

THE MAROON

AND WHITE

Alumni Has Vital Role

Dr. D. Hugh Gillis, Academic Vice-President of Saint Mary's University, was invited to speak to a recent meeting of Saint Mary's Alumni. His address was assessed to be particularly relevant and gave meaningful definition to the role of the alumni in university life today.

Following are excerpts from that address.

The alumni is very much a part of the American and Canadian tradition in higher education. It is, in this sense, an outgrowth of the independent college and university. Its role has been to give strength to the institution, in material and moral terms, through leadership in financial campaigns, through providing job contacts for new graduates, through exerting an influence on senior appointments at the institution, and even to helping to shape the academic character and style of the institution itself. In carrying out this role, with differing emphases according to the needs and the times, the alumni has indeed played a significant role in the development of higher education on this continent.

More recently, however, the role of the alumni has seemed to diminish. This is particularly true, I think, in Canada, and there is some relationship between the ebbing of alumni influence and the erosion of independence within institutions of higher education.

The reasons are fairly clear. First of all, in Canada universities are now much more closely related to government than used to be the case. While in theory they are independent and autonomous, in practice they are dependent on the government purse. And while in theory this government financial support does not impinge upon academic programs and development, in practice the potential favor and influence of government has become very much part of the reality of the university's existence. The increased dependence on the government for financing has had the consequence of diminishing to a large extent the relationships between the university and its traditional publics and one of the victims of this progressive tendency towards a bilateral relationship between the university and government is certainly the alumni organizations.

I believe that this is a danger and a mistake. The fact that universities no longer seem to need the financial support of alumni should not mean that the alumni no longer have a rationale for involvement with the university. I suggest that the university has as much need of its alumni in the present situation as it ever did. In some respects, indeed, there is greater need for strengthening the bond between the university and its publics and in developing a new role for the alumni in the life of the university, than there was in an earlier period.

INCREASING DEPENDENCE ON GOVERNMENT

The increasing dependence of our institutions of higher learning on the government of the day raises a second and perhaps more vital consideration with respect to the academic function of the university. For there is unquestionably a risk in the university becoming solely dependent on government. Either there will emerge a compassionate relationship between the two bodies — a marriage of convenience — or there will be a tendency towards polarization, and both are bound to have a negative effect on the educational process itself. Nor do I hold out much hope that the continuance of the University Grants Committee, or the advent of the Maritime Commission on Higher Education, will prevent either of these tendencies from developing.

The concept of an independent body standing between the universities and government, and controlling within the bounds of high principle financial and other relationships among them, has been tried with some success in Britain where there has been a longer experience of the independent body exercising a quasi-judicial function. But that type of independent body has had only partial success in Canada and very little success in the Atlantic Provinces. We still take our politics more seriously than we do our education and there is some risk in making our education a by-product of our politics.

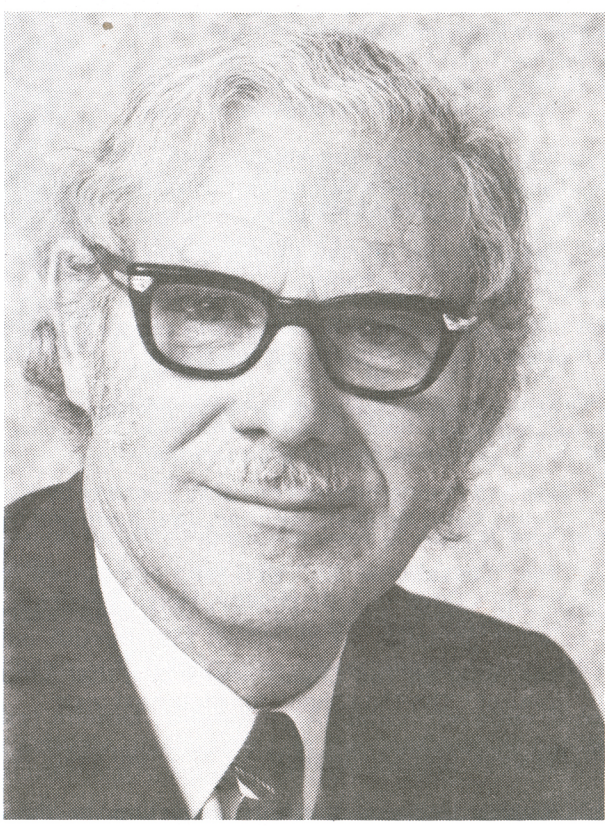
A PERIOD OF CHANGE

During the past ten years universities throughout the world have been passing through a profound experience of change. Saint Mary's has not been immune from that. This experience has had unquestionably beneficial results but it has been accompanied by strains of unusual tension between varied forces within and outside the universities. One of its unfortunate effects has been that it has tended to discredit the public image of the university and there is perhaps today a greater sense of disillusionment with the university as an institution than has ever existed before in this country. This disillusionment exists at all levels: students, faculty, administration, Board of Governors, politicians, employers and the general public. The plain fact is that the university is no longer an isolated citadel of higher learning: it is very much one of the competing forces in the market place. When Saint Mary's became a public university in 1970 it became just that — a public institution. As such is assumed, in a public context, rights and responsibilities respecting higher education in this province which it had previously exercised, in a different context, for generations before. But the change in status from a private to a public institution has meant an inevitable change in the publics with which the university is involved and, implicitly, in the responses which the university should make to the needs and aspirations of these publics.

BOUNDARIES MUST BE EXTENDED

I am urging that one of the principal tasks of a modern university is to identify its publics and seek to find adequate responses to the requirements of these publics. I am not suggesting a lessening of emphasis on the core of disciplined learning which has been the traditional task and preserve of universities in the West. I am suggesting that this traditional learning must itself be seen in the larger context of an open, democratic society, and that its boundaries must be extended to include facets of life and experience which fall outside the historic tradition. What I am pleading for is relevance: a term which is despised by some academics but without which the process of higher education can become a cultural autopsy.

Here at Saint Mary's, those of us concerned with the academic role of the university are very much involved with the problem of ensuring that the university meet its obligations to the larger community. This university has pioneered in its adult and community programs. But these days no institution can rest on its laurels. We have much to do in this respect, much more to do than has been done. For no one with any sensitivity to the world around him can claim that in Halifax, or in Nova Scotia, we have reached a situation where we can sit back to reflect comfortably on our achievements.



Dr. D. Hugh Gillis

At the same time, we have to be aware that the crux of achievement at this or any university lies in the classroom, the laboratory, and the library. I can say that we are very much concerned at this point in making sure that the programs offered and the product of those programs are of first quality. The reputation of a University is determined principally by the students and the professors, with the administration playing a secondary role. We have good students at Saint Mary's. We also have poor students. It may be that too many of our students fall somewhere between the two extremes and, when this happens, an institution can easily be reduced to a state of comfortable mediocrity: not expecting too much but, as an unhappy corollary, not expecting enough.

We have good professors at Saint Mary's. We also have some poor ones. Some of them are not sufficiently qualified by the standards common to North American universities. But I think the good, committed, qualified professors predominate. Our faculty is relatively young. This has potential strengths and weaknesses: strength in that a young faculty should be able to communicate easily with students, but this doesn't always follow; weakness in that inexperience sometimes creates problems which defeat the process of learning.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

We are examining and reviewing our situation and we are looking at new programs. A proposal for a Master's degree in Astronomy is now being considered. This program would build upon the outstanding reputation developed at Saint Mary's by Father Burke-Gaffney, and provide a fitting academic component deriving from the University tradition and based upon our observatory facilities. We are also looking at a proposal for a Master's program in Business Administration, stressing the management aspects. This has been under study for a number of years and would build upon the distinguished record which Saint Mary's has had in Commerce studies for so many years. We are reviewing our programs in engineering and education and hope to maintain these semi-professional areas of study on a stable basis.

ALUMNI HAS VITAL ROLE

I am convinced that the Alumni has a vital role to play in the modern university. This is certainly true at Saint Mary's. On the academic side, I hope it will be possible for us to establish the sort of relationship with you which will ensure that practicality and reason go hand-in-hand with vision, both in planning for the future and in solving the problems of the present.

WE'LL REMEMBER

by: Heather Harris

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- ... Al Keith who dreamed it up
- ... Peter, Mike, Bob, Brian, Terry, Jean, our two Pats, Ann, Sharon, Maureen, Chris and Lynne who helped make it a reality
- ... the "Greaser" and my mom's kitchen crammed with Ed, Cos and the rest of New England's best
- ... the Saint Mary's cheerleaders Brian Heaney didn't know we had
- ... Bob Healy, Marlene Murphy and Lynn Donahoe "strolling" with their fumbling, frustrated followers
- ... Maurice and Shirley LeBlanc who put the rest of us to shame
- ... "Mickey" and his never ending supply of the greatest from the 50's and 60's
- ... Millie Harrington and her boys on the dance floor
- ... Gen and I being babysat on rainy Tuesday by Karen, Mark, Craig, Katy, Kristen, Jennifer, Jay, Kelly and Michael
- ... the "Sensational Six" who sang and played their way to Peggy's Cove — Judy Healey, Helen Bilodeau, Carol Roy, Ann O'Neil, Marlene and Sandra
- ... the relief on Ted Chandonnet's face that Sandra has left some of "The Pine Shop" for their next visit
- ... the guys' golf tournament — Pat O'Neil never told on you!
- ... Sharon O'Byrne dutifully reporting to the Day Care Centre with Sherry and Jeff in one hand and peanut butter sandwiches in the other having obviously oomphaphad too long the night before
- ... Pat Ruotolo with her endless supply of apple juice and "flush-a-byes"
- ... Jeannie Larsen who managed to have baby Jeffrey, and help us as well, from the hallowed halls of the Grace Maternity
- ... the triumphant return of Al and the "Homecomers" from Cow Bay — I'll be eating crow forever
- ... "Nostalgia Night" when Ray Roy saw how he used to be
- ... the film clips watched fervently by those who will never let us forget the Bowl game of '64

AND WE'LL REMEMBER

- ... "Buck" and "The Hen" forever
- ... the love, guidance, inspiration and example they have provided
- ... Elmer and Bob for what they said and what we felt
- ... the Windsor Street crew who built it and the Robie Streeters who are striving to fulfill that commitment
- ... Saturday afternoon, August 11th, — Terry, Lynn, Al and I, shoes off, feet up, eyelids propped open and smiles of satisfaction looking back on a great week of friendships and memories — and enjoying to the fullest Terry's ill-gotten steaks!



HEATHER HARRIS

HOMECO

Just want to let you know that my wife and I had a terrific time at the homecoming and I appreciate all the work you and the others put into it. I certainly hope it will become an annual event, and I am sure the crowds will grow larger as the years go on. One of the things I was most impressed with was the growth of SMU both academically and in athletics since I left. Our recent athletic record is one anyone would be proud of...

Carl B. Romeo

I would like to thank all of you somewhat disagree we were the spark w success. My feeling volved in organizing flame which kept the feeling that was so prevail Although I am speaking the general consensus of all stayed in High Rise ONE wa going to have another homec Roger (Bilode

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Committee Chairmen 1973-1974

Annual Dinner: Kevin Cleary
 Entertainment: Patrick Curran
 Athletics: Earl Walsh and Hughes Randall
 Membership: Terence Donahoe
 Constitution: David Grantham
 Alumni Office Committee: Terence Donahoe and Paul Crane
 Maroon and White: M. O'Donnell and Kevin Cleary



J. J. Hennessey, S.J.



MING '73

A MEDIUM SUCCESS

by: Al Keith

What fun we had at the "Summer Homecoming". The six of us enjoyed ourselves so much we will certainly spread the word on what other Alumni missed by not joining the fun at St. Mary's this summer. The events were all well planned and the Testimonial Dinner for Fathers O'Donnell and Hennessey was certainly a highlight of the week and a fitting tribute to two wonderful people.

Our son Ronnie was so impressed with St. Mary's he is now planning to attend — in five year's time that is. Nothing like planning ahead eh? . . .

Ron & Arlene Maloney



AL KEITH

That's the best way to describe the Summer Homecoming '73. While the attendance was somewhat disappointing, those that were there were not disappointed. We had a ball.

The scheduled events came off without a hitch, and those in attendance for each specific event had nothing but praise for the idea. Since the Homecoming, I have personally talked to many local and out-of-town Alumni who were unable or forgot to make certain events, and from hearsay that filtered down to them, they feel that they won't miss again.

There are several traditional Alumni affairs that locals and out-towners have become accustomed to. The Summer Homecoming was a first and this year's Committee is quite confident it won't be the last. Already there have been two meetings to plan and prepare for next year's Homecoming. We know now exactly where emphasis should be placed and I can guarantee any and all that are considering a summer holiday next year that Summer Homecoming should definitely be in those plans.

We plan on making the second week of August your turn to come home.

A concentrated effort is now being made to locate all misplaced Alumni. We expect to be reaching more of our fellow Alumni with information concerning all Alumni affairs.

My first interest is naturally Athletics, the other is to see Alumni actively participating in the goings-on at our Alma Mater academically, socially, and athletically.

The new format of the "Maroon and White" will plan news of a greater variety about the goings-on on the Campus and we are hoping for more feedback on what is happening to you and other Alumni — And — When are you going to come and visit us again???

Saint Mary's University has taken off in every way and we want a viable and concerned Alumni Association taking off with it. Participation and interest is what we need in our association, and I personally ask all Alumni to "GIVE A DAMN."

Al Keith

Summer Homecoming Committee

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Thank you very much for putting on a very successful summer homecoming. It was exciting, informative and, most of all, very enjoyable.

I know I speak for everyone when I say regardless of what the weather may have been, nothing could ever dampen the enthusiasm we had during our homecoming week. . . .

Cos Marandos

SKATING —

Sundays
Commenced September 30
until the end of April
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Charge: 50 cents

SWIMMING —

Saturdays
Commenced September 22
until the end of April
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

No charge

Thanks for your kind letter. Judy and I have not stopped talking about our week with you guys. In looking back, it didn't seem as though we stopped for a minute which I guess we didn't. We never really got unpacked and settled in High Rise 1. But I could relive the week every summer for the next 50 years. . . .
Bob (Healy), Judy and the gang

Class Of '48'

To Be Honored

The class of '48 will be honored at the Alumni Annual Dinner scheduled for the Multi Purpose Room, Saturday, December 8. Plans for the dinner and program are being finalized and further information will be released shortly.

Kevin Cleary is chairman of the event this year.



M. J. O'Donnell, S.J.



Bruce W. Aikman with Bell Canada, Toronto is presently on loan to Newfoundland Telephone Company as Chief Engineer. Residence 1 Lansdowne Place, St. John's Newfoundland.

Terry Heenan visited the University in Sept. Jack Leydon visited the university. His daughter is beginning a course leading to a B.A. at SMU. Frank Murphy, his wife Helen and children, Rebecca, Melissa and Timmy also visited the university in August.

Peter Fraser, Detroit Manager of Canadian Government Travel Bureau has returned to Ottawa to assume a newly created training position for two years. His new duty involves a year of French language training followed by advanced marketing courses in various international locations plus doing special tourism assignments.

James J. Oliver, B.A. '70, opened his own law office in Philadelphia and Norristown. His wife is expecting a second child in Oct., the first one Justin is a year old. Jim is married to the former Judith O'Dea.

Freddy Gallagher reports that his son, Davie, 1 1/2 years old shows a proclivity to sports. His favorite programs on TV are baseball and football and he knows what hockey is about. Fred predicts that Davey will be a great hockey player.

Two students from SMU, Ann Nolen and Jennifer Allen, were among forty young Canadians selected to visit Japan under an international youth exchange program.

Frs. George Leach, John Haley and Bill Clarke pronounced their last vows in the Society of Jesus at Willowdale, Ont.

Fr. J. Dyer has been appointed assistant to the Rector in Halifax. He has been replaced as Pastor of St. Ignatius Parish, Montreal, by William Browne.

Fr. John Matheson is stationed at 2 Dale Avenue, Toronto, Ont. where he has resumed work he began in Los Angeles in liturgical and social communications.

Fr. Edward Merchant has been appointed chaplain at University of Guelph, Ont.

Sean Ahern, B. Sc. '63 and Dip Eng., has been appointed General Manager and Chief Accountant of the Mercantile Bank of Canada. He is married and the father of three children.

Peter Glenister is catalogue librarian at the Mount where he has been since 1968.

Tom Walsh is head probation officer for city of Manchester, N.H.

We were also visited by Dr. Doug Leahey of Calgary, Alta. He is married to Maureen Neus of New York City. He obtained his doctorate in '71 from New York University. He is a meteorologist with specialization in urban air pollution. He is a consultant meteorologist with industry and government.

D'Arcy Sullivan is a Criminal Lawyer practising in New Brunswick.

Among the Jesuits who visited Saint Mary's this summer were: Patrick Malone, Clair Fischer, Neville O'Neill, Charles Pottie, Cyril O'Keefe, David Elie, John Lynch, Elmer MacGillivray, Robert MacDougall, Gary Mooney, and Michael Weagle.

By M. O'DONNELL, S.J.



I am indebted to Bruce Smith for the following Snippets.

Don Murphy, B.A. '69-70 B. Ed. is Principal of a school in Peterborough, Ont.

Dick Franklin, B. Comm. '70, MBA Dal, is product manager for Libby's Beans, Toronto.

George Smith, B. Comm. '70, C.A. is V.P. Comptroller, Newmarket Ready Mix and Subsidiaries in Newmarket, Ont.

Terry Johnson, B.A. '69, still teaching in London, Ont.

Pat Flemming, B. Comm. '70, returned to Halifax in July as district manager Carnation of Canada Ltd.

Jim Stewart, B.A. '69, bought a farm in London, Ont. and is still a marketing representative for Xerox of Canada in that area.

Mike Wetzel, B.A. '69, B. Ed. '70, is teaching in Cole Harbour, N.S. and married July 21.

Chris Fry, B. Comm. '72 is a representative for DES. Route Mart Ltd., an Import-Export firm in Windsor, N.S.

Doug Harrington, B. Comm. '71, is back in town with Xerox of Canada.

Bob Sime, B. Comm. '70 is with a travel agency in Fredericton, N.B.

Thank you, Bruce. I am indebted to Heather Harris for the following items.

Bryan Duffy '73 is with Clarkson, Gordon in Montreal working towards a C.A. He and Cathy are living in St. Lambert, Que. Bill Arthur '73 and wife are nearby.

Lenox Phillips, Comm. '73, and his wife are at 1651 Victoria Park Ave. Apt. 406 in Scarborough and welcome any Santamarians in their area.

"Homecoming saw lots of familiar faces on campus. Fr. Gary Mooney was down from Willowdale, Ont. Kevin and Eileen Carroll, Joe and Louise Polito and Mike Cannon were here from Toronto.

Ron B.A. '56 and Arlene Maloney and Shirley and Maurice LeBlanc were here from Montreal. Claude Laflamme and his wife were here from Chicoutimi, Que.

Wm. Nooyen and his wife Monique were here from Ottawa. Roger and Helen Bilodeau were here from Maine and had a nice reunion with Derm. Mulrooney.

New Hampshire sent us Ted and Sandra Chandonnet Bob and Judy Healy, Cos and Linda Marandos, Ed. and Marlene Murphy.

Pat and Ann Crosby and Bobby Carleton and his wife and Carl Dujay came from Ottawa.

Max Beaton and his family left Ottawa for Nigeria on August 22, for a period of two years. Max will be Consultant in Organization and Administration. He will also be at the Institute of Administration, Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria.

Lt.-Col. Joe Heenan has been posted to England. He will be on the staff of the Royal Military College of Science for two years. Joe is married to the former Jean Martin. They have four children.

Rev. Gerard Bates is taking a course in pastoral counselling at Iona College, New Rochelle, N.Y. and is chaplain to a group of Mendicant Sisters. He also helps out on weekends at one of the neighboring parishes.

Peter B. Ely, S.J. has been appointed Instructor in Philosophy and Religious Studies at Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash.

Bernadette Flemming is the first female hydrographer in Canada. She is employed at Bedford Institute. She obtained her B. Sc. at SMU in 1972.

Brian Halligan, B.A. '62, and his pretty wife visited the university June 30. They live in Plymouth, Mass., where Brian teaches Industrial Arts. They have four children.

The tables were turned: Victor Cleyle of Kentville was the autographer and Joey Smallwood was the autographee. The ex-premier of Newfoundland had been signing programs at the A.V.A.B.T. annual banquet in Wolfville and he asked Mr. Cleyle for his autograph during a break in the action.

Fr. Charles Pottie, S. J. has been assigned to a status in India for a year.

Fr. Colin Maloney, S.J. took office as Rector of Regis College, Willowdale on July 1.

Fr. Emmett McKenna is the new principal at St. Paul's High School, Winnipeg. He replaces Fr. Kevin McKenna who has been transferred to Brebeuf High School, Willowdale, Ont.

Edward T. Fitzpatrick, B.A. '53, lives at 6262 Yukon St., Halifax. He is supervisor of Field Service for the N.S. Commission on Drug Dependency. He is married to the former Pauline MacDonald. They have five children, Anne Marie 16, Joseph 14, John 13, Mary Elizabeth 11 and Andrew 8. Ed is active in Church activities. He is a lay reader. Member of Board of Management Halifax Civic Hospital.

Among our visitors this summer was Henry St. Jean. He obtained his B.A. and B. of Soc., in 1970 from University of New Hampshire. He saw service in Vietnam in 1965. He is a social worker with New Hampshire division of welfare. He will marry in November.

David E. Borde lives at St. Anne's, Port of Spain, Trinidad. He is Branch Manager for Edgar H. Borde Ltd. He obtained his diploma in Engineering in 1963. He obtained his B. E. from N.S. Tech in 1965 (electrical). He is Engineering Manager of his father's company in charge of Radio communications, systems design and maintenance. He is a member of Association of Professional Engineers, Trinidad and Tobago.

Bill Duggan who is with Westinghouse, Toronto visited the university Sept. 21.

Two new parishes will be established in the Halifax archdiocese. Fr. Joseph Pottie, pastor of Nativity of Our Lady parish in Amherst, has been assigned the task of forming the new parish in the Dartmouth area comprising the eastern sections of the parish of St. Clement's. In the Sackville area, Rev. Louis P. Caissie has been appointed coadjutor to St. John Vianney parish with the task of forming Christian Communities in the sectors comprised by the housing cooperatives or Sackville land assembly. Other appointments made by the Archbishop were: Rev. Gerald J. Mabey, parish priest of St. Clement's, Dartmouth has been appointed chaplain at the Halifax Infirmary. Rev. Robert D. Walsh, parish priest of St. Joseph's, Bridgewater has been appointed parish priest of St. Clement's, Dartmouth. Rev. Charles Burke, assistant at St. Anselm's, West Chezzetcook and St. Genevieve's, East Chezzetcook was named parish priest of Nativity of Our Lady parish, Amherst. Rev. John Hayes, parish priest of St. Augustine's, Chester was appointed parish priest of St. Joseph's, Bridgewater. Rev. Robert Ryan, parish priest of Parrsboro was appointed parish priest of St. John's, Springhill and Rev. Robert Hallett was appointed chaplain at the Medium Security Institute, Springhill. Rev. William J.S. Wamboldt was transferred from assistant at St. Joseph's, Halifax to assistant at St. Stephen's, Halifax. Rev. Ross Legere, newly ordained priest was named assistant in St. Thomas More, Dartmouth.

Married

Joseph Donahoe and Sheleagh Opie on June 9. Matthew Clothier and Susan O'Leary. Christopher MacIsaac and Mary Ellen Brown. Robert Belliveau and Susan Hughes in June. Richard Dougherty and Pamela Cuba in Hialeah, Florida. Gary Duncan and Susan Isnor on August 24. John Duggan and Roya Lynn Legere on September 8. Michael McAuley and Margaret Rafterers on September 15.

**1973 Grads:
Where Are They Now**

By BRUCE SMITH

Arts

Janet Allen — Education — Mount Saint Vincent.
Yvonne Belliveau — Education — Acadia.
Carol Brennan — Education — Mount Saint Vincent.
Kathy Brickenden — Education — Queen's.
Tuck Jones — Household Finance — Boston.
Marie Kavanaugh — Master Social Work — Dalhousie.
Michael Owen, B.Sc., — Canadian Gypsum Co. Ltd.
Janet Phillips — Payroll Clerk — Michelin Tire, New Glasgow, N.S.

Science

Mary Blackford — Medical Records Librarian — V.G. Hospital, Halifax, N.S.
Phil Clancy — Master's — U. of New York.
Leslie Clare — Bank of Nova Scotia.
Michael Fleming — Med School — Dalhousie.
Judy Hines — X-ray Technician — V.G. Hospital, Halifax, N.S.
Ralph Horne — Meteorologist — Department of Environment.
John Kennah — skiing — British Columbia.
John O'Brien — Dentistry — Dalhousie or Western.
Ted Palmer — Education — Acadia.
John Thornton — Pharmacy — Dalhousie.

Commerce

John Bardsley — Bardsley Hats Ltd. — St. John, New Brunswick.
Carolyn Beal — Dip. Engineering — Saint Mary's University.
Larry Beazley — Simpsons — Nova Scotia.
D. E. Brackett — Department of Fisheries.

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