in restorative justice with Professor Jennifer Llewellyn. She recalls writing a paper on how a restorative justice approach

in Nova Scotia schools could keep more young people out of the criminal justice system. Restorative justice involves victims, offenders and their communities in the process of reparation after harm is inflicted. The intent is to punish offenders without excluding them from their communities, and to have various community stakeholders involved in the justice process.

Later, when Ms. Halpern was articling in Yarmouth with Nova Scotia Legal Aid, the idea began to really take root. Ms. Halpern met with a local organization, Tri-County Restorative Justice, and together they launched a program called Bringing Restorative Justice Into Schools. The concept is now in place throughout Nova Scotia – in large part as a result of Ms. Halpern’s unwavering efforts.

“Sometimes, as a student, you’re putting out passion and you feel like it gets shelved,” she says. “It was exciting to do something in my schooling that had some practical applicability.”

Tanya Bain, executive director of Tri-County Restorative Justice, has worked with Ms. Halpern for over five years and was one of the nominators for the *Chatelaine* award. She admires Ms. Halpern’s compassion and sense of social justice, along with her determination in creating and implementing a program that is now used province-wide.

“She has the ability to provide both theory and practice, which I think is very rare,” says Ms. Bain. “It’s hard to be able to both get on the level of young people, as well as to think about bigger things.”



Along with her seemingly tireless dedication to restorative justice, Ms. Halpern works full time as an equity officer for the Nova Scotia Barrister's Society. She's responsible for programming and policy in the areas of equity, discrimination and access to justice. She is also the mother of a three-year-old, as well as the unofficial adoptive mother of a young man from her neighbourhood whom she took in when he was facing homelessness.

Her CV of professional and community volunteer work is long and impressive – she has worked on literacy outreach, sexual education, violence prevention and numerous other issues that touch a wide variety of people every day. So what drives her to commit so much time to such efforts?

"I believe there are two important things in my life: my community and my relationship with others and myself. Not only is [community work] really important in building a strong healthy society, it's also the most important thing for my own personal sense of well-being and happiness."

And what does the *Chatelaine* award mean to her? Ms. Halpern is honoured that the women she works with every day, those she deems 'incredible' in their own right, took the time to nominate her.

"The meaning has been the impact on me locally, people that I know being very supportive and congratulatory. That's been pretty incredible. It's made me realize I need to go out there and tell more people what great work they do on a regular basis."

Katelynn Northam

Dale intends to continue working for a few more years. The couple recently bought a new home in Bridgewater, N.S., where Ron and his family have roots. Friends can get in touch with Dale and Ron through Facebook.

1975


Peggy Desserud, BA, completed her PhD at the University of Alberta Faculty of Renewable Resources in July 2011. She returned to university in 2003, after working in the Alberta oil and gas industry and obtained a Master of Environmental Design (MEDES) from the University of Calgary

in 2006. Her research focuses on restoring native prairie grassland on oil and gas disturbances.

1980s


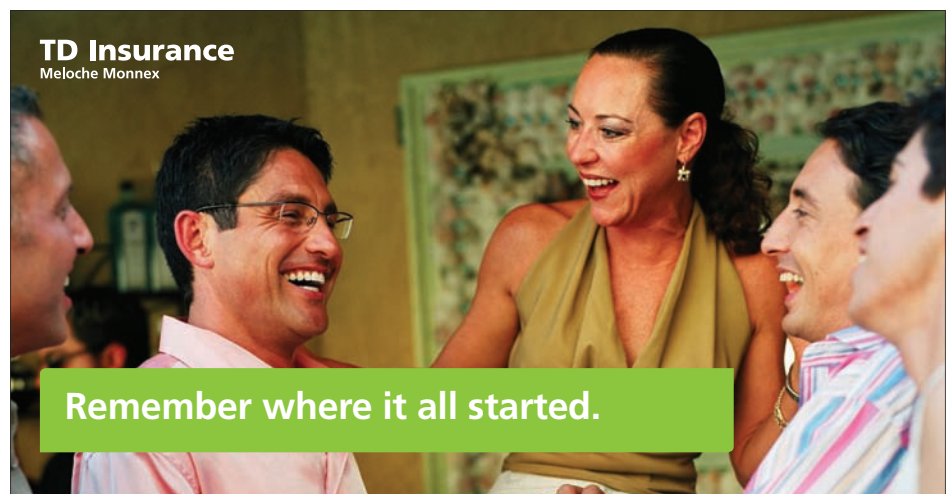
1980

William Stairs, BA, Honours Cert.'81, was appointed chief executive officer of Delta Media, one of Canada's leading public relations firms. This is the culmination of a career that has seen William serve as communications director to two federal party leaders. He also served as chief of



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staff to the ministers of justice, Treasury Board and CIDA. Earlier, he worked as a researcher and speechwriter in the Senate of Canada. Fluently bilingual, he earned his MA and PhD in Canadian history from Université Laval.

1985

Sherry Baker, BSc, is delighted to report that her daughter, Veronica Baker, is in her fourth year of the commerce program at Dalhousie and is enjoying it immensely. Soon to be an alum in her own right, Veronica serves as VP of external affairs for the Commerce Society. This past fall she organized The Inside Ride, a fund-raiser to support Camp Goodtime and IWK Pediatric Oncology department. With \$18,000 raised, Cycle for Life was very successful and is likely to become an annual event.

1986

W. Andy Knight, MA, was elected to the Royal Society of Canada (RSC) and inducted into the RSC on November 26, 2011. A world leader in the study of international organizations, global governance and human security, Andy is on the faculty of the University of Alberta. The RSC was founded in 1882 and is Canada's oldest and most prestigious scholarly institute.

Heather (Smith) MacDonald, BA, and husband Paul, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Maeve Moira MacDonald, on September 2, 2010. Older siblings Alexandra, Nicholas and Logan are tickled pink to have a new sister.

1988

Bill Nippard, DDH, has released a new book to rave reviews. *The Teamwork Ladder: 8 Steps To MAXIMUM Success* teaches eight of the most powerful principles of teamwork by using the analogy of a ladder, where each side and rung represents a law that must be in healthy operation to prevent or solve common workplace struggles and frustrations. It has received great reviews worldwide and is endorsed by such megaleaders as Zig Ziglar and the Toronto Raptors' Jay Triano. The book grew out of Bill's experiences over the last decade consulting with businesses and organizations on how to build a unified, winning team, where each person within the organization is positioned for maximum success and job fulfilment.

1990s

1991

David Shannon, LLB, received the Order of Canada on November 4, 2011, for his contributions to Canadians with disabilities and human rights. Over the past three decades, David has worked extensively to promote human rights. He has worked with such groups as the Canadian

Spotlight

SEALED WITH A KISS

It's the classic tale of love at first sight. Girl meets sea lion, girl bonds with sea lion, and before you know it, the two are inseparable.

Ok, maybe it's not the typical love story we're all use to hearing, but every love story is different. In this case, Erin Fischer (BSc'11) developed a fascination for marine mammals long before she started her undergraduate studies at Dalhousie. And by the looks of it, the feelings are mutual.

With a keen interest in marine biology, she examined the social behavior of sperm whales for her thesis research. At Dalhousie, she was also able to study marine mammalogy during a field studies course. A whale-watching trip in the Bay of Fundy was a particularly inspiring illustration of the intelligence of marine life.

After graduating in May, Ms. Fischer moved

to Alberta where she now works full time at Marine Life, an underground aquarium at the West Edmonton Mall. Crowds come from all over to watch performances and view the impressive exhibit of sea turtles, sharks, penguins, reptiles and amphibians.

Ms. Fischer works primarily with sea lions at 'Sea Lion's Rock' where she is helping care for the four California sea lions; Pablo, Kelpie, Clara and Quinty. Her work involves monitoring their health and nutrition, cleaning up after

them and assisting during performances.

So how does working with sea lions compare to a household pet, like a dog or a cat? "Sea lions are very dog-like," she explains. "I have a dog at home and they have a lot of the same facial expressions." Some of the sea lions even bark, she laughs.

And as you'd expect, training a sea lion is very similar to training a dog. "Sea lions are so large that you can't really force them to do anything they don't want to do," she says. "You

just have to encourage them to do what they would naturally do by rewarding them for the behaviours you want them to perform."

Down the road, Ms. Fischer is considering furthering her education and enrolling in a graduate program. For now, she's enjoying her time working with the sea lions and looking forward to becoming a full-time trainer.
Katie McDonald



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Paraplegic Association (Nova Scotia), Canadian Disability Policy Alliance and Human Rights Tribunal Ontario, while heading his own law practice serving many disenfranchised groups. David is also the first and only quadriplegic to reach the North Pole and has skydived a distance of 28,300 feet – a world record for wheelchair users.

1993

Juanita Smith, BA, BED'94, MLIS'06, and Boyd Sharpe, welcome Mariah Jane Sharpe, born October 8, 2011, a sister for Malcolm and Annika. Juanita is on maternity leave from the NSCC.

2000s

2000


Ashwin Kutty, BSc, received a Next Generation Leadership Award from GTEC. The award recognizes leadership, innovation and excellence in information management and IT in the public sector. Ashwin was honored in the provincial category for his work as program manager, Mental Health & Forensics Program, and manager, information management, Capital District Health Authority. His knowledge in health informatics and ability to bring together stakeholders, as well as his work to manage patient flow in a multi-site, multi-service health centre, were cited. Ashwin is a part-time professor with the Faculties of Management, Computer Science and Health Professions.

2001

David Gonsalves, BComm, founded a Canadian registered charity called Masomo For Children, along with four other Dalhousie graduates: **Clayton Atto**, BComm'01, **Rob Fletcher**, BComm'01, **Raymond Jordan**, BComm'01, and **Jasmine Plummer**, MSc'02. Communications Director **Katherine Hebb**, BA'01 is also a Dal grad, as are the charity's major sponsors. Masomo For Children strives to advance the education of disadvantaged children living in Mwanza, Tanzania. The organization sponsors tuition scholarships so that children living in orphanages and marginalized communities can attend primary and secondary school or vocational training college. Masomo For Children is run entirely on a volunteer basis and all administration costs are paid by the directors of the charity. All donations received directly benefit the students. Masomo For Children currently sponsors scholarships for 20 students in Mwanza, with plans to grow. For more information, visit www.masomoforchildren.org


2005

Kristy (Mahoney) Surette, BScN, and Jordan Surette are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Allie Rae, born December 6, 2011, in Yarmouth, N.S.



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Edith Louise (Allen) Archibald, BA'32, BComm'33, Halifax, N.S., on October 20, 2011

Jean Frances (Fitzgerald) Spencer, BA'37, Chester Basin, N.S., on October 17, 2011

Wilf I. Fisher, BEng'37, Antigonish, N.S., on December 5, 2011

Seymour Samuel Balkin, BSc'34, MD'38, Boca Raton, Fla., on November 22, 2011

Eleanor Mae Sumara, BA'38, DEd'39, Espanola, Ont., on August 28, 2011

Roderick Gordon Dickey, BA'39, DED'40, MA'41, Brampton, Ont., on September 8, 2011

Eldridge Arthur Dillon, BEng'41, Bridgewater, N.S., on September 30, 2011

Donald Ernest Jackson, BSc'42, Wolfville, N.S., on October 19, 2011

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Edward Neil McKelvey, LLB'49, Saint John, N.B., on September 10, 2011

John Maxwell Greer, DPHRM'50, Truro, N.S., on August 18, 2011

Coline Foley (MacDonald) Dorsey, BA'50, Syracuse, N.Y., on October 7, 2011

George Spicer Atkins, BComm'50, Clifton, N.J., on October 20, 2011

Gloria Jean (Teed) Trivett, BA'51, Halifax, N.S., on September 3, 2011

Edmund Ralph Saunders, LLB'52, Lunenburg, N.S., on September 1, 2011

Dorothy Laverick Yates, BA'53, Montreal, Que., on September 20, 2011

Stuart Gibson Stratton, LLB'53, Saint John, N.B., on November 12, 2011

Ivor McLeod Hamilton, DDS'55, Halifax, N.S., on August 15, 2011

George Allen Campbell, BA'47, DEd'48, MA'50, BEd'55, Halifax, N.S., on September 29, 2011

InMemoriam

ALEX GIGEROFF 1962-2011



On Sunday, Jan. 8, over 100 members of the cultural and academic communities met at a Halifax sports club to celebrate the life of Alex Gigeroff. Known to most of his friends and acquaintances simply as Lex, Mr. Gigeroff was a man who lived a life of unique experiences, all of which he savoured with an admirable gusto.

A graduate of Dalhousie in 1985, with a major in English, Alex also spent his final year serving the student community as the president of the Dalhousie Student Union. Though he initially offered his candidacy as a comic foil to the more conservative offerings on the ballot, once elected, Alex proved to be a talented politician. He successfully maintained DSU's difficult position through a labour dispute between the administration and the faculty, and also negotiated a three-year tuition freeze, in exchange for a student contribution to the Capital Campaign. This was the first in what would become a series of proactive negotiations concerning rising tuition throughout the following two decades, and represented a significant empowerment of the student voice in the Dalhousie community.

Neil Ferguson, chief clerk of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, served on the DSU executive with Lex, and remembers him as an extremely effective leader who worked very hard as president but never lost his sense of fun.

"I would be in the middle of a meeting with somebody and the door that joined our offices would swing open and Lex would come in with his guitar singing the Rolling Stones'



1985: DSU President Alex Gigeroff with VP Rusty James

'You Can't Always Get What You Want', climb on the sofa and walk along it before going out the other door, still singing...."

Following his time as a student, Alex became very active in campus-community radio, eventually serving as programming manager for CKDU. Then, through a series of projects written for theatre and film, Alex met film producer Paul Donovan, with whom he collaborated in creating the locally produced cult sci-fi series, *Lexx*. Alex was also an active member of the acting community, appearing on stage and in TV productions such as *Liocracy*, *Olliver's Adventures* and *The Conclave*.

Upon moving to Fredericton, Alex became involved in the New Brunswick Film Co-op, acting in short films and serving as a mentor for filmmakers. He had recently completed an original film script, and had formed a production company, Gigermanchero, to direct his first feature film, *Gillian and Giles*.

Philip Doucette

Arthur Evans Chesley, MD'55, Saint John, N.B., on October 25, 2011

Robert Earle MacKenzie, DTSN'56, Vancouver, B.C., on August 7, 2011

Charles Hugh Hartling, BComm'56, Wolfville, N.S., on August 31, 2011

Pierre Joseph Ferguson, MD'56, Dartmouth, N.S., on November 21, 2011

Louis M. Vincent, LLB'57, Ottawa, Ont., on September 28, 2011

John Hector MacLean, BEng'60, Beaconsfield, Que., on September 1, 2011

Stephen Gregory MacIsaac, MD'61, Boyton Beach, Fla., on November 13, 2011

Leith Garrett Douglas, MD'62, North York, Ont., on September 15, 2011

James Arthur Johnson, BEng'65, on September 11, 2011

Elizabeth Abbie (McLellan) Anderson, DPH'66, Glen Haven, N.S., on November 18, 2011

Colin Stewart Paterson, MD'68, Grande Prairie, Alta., on August 12, 2011

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James Bruce Graham, BA'71, Toronto, Ont., on September 28, 2011

Robert MacDonald Hoegg, BA'72, Dartmouth, N.S., on August 22, 2011

Ida Miranda James, DPH'68, BN'70, MSW'72, Paget, Bermuda, on September 2, 2011

Geoffrey John England, LLM'74, Lethbridge, Alta., on August 24, 2011

Ian Douglas Thompson, MD'74, Edmonton, Alta., on September 23, 2011

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

NAME Ray Wincey

HOMETOWN Walks to work from Dartmouth, N.S.

YEARS UNDER HIS HAT 30

JOB Ensuring the 800 students who walk through the doors of Howe Hall's dining room are well fed. Head chef Wincey oversees food orders, labour and costs; and enjoys collaborating with his team on new menu items. He enjoys the busy and often long days spent cooking and creating.

GIVING BACK Once a month, Chef Wincey arrives at work just before sunrise to prepare a meal for Hope Cottage, a Halifax soup kitchen located on Brunswick Street. The food is cooked in the Howe Hall kitchen and transported downtown for the men and women at Hope Cottage. He's been volunteering there since the early 1990s. Why? Because "they deserve a good meal."

FAVORITE THING TO COOK Anything barbecued. Whether it's grilled chicken, ribs, steaks, or hamburgers, Chef Wincey doesn't discriminate by season – he barbecues summer and winter.

KEEPING IT SIMPLE According to Chef Wincey, there's no such thing as a bad cook. For new cooks, his advice is to start with the basics.

"Whatever you give will come back to you – always."

WHAT'S MINE IS YOURS Chef Wincey, who grew up in a family of 14, says he learned early on the importance of sharing – a concept he's carried with him for decades. Volunteering at Hope Cottage has made him even more aware of the importance of paying it forward.

WHAT MAKES HIM HAPPY "I've never believed material things make you happy. As long as I have a place to sleep and something to eat – I'm happy."

Katie McDonald



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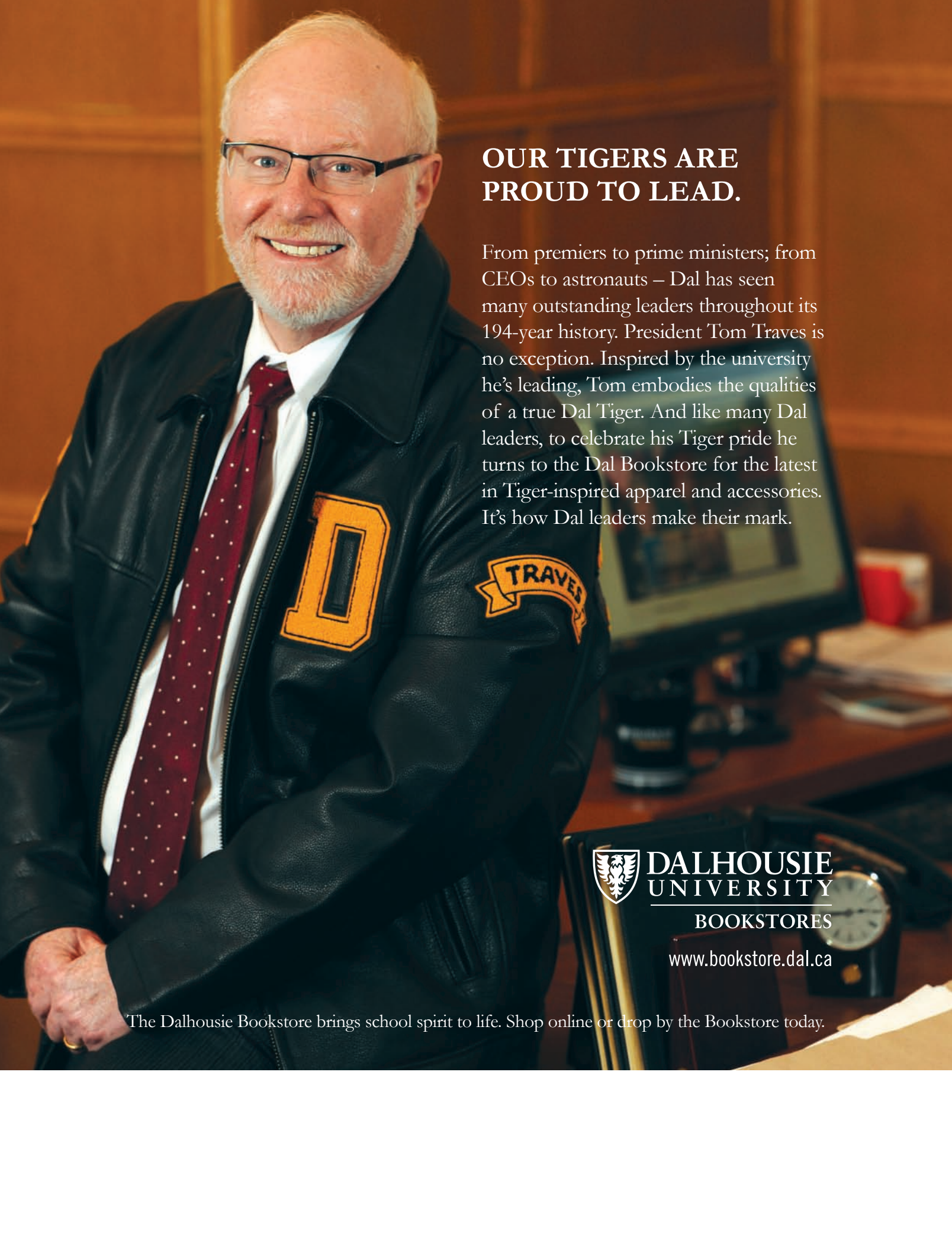
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