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**Cover:** Congratulations to the Senior Girls Soccer team for winning the provincial championships. The girls overcame the loss of their goalie and numerous injuries to win this tournament. This is the fourth trip to the provincials and the second win for many of the students on this team. Team members are: Stephanie Baker, Kate Bruce-Lockhart, Celeste Connell, Lauren Courtice, Rachel Courtice, Sarah Courtice, Katie Eddy, Marian Eddy, Eileen Heckel, Valery Heckel, Roslyn Howell, Sarah Hunter, Tess Hunter, Jennifer Lalli, Arianna Mavrikos, Alex Tyrrell, Claire Wallace and Sabine Weyand. Their coach is Hugh Williams and the teacher sponsor is Mully Jackson.



*Simon Bruce-Lockhart welcomes parents, staff, students and guests to the Middle Years Closing Celebrations.*

## From the Head

I have long been a believer that one's greatest strength and greatest weakness are very often two sides of the same coin. That is true for individuals, it is true for societies and it is true for institutions. American patriotism, Canadian diffidence and GNS's modesty come to mind as examples of the latter two.

As a society, the Western world in 2005 is another example. By intention, if not always practice, we are tolerant, inclusive and respectful. Those are all admirable traits, and I believe in them. But they must never mask a lack of adherence to values—no, let me call them virtues.

I am eternally grateful to live in a country where the greatest scandal is the misappropriation of 150 million dollars. That is not to trivialize the sponsorship mess, which is as repugnant to me as it is to all Canadians, but it is to put it into perspective with the tragic problems borne by so much of the rest of the world. So I am hugely grateful to live in Canada. At the same time, I am saddened that the general public—myself included—has become profoundly mistrusting, if not cynical, about the veracity of those in public life. Unfortunately, Canadian politics seems to have sunk to the level of a third rate Hollywood soap! While I know there are many worthy and honourable public servants, the supposition that our politics are largely driven by opportunism rather than by belief is hard to overcome.

I am unable to share in the certainty of religious fundamentalists, but I sometimes envy them the secure ground on which they stand. While I hope the journey to that solid foundation is based on reflection rather than on unquestioning faith, as an educator I wish to provide secure ground for our students. Secure ground does not mean that they are cemented to one spot, but it does a great deal to ensure that, when they do move, they do so in a sure-footed way!

One of the most inspirational pieces of writing I know is William Faulkner's acceptance speech when he received the Nobel Prize for Literature. He wrote:

*I believe that man will not merely endure: he will prevail. He is immortal, not because he alone amongst creatures has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance. The poet's, the writer's, duty is to write about these things. It is his privilege to help man endure by lifting his heart, by reminding him of the courage and honour and hope and pride and compassion and pity and sacrifice which have been the glory of his past.*

Faulkner terms those qualities he speaks of as "the old verities and truths of the heart." GNS has a motto—*Do your best through truth and courage*—that reflects those verities. Truth is an enormously difficult standard to live with, day in and day out. It is rarely absolute, but can be completely valid on an individual basis. Having said that, the pursuit of one's truth is a demanding goal that requires active thought, active engagement with the world around one, and active weighing of values. The pursuit of one's truth is a never-ending quest we often call "lifelong learning." Courage is the quality required to pursue that truth, find it and act on it. The commitment to truth and courage we espouse as a school is the solid ground we need to give our students so they can move forward sure-footedly.

As the new head of the School, I was completely delighted to witness the Change Conference, organized almost entirely by GNS students. The conference drew several hundred youthful delegates to a series of performances and workshops, culminating in a moving, passionate address to about 650 people by Stephen Lewis. How refreshing it was to listen to Mr. Lewis, a former Canadian politician who exemplifies humanitarianism and idealism. (How ironic that the news media, which delights in the scandal of the political arena, missed the opportunity to report on this good news story in the very issue they carried the on-the-wire story that Mr. Lewis had been named one of the top 100 most influential people in North America.) I was further delighted when the United Way presented a Youth in Action Award to the Change Conference Committee, recognizing these young people for their efforts in the pursuit of truth and courage.

The recently published report of the Strategic Planning Committee suggests that the School adopt a new statement of mission: *to give students the means to develop into caring citizens who will have the understanding and courage to make a difference in the world.* That is to say, it is our job in a world of conflicting and confusing values to help our students find solid ground from which to develop the truths that will direct their lives in positive ways. Truth and courage. Solid ground. 🌿

## Five GNS Students Win Creative Writing Awards

We are pleased to announce the following awards for five Senior School GNS students in this year's BC Teachers of English Language Arts (BCTELA) creative writing contest:

**Kate Bruce-Lockhart (9):** Honourable Mention (Poetry) *Life's Colours*

**Kevin Neilson (9):** Honourable Mention (Poetry) *Maple Leaves*

**Georgia McGillivray (9):** Publication Winner (Poetry) *6 String Waves*

**Kei Kawanishi (12):** Publication Winner (Prose) *Breakfast in Jaffna*

**Michael Vasilev (12):** Publication Winner (Prose) *A Journey Through Space, Time, and Glutinous Yet Exotic Fat*

The publication winners will have their work published in *VOICES VISIBLE*, the BCTELA writing journal. The honourable mentions will be listed in the journal. Only 37 pieces of prose and 56 poems were selected for publication from the thousands of entries submitted by BC high school students this year. Congratulations to the winners!

More information on the competition is available at the BCTELA website: <http://www.bctf.ca/BCTELA/swj/journal.html>



*Board of Governors 2005/2006. Back row, left to right: Doug Easton, Robert Cooke, Donja Blokker-Dalquist, Elizabeth Taylor (ex-officio), Steven Kelliber, and Bruce Homer (Chair). Front row, left to right: Shelagh Rinald, Bev Skaggs (ex-officio), Ticki MacKenzie, Hugh Ruthven, Bob Eagle (ex-officio), Dawna Bailey, Kristina Campbell and Peter Gustavson.*

## From the Board

### Bruce Homer, Chair

In my previous column, I noted that the School was about to embark upon the revitalization of our Strategic Plan. Since that time, with input from many participants and thanks to the efforts of Simon Bruce-Lockhart, most of you will have received the 'Preliminary Report' outlining the recommendations put forth by the focus groups. The feedback thus far has been very positive indeed, but most encouraging is the belief that the goals of our Plan can, and will, be achieved. We are definitely on the right track!

The next step will be to 'actualize' the Plan. To this end, the Board's primary goal for 2005/2006 will be to create an Implementation Plan that will include a development (fund-raising) plan; a capital needs replacement plan including a campus plan; a marketing plan; and, finally, a revised financial plan.

We are pleased that, through the Nominating Committee, candidates with the specific skills necessary to take on these formidable tasks were elected to the Board. We welcome the new Governors: **Dawna Bailey** (fund-raising, events), **Peter Gustavson**, (accounting, business) **Bill Patterson** (construction, development) and **Hugh Ruthven** (branding, marketing).

While we greet new members, we must also say goodbye to three long-term Governors: **Gary Howell**, **Sonya Roethel** and **Kim Thorau**. One has only to look at their respective roles on the Board to realize the contribution they have each made to the growth of our School. Since 2001, Gary was Treasurer and chaired the Finance Committee, guiding the School as it gained a sound financial footing; Sonya chaired the very successful Head Search Committee, bringing us a dynamic new Head; and Kim put the building blocks in place for the current Strategic Plan as it took shape and flourished this year. Each has made their mark, and we are grateful for the donation of their time, expertise and experience. Together, they represent 16 years of institutional history and have been an integral part of our development.

We are at an exciting time in the growth of our School, and we look forward to your continued and active involvement as we build upon the successes of our past. 🦁

*If you did not receive the Strategic Plan Preliminary Report and would like to receive one, please contact Tyea Niblock 370-6810 or [tniblock@glenlyonnorfolk.bc.ca](mailto:tniblock@glenlyonnorfolk.bc.ca).*



David Auld in the Development Office.

## A Time To Reflect

David Auld, Assistant Director Alumni Relations, Annual Fund

This is the time of year at the School when the final push is on. Exams, marking, report cards, and preparing for next year are uppermost in everyone's mind. The staff and students, of course, are also thinking of their summer. I know I am as we are off to Scotland and Tuscany in five days. It is also a time for reflection, when you ask yourself how the year went. I can honestly say that the year for me in alumni relations has been very good. I'd like to share these good times with you.

As far as reunions go, things are really looking up. Last year we helped organize four class reunions, which were all well attended, and we have two more coming up in August. City reunions in Montreal, Calgary and Toronto were very successful and plans are underway for visits to Vancouver, Ottawa and hopefully the UK. An interesting aspect of the reunions this year is how the alums have taken a much greater part in the organization.

The 2nd Annual Duffers' Delight Golf Tournament in August was a great success and I know will become more popular. Boxing Day at the Beach was our new Christmas venture and this open house proved to be very popular. In May, Homecoming began with the annual Norfolk House Alumnae Luncheon in the Scott library, followed by two very exciting athletic matches—the girl's soccer and the boy's basketball. In the evening, the Begbie Room at the Union club provided a warm, friendly atmosphere for the alumni reception. In June we hosted the Alumni Grad Lunch also at the Union Club.

As many of you are aware much work was done to prepare a new Strategic Plan for the School, and over 30 alums took part in the focus group meetings to help put the School on a clear path and secure its future.

A great deal of credit must go to the alumni executive who met each month to discuss and plan events and to determine how best they can serve the School. Regrettably, we are losing our President, **Susannah (Wood) Roethel ('89)**. As you read this she will have just given birth to her first child. Thank you Susannah—you will be missed. Her place, as of July 1, is taken by **Elizabeth Taylor ('70)** who has been on the executive since 1996 and for the last six years acted as treasurer. **Shawn Steele ('96)** will assume that role for next year. He will also assist me in a sadly neglected area of alumni relations, namely the building of a class agent list and the importance of their role.

I mentioned in the last edition of *Traditions*, the need for alumni to improve in their Annual Giving. Our alumni support in the fiscal year 2004 was 3.5%. I regret to say that this year it dropped to 2.5%. On a more positive note, the amount of money donated has increased by 27%. If I may quote our Development Chair, "We don't need people to give more, we need more people to give."

When I came into Development, one of the first things I was told by my mentor, Tim Maloney, was that you have to learn to be patient in this business. I found in teaching you could often achieve objectives in a 45-minute lesson. Results could be that immediate. This very rarely happens in Development. As Arnold Glasgow said, "The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg—not by smashing it." On second thought, patience may be a virtue, but it will never help a rooster lay an egg.

Enjoy *Traditions* and have a wonderful summer. 🐔

## GNS to Host Newman FISA

On Saturday, October 1, the GNS Debate Club will host the prestigious **Newman FISA Independent Schools Championships**. We need judge volunteers! **Mrs. Bev Skaggs** will be coordinating the effort to put together over 100 judges for that day. Please consider helping as GNS wants to offer a quality event.

If you can help please contact Mrs. Skaggs by phone at 598-6297 or e-mail at [bevskaggs@shaw.ca](mailto:bevskaggs@shaw.ca).

## Simple

**Donja Blokker-Dalquist,**  
President, Parents' Auxiliary

The thank-you notes are sent. I'm reviewing my lists to make sure I remember who to remember at the AGM. A new Honda Odyssey sits in my garage (my personal reward for my Auxiliary efforts), and my brain is fried. I feel as if I'm walking in a strange new land, with no idea what to expect or feel when my term as Auxiliary President ends. I know that I've been going through some kind of personal initiation and I'm thankful for having been given this opportunity to serve GNS. It's humbling to know that all of you trusted me to do this task. It's also a good thing to let go of self-importance.

It's even better to know what a group can do. I've seen many of the lights that shine in our community—what beauty! This is paradise and you've helped to create it! Through the gift of your time and energy, you have made this wonderful world where our children can explore and grow. And, what is giving but the outward expression of love? The gift GNS gives us is the opportunity to express our love. All that we do for GNS is an expression of our love: for our children, for our community, for the world, and for the future. It's simple.

You have given me a renewed faith in love and commitment. Thank you. I leave you with words written by k.d. lang, your countrywoman:

*I am calm in oblivion, calm as I ever have been.  
Love will not elude me, love is simple.  
Be sure to know that all in love is ours, is ours  
That all in love is ours.  
That love is a philosophy. Is simple, and ours.*



## PASSPORT to the Caribbean!

**On March 5, 2005 over 100 GNS parents and friends gathered at Victoria's 'Reef Restaurant' to loosen up, lay back and do a little limbo in support of the GNS Parents' Auxiliary.**

**The atmosphere was tropical, the food divine, and all were groovin' to the hot rhythms of the forbidden isles.**

**Host Rob Kiddell and auctioneer David Auld kept the evening hopping—from the Coco Loco Contest to the nail-biting excitement of the Live Auction.**

**The generosity of the many donors, sponsors and guests, combined with the proceeds from the online auction helped the Auxiliary raise over \$30,000 for GNS in a single evening!**

**Special thanks to Event Co-Chairs Dawna Bailey and Cheryl Cooke, and their dedicated, hardworking committee for creating not only a fund-raiser, but truly the party of the year!**

**Stay tuned for details on next year's event—it's sure to be a sell-out!**





## Jump Rope for Heart

Everyone was jumping on the Beach Drive Campus on February 10 as the Primary Division took part in the Heart and Stroke Jump Rope for Heart event. Staff and students collect pledges prior to the event and then take part in a skipping challenge to raise funds. In addition to skipping ropes, the gym was home to a variety of jumping obstacle courses and challenges.

At the end of the day all the jumping had added up to a whopping \$11,600.00. Congratulations to all the participants and thank you to all the parents who supported the event. 🐾



# Student Voice Update

**Tanya de Hoog,  
Student Voice Sponsor Teacher**

This year our students, staff and parents shared their time, efforts and resources to help make our Student Voice Program successful! We are so grateful and fortunate to have such a caring and compassionate school community. The students involved in Student Voice this year showed so much passion and commitment. They took initiative to ensure that their actions became a reality, proving that one small voice really can make a difference in such an expanding and changing world.

During second term, much of our efforts went to supporting the school-wide efforts to reach out to victims of the tsunami that devastated parts of South East Asia on Boxing Day. Our students quickly reacted and set to work, organizing and following through on several initiatives. Students participated in a campus wide piggy bank raid for quarters and change to connect us to the Pemberton Woods Campus.

Students made 206 compassion kits that were sent to Sri Lanka through Compassion Warehouse. Kits included sanitary items, a small toy and a letter for children orphaned by the tsunami. Students were also asked to participate in Without Week, where for a sponsored amount they gave up something important for one week. Through all of these efforts, the Beach Drive Campus raised over \$2400 for tsunami relief in a remarkably short time frame!

Student Voice also organized a Twin Mufti Day to help raise funds to replace our stage curtains, assisted in the promotion of the GNS Talent Show, held a jellybean and penny guess at the Seaside Fair to support our foster child, Juan, and organized the Great Kiwi Jam Sale. We end the year with a walk on June 16 to raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and a trip to Matticks Farm Mini Golf to celebrate a year of hard work and results!

Thank you to all of the students who came to Student Voice, rolled up their sleeves and worked hard this year! Once again your hearts and minds continue to amaze! 🐾



*Jasmine Arora, Mrs. Tanya de Hoog, Fred Robbins and Todd Darcie with a cheque for \$6544.00 to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Golden Sneaker that the Beach Drive Campus was awarded for exceeding the fund-raising expectations for their event.*

# Closing Celebrations, Beach Drive Campus

The sun prevailed on June 21 as the Beach Drive Campus assembled on the back lawn for its Closing Celebrations. This year we honoured **Gord Carmichael**, one of our favourite bus drivers. Gord is retiring and plans to spend his time travelling. After 27 years of teaching at Glenlyon Norfolk School, **Mrs. Christina Ramey** is taking a much-deserved rest and embarks on a one-year leave of absence. We offer our best wishes for a happy, restful year. A special guest this year was **Jean Patterson**, a former teacher and grandmother of **Glenn MacRae** ('06). To honour Jean's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, her grandchildren have created the Jean Patterson Award, presented to Grade 4 students at GNS. Following the ceremony, students and parents enjoyed a hot dog barbeque on the lawn. Congratulations to all students, teachers and parents for a great year! 🦄



Rob Kiddell speaks of Mrs. Ramey's service to the School.

# Primary Talent Show

A very talented group of students took the stage at the Beach Drive Campus as the Primary Division hosted its first talent show. Broken over two days, the show included singers, musicians, dancers, a dramatic monologue, and a comedian. Congratulations to all the performers and organizers for putting on such a great entertainment. 🦄



Jasper Johnston (Grade 1) recites The Jabberwocky.



Sam Watson speaks at the MY Closing Celebrations.

*"Grade 8 is a tough year for students as you're expected to work harder, behave with more maturity, but at the same time, things are beginning to really take off socially—phone calls are more appealing than homework. But Middle School is here to help us move into the world of being a young adult in high school. I think that all the staff at the GNS Middle School do a great job preparing us for that journey."*

Sam Watson, Deputy Head Boy 2004/2005

*"I realized that these three things—dreams, learning, and making a difference—are all part of being at GNS. In fact, they are what make this school so wonderful! We are given the space to have and fulfill our dreams, we are enriched by our teacher's ability to do what they do, and we are given the chance to make a difference! So, after I got these things down on paper, I thought to myself, "Wow! I am so lucky to go to such a great school."*

Claire Butterfield, Deputy Head Girl 2004/2005



Claire Butterfield speaks at the MY Closing Celebrations.

# Ladies and Gentlemen

*The following is the speech given by Simon Bruce-Lockhart at the Senior Closing Ceremonies on June 24.*

I will not keep you much longer. Before I address the graduands, I would like to say to the community at large that I have very much enjoyed my first year at GNS. There is much to be done—there is always much to be done—but the School has wonderful qualities that enrich its fabric. They arise fundamentally from people—staff who are passionate about what they do, and who give enormously of themselves; parents who work tirelessly on our behalf in all sorts of ways both seen and unseen; and students who buy into the school and its values. To you all, on behalf of the School, I thank you for what you give to this community and your part in making it the special place it most assuredly is.

To the grads. You are special people tonight—so special that there is a word that applies to you and you alone tonight and tonight alone. I used it a minute ago—you are “graduands”—people in the process of graduating—so enjoy your status. It is gone tomorrow!

My comments to you tonight are not terribly profound, but I hope they may be useful. You are about to embark upon the most glorious few years of life—a time when you experience huge freedom to explore who you are, when your responsibilities are almost entirely to yourself. At university, you will spend fewer hours in class, for fewer weeks, and no one will even know if you attend in most cases. You have few responsibilities to family, and for the most part, no responsibility to a boss and a career. For most of you, money will not be plentiful, but you are all in the same situation, and student penury engenders its own special fellowship. In short, you will have the luxury of time and choice—a minimum of responsibilities and the freedom by and large to choose when you fulfil them. It is a wonderful time to explore, to test your ideas and your ideals, to enjoy the discovery of who you are.

There is a flip side. No one is going to do your laundry for you. Meals will all come from a cafeteria, or from a probably unwashed pot on a hot ring in your room—not the standard you are used to. No teachers or parents will be there to nag you, but nor will they be there to support you. Everything that has been at your fingertips at GNS—clubs, sports, fine arts activities—will still be available, but at a much greater effort and at more distance. The intimacy of community you have enjoyed here as one of 53 will disappear, as you will be one of 500—or 5,000.

Your life to this point has been a gradual shift from the complete dependence of the infant on parents to the complete independence of an adult—and this is the time when the mantle of responsibility takes its biggest single shift to your shoulders.

Many outstanding coaches say very little during games. Their job is the training and teaching that goes on in the practices: at game time, their job is done, and it is over to the players. That’s where you are now—your parents and teachers have done their jobs, and the game is about to start. Parents and teachers are still around to give the occasional piece of advice from the sidelines and to be supportive from the sidelines, but it is over to you.

Some free advice—hopefully worth more than it costs.

Your responsibilities may be fewer, but there is still a key one—to your future aspirations. Enjoy yourselves—but get the job done and get it done well.

You have all been big fish in a small pond: don’t be afraid to be a big fish in a big pond. Certainly there is more competition, but you have proven that you have the abilities and the confidence to speak out and to contribute: continue to do so!

Open your mind to everything that is new out there—most importantly, new people with new ideas that differ from your own.



*Mrs. Jane Hicks presents the June Benyon Scholarship Award for the top academic average in the Senior School to Nigel Burke.*

Look after yourselves physically: you are not invincible!

Finally, let me share with you a line from a most unlikely source. It is from Dennis the Menace, a cartoon strip that I am not even sure exists anymore, but one I suspect most of you are familiar with. Dennis is speaking to his little friend, Joey, and says

“The secret, Joey, is knowing you’re somebody without thinking you’re somebody.”

Therein lies one of the most fundamental lessons of moving to adulthood that I know. I’m not going to expand on its many layers tonight, but I do ask you to think about it. I’d be delighted to discuss your thoughts with you at a later time—perhaps at a reunion in a year or two.

You have served GNS well—extremely well. Remember our motto: Do your best through truth and courage. It is the best school motto I know, and if you live by it, you will not go far wrong.

Enjoy this next wonderful phase in your lives, discover who you are and remember where you are from. You will always be welcome back at GNS, and we certainly hope to see you from time to time.

Thank you for all you have given; congratulations for all you have achieved; and our best wishes for what you are about to embark on. 🦉



*Mrs. Kristina Campbell presents the Governor’s Trophy for contribution to the School to Katie Eddy and Matt Butterfield.*

# Empowering youth to make constructive change

C O N F E R E N C E

## Sarah McKerlich, Staff Sponsor

*Youth, like these youth involved in this conference, are not the leaders of tomorrow, they are the leaders of tomorrow and today.*

Stephen Lewis, UN Special-Envoy to HIV-AIDS in Africa, speaking at the 2005 Empowering Youth to Make Constructive Change Conference, hosted by Glenlyon Norfolk School, April 8 & 9, 2005

The "Empowering Youth to Make Constructive Change Conference" is a youth-run forum to empower and inspire youth through personal acceptance and realization to create positive change in both themselves and society. This youth-initiated and youth-run event is in its fifth year and is for high school students, adults, parents, teachers, counsellors and anyone working with youth. The Change Conference Organizing Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who came to the conference, helped someone else come to the conference, or helped support the conference with generous financial support or with donations in kind.

Presently, the Change Conference Organizing Committee is celebrating their success and, on June 3, 2005 was awarded the "United Way Youth Now Award" for young leaders working together in a group to make their community stronger. The selection committee for awards and recognition is a panel of youth from around Victoria who serve on the United Way Youth Advisory Council.

However, the organizing committee is doing more than celebrating these days—they are getting organized for next year, choosing coordinators and starting to research speakers and sponsors. They would like to thank the wider GNS community for the extensive support the Conference has received in the past five years, and they welcome further support to make the Change Conference 2006 a success. 🦋



Some of the members of the organizing committee following the awards ceremony, back row, left to right, Ben Rankin (Co-chair), Olivia Bailey (Co-chair), Emma Koopmans and Scott Baker. Front row, left to right, Kate Hodgson, Sarah Elwood, Emily Skey and Angelica Bennett. Missing from the photo are Matthew Macfarlane (Co-chair), Nathan Farquarson, Rachel Waldmann, Kyeong Kim, Patricia Lan, Dee Dee Lapper, Nathan Lapper, Rachel McKenzie and Kate Bruce-Lockhart.

## Ben Rankin, Conference Coordinator

Helping lead this year's change conference provided me with an unforgettable experience. While the conference hopefully inspired youth across the island, it was quite possibly the organizers who gained the most through such an experience. The skills I picked up by participating in such an organization will serve me for the rest of my life. Furthermore these skills cannot be learned in a classroom. The fact that this conference was youth run resulted in all organizers dealing with new levels of responsibility and initiative. I find the ideals that youth hold inspiring. Through sponsorship of such programs as the change conference, youth are able to focus their seemingly endless energy on projects that they believe in and help spread their vision to the greater community. I would like to thank GNS for providing me and the change team with such an opportunity to help prove the potential of high school students.

## Emma Hutchison Grade 7 student at GNS

It was fun to explore different issues that are important to people. I liked how it wasn't serious all of the time. I recommend attending the Change Conference to anyone and everyone. I will be there next year!

## Patricia Litmore, age 70, Port Alberni

I came to this conference because I heard Stephen Lewis was speaking, and he is someone I admire greatly. I did enjoy his speech, but I also enjoyed the whole conference. A highlight for me was the energy and hope I heard in all of the youth's discussions and actions.



*Caldmarca Village Stove Building Service Group (7 different Round Square schools are represented in this group).*

## Round Square at GNS

**Sarah McKerlich, Round Square Coordinator**

GNS has been a member school of the Round Square Organization for seven years. This international organization of over fifty schools works to promote the six pillars of Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership and Service (the IDEALS) in each school through annual conferences, exchange opportunities, and service projects.

### Service and Adventure in Peru

In March, students **Alex Salmaniw**, **Claire Wallace** and Round Square Coordinator, **Sarah McKerlich**, traveled to Peru to meet up with twenty-five other students and teachers from Round Square schools around North America. This group quickly came together as a service team, and for the first week, traveled to the northeastern region of the Andes to build cooking stoves with local villagers. These new environmentally-sustainable brick stoves with chimneys replaced each family's open fire stoves allowing families to prepare their meals in more healthy and pleasant conditions. The group then met up with twenty more students from Markham College, a Round Square school in Peru, and worked together on another service adventure in another village, painting local schools and discussing eco-tourism opportunities with local community leaders. It was an excellent adventure, and we hope everyone has benefited, both those being supported and those providing the support.



*Grade 11 student Alex Salmaniw helping with the final stages of a stove.*

## GNS Exchange Update

It has been a busy year with the Round Square at GNS. This year, we hosted 13 exchange students from various Round Square schools around the world, and 11 GNS students travelled to distant lands to learn and live in different cultures. **Tyler Overton** (Grade 9) journeyed to St. Stithian's College, South Africa, and **Simone Brodie** (Grade 9) was the first GNS student to exchange with The Regent's School, a Round Square School in Thailand. Both families will host exchange students from these schools in the next school year. As well, **Robin Lattimer** (Grade 10), **Matthew Nation** (Grade 9) and **Kristian North** (Grade 10) all participated in reciprocal exchanges to Australia and Scotland. Over the summer, **Kyla MacKenzie** and **Céline Best** will travel at different times to Ballarat Grammar School, Australia for exchanges.

## Round Square Conferences, Near and Far

In September 2004, students **Matthew Macfarlane**, **Alison Ludgate**, **Rachel MacKenzie**, **Sienna Chu** and **Risako Shirane**, along with teacher **Sarah McKerlich** and Head of School, **Simon Bruce-Lockhart**, traveled to Deerfield Academy, Massachusetts, to participate in the annual International Round Square Conference. The theme of the conference was Frontiers—be they personal, political, social or medical—and how we as a world navigate to and through them. In the words of the delegates, the conference was "intense, amazing and thought-changing."

In September 2005, delegates **Alexandra Tyrrell**, **Lisa Corman**, **Graeme Cooke**, **Céline Best**, **Sarah Powell** and **Jane Horton**, along with **Sarah McKerlich**, will travel to Thailand to participate with other Round Square schools in a post-tsunami relief service project. They then continue to Melbourne, Australia to represent GNS at "Meeting Place 05," the 2005 International Round Square Conference.

Every year there is a Young Round Square Conference for students in Grades 7 to 8. Students from around North America gather and participate in activities that celebrate the pillars of the Round Square. This year, students **Ali Silver**, **Fiona Mathieson** and **Alex Fyfe** with teacher **Mully Jackson**, ventured to the Norval Outdoor Education Centre in Ontario for the conference. They camped in the snow, adventured and were introduced to Round Square concepts. ❄️



Coach John Baty with some of GNS's senior debaters.

## Debate Marches On

**John Baty, Debating Coordinator**

The GNS debate program continued to re-establish itself as it reached down into Grade 7 to broaden its base and strengthen its foundation for the future. In support of this strategy, a new "debate retreat" was implemented in the early fall. Shawnigan Lake School was kind enough to offer its Rugby Pavilion for the weekend and twenty-four debaters gathered to learn the rudiments of debate in a relaxed and fun environment away from the distractions of daily life in Victoria.

Then began a good debate year in which **Graeme Cooke** and **Kelsey Skaggs** carried our Junior Debate (Grade 9/10) banner high. With team gold and silver in the Ravenhurst and Newman FISA events respectively as well as individual firsts for **Graeme** in Ravenhurst and Golden Gnome and a couple of thirds for **Kelsey**, GNS was well represented by these two fine debaters. **Julia Pearson**, a Grade 10 rookie in debate, burst on the scene in October accompanied by another rookie, **Shiv Kapoor**, by placing third as a team at the Ravenhurst Debate with Julia grabbing an additional individual medal. Middle Years debaters, **Ashish Sudhakaran**, **Jennie Losie** and **Emily Rogers** were joined by another pleasant surprise, **Colleen McCutcheon**, as they all established their pre-eminence with early top medals. Of note was the triple sweep of medals by Ashish, Jennie and Emily at Regionals followed by a fine 10<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placement at a very challenging Provincial Debate Championships.

In Senior Debate, **Ailbish Skinner** and her guest partner, **Michelle Baty**, traveled to St. John's Newfoundland and took part in the National Team Debate Competitions. Of special note was a dramatic final at the Golden Gnome Tournament in which **Matt Butterfield** and his guest partner, Michelle, met their previous year's finalist rivals and split the house 92 to 2 in their favour.

The 2005 Provincial Mock Trial Competition, established by GNS in the spring of 2004, continued to rave reviews. Ten schools from as far away as Penticton attended. This time, GNS worked with the Provincial Law Day committee to meld this activity as one of the continuing hallmark aspects of the Law Day Celebrations at the provincial courthouse in upcoming years. GNS' team of lawyers consisted of **Hamir Patel**, **Ailbish Skinner**, **Anthony Yacowar**, **Graeme Cooke**, **Kelsey Skaggs**, and **Sarah Powell**. Their work was guided by legal advisor and GNS parent, **Mr. Steven Kelliher**. The GNS team emerged from the regular rounds of competition with a commanding lead but, upon meeting a rejuvenated semi-finalist opposition, ended up with the bronze medal. Parent lawyers **Mr. Robert Lapper**, **Mr. Murray Rankin**, **Ms. Bea Curry** and **Mr. Sheldon Seigel** were joined by other lawyer volunteers **Mr. David Winkler**, **Mr. Geoffrey Gaul** and **Judge Robert Higinbotham** as judges for the competition.

The Chatterton Cup, a series of three in-house debate events throughout the year, continued unabated. All debate club members were expected to participate and cumulative results were kept. Almost fifty Debate parents were coordinated to act as judges for these events by **Mrs. Bev Skaggs**. The three winners were **Ailbish Skinner** (Senior), **Graeme Cooke** (Junior) and **Ashish Sudhakaran** (Grade 7/8).

Of special note this year was the visit in February of four national teams on their way to the World Debate Championships in Calgary. Students and teachers on the Pemberton Woods Campus experienced World Warm-up Debates between Teams Pakistan, New Zealand, Singapore and Hong Kong. It was particularly gratifying to our club members that so many at GNS not only chose to take in this one-time opportunity, but that they were excited by what we value. Interestingly enough, all four of our visiting teams later went on to either the octo-finals, quarter-finals or, in the case of Team Pakistan, the semi-finals. In addition, Coach Baty, who had been advisor to the Calgary Worlds, acted as Chief Adjudicator for the event.

The real excitement, however, came as Coach Baty and Co-coach Lundgren, joined later in the year by Asst. Coach Michelle Baty, through preparation, practices and newly implemented "debate fun nights," helped the debaters experience levels of growth in life skills such as research, analysis, synthesis, interpretation, speaking and leadership skills that would be difficult to attain in normal classroom situations. Forty GNS students participated in one or more of the year's events and took the opportunity to expand their perspectives on important social concerns and develop their critical thinking skills. Commendations are in order for **Marissa Armstrong**, **Michael Bailey**, **Matthew Butterfield**, **Ignacio Cardona Madero**, **Geoff Cooke**, **Graeme Cooke**, **Max Dumonceaux**, **Elspeth Easton**, **Leif Gustavson**, **Christopher Heckel**, **Eileen Heckel**, **Devan Hirsch**, **Shiv Kapoor**, **Brendan Kelliher**, **Jennifer Lalli**, **Eleonore Lecocq**, **Christopher Life**, **Jennifer Losie**, **Ethan Lustig**, **Sylvan Mably**, **Colleen McCutcheon**, **Kristina McKinnon**, **Kirill Moisyeyev**, **Kathleen Morrison**, **Tabitha Munoz**, **Kevin Neilson**, **Riley Nicholson**, **Kaitlyn Orser**, **Hamir Patel**, **Ilana Pearson**, **Julia Pearson**, **Jessica Pickersgill**, **Sarah Powell**, **Lisa Rocheleau**, **Emily Rogers**, **Kelsey Skaggs**, **Ailbish Skinner**, **Ashish Sudhakaran**, **Marina Tomsett**, and **Anthony Yacowar**.

Throughout the year, the work of debaters and coaches was skillfully augmented by two alumni parents, **Mr. Ian Mackinnon** and **Dr. Michael Prince**. ❀

# Public Speaking

Val Chatterton

If I were the pedagogical fairy, I would bless each teenager with debate/public speaking in Grades 8 to 12. Ironically, I stopped coaching debate three years ago (burnt-out), but I still coach public speaking along with Heather Lapper and Gina Raimondo. By choice, I don't attend tournaments, but rather, coach in my kitchen whilst making yam and nectarine soup. Nevertheless, I was pleased as punch this year when **Nathan Lapper**, **Dee Dee Lapper** and **Matt Macfarlane** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 60 international teams, and 1<sup>st</sup> in Canada at **The International Public Speaking and Debate Tournament**. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year that GNS has placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> at this tournament. Nathan went on to represent Canada at **The World Public Speaking and Debate Individual Finals** in Cyprus, where he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in impromptu and persuasive speaking. Next year, **Natalie Appleton** and **Stephanie Mohr** could qualify for this world event since they qualified in 2005 to represent British Columbia at **The Public Speaking Nationals** in February 2006.

## Val's List

### Character:

**Ethics Education:** no preaching; kids discover ethical dilemmas by themselves

**Behaviour Modification:** rude, arrogant debaters lose; timid, passionless debaters lose

**Truth Seeking:** after debating both sides—Yoda. Debaters who exaggerate—lose

**Open-mindedness:** debating both sides

**Civilized Discourse:** kids who attack the person not the idea are penalized

**Courage:** Is there anything harder?

**Poise:** grace under pressure

### Citizenship and Activism:

**Questioning authority:** Imagine if young Nazis understood logical fallacies...

**Social Responsibility:** You can't debate contemporary political issues for five years and not be interested by equality and justice

**Authentic Round Square:** kids from around the globe united by their love of ideas

### Opportunity:

**Persuasion:** How do you sell yourself for the rest of your life?

### Life Skills:

**Oratory:** the lost art, or, how to find your inner charisma

**Listening Skills:** New debaters lose on rebuttal because they don't know how to listen...yet

**The Art of Brevity:** Debaters learn to distill hours of research into 8 minutes.

**Wit:** humour used to persuade, not sabotage!

### Intellect:

**Loving Knowledge:** Debate is a game; the idea is a ball thrown back and forth. Kids love games; all subjects become interesting.

**Synthesis:** 5 guest speakers/50 articles = 2 speeches

**Organization:** take a hodgepodge of ideas and create a structured speech

**Research Skills:** both academic and journalistic. Prepared debates require deep research, statistics, university level reading

**Writing Skills:** If you hear parallelism, you can write it. Good speech—good essay.

**Agility and Quick Thinking:** kids have 15 minutes preparation for impromptu debating/2 minutes for impromptu speaking

**Creative Thinking Skills:** rubrics to create ideas

**Critical Thinking Skills:** rubrics—how to think more richly, clearly, deeply 🦁



*Dee Dee Lapper, Heather Lapper, Matthew Macfarlane and Nathan Lapper at the International Public Speaking and Debate Tournament.*

## Homestay Opportunity

Travel the world without ever leaving home—host a GNS international student! Learn about a foreign culture and language. Help our students learn about Canada and how to speak English. Welcome a new member to your family. Make new friends.

The GNS homestay program is always on the look-out for current parents, former parents, alumni, and friends of GNS who might be interested in hosting a student. Ideally you would live close to the school or near a school bus stop or be driving your own children to GNS, have a comfortable, bright, spare bedroom suitable for a student aged 13 to 18, enjoy cooking nutritious meals, and have a keen interest in providing a home-away-from-home for an international student. (Remuneration is \$775.00 per month.) Our students come from Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, Japan, Korea and Hong Kong.

For more information, please contact the Admissions Office, 370.6800. 🦁

# Minds on Math

Randy Ollech, Head of Math Department

This year, many Glenlyon Norfolk School students sharpened their pencils and fixed their minds upon contests full of tricky calculations and perplexing problems. The Department of Mathematics is proud to list the names of those whose efforts deserve special mention. (Note: All Grade 6 through Grade 8 team members received certificates of distinction.)

## Pythagoras Contest (Grade 6):

The Grade 6 team came first in BC and was ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in Canada out of 1003 schools. Jenny Cha scored an amazing 47 out of 50 to place her 17<sup>th</sup> out of 21,866 students in the competition.

Team: Jenny Cha (*Medal and trophy winner for top score at GNS*), Julia Drury (*Medal winner*) and Hillary Pearson (*Medal winner*)



Pythagoras Contest team members, from left to right, Jenny Cha, Julia Drury and Hillary Pearson.

## Canadian National Math League Contest (Grades 6–8):

The Grade 6 team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in BC behind a Vancouver school and was ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in Canada out of 467 schools.

Team: Jenny Cha (*Trophy winner for top score at GNS*), Madeline Silver, Lauren Wylie, Julia Drury, Hillary Pearson, Emilie Tranter, Bronwyn McLeod, Hamish Bodnar and Adrian Ferguson

The Grade 7 team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in BC behind two Vancouver schools and was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in Canada out of 448 schools.

Team: Ethan Lustig (*Trophy winner for top score at GNS*), David Warburton, Marissa Armstrong, Roy Cho, Colleen McCutcheon, Alexander Fyfe, Christopher Life and Noah McKimm

Although the Grade 8 team did not place in the top 30 schools in Canada, they performed very well.

Team: Jennifer Losie (*Trophy winner for top score at GNS*), Rose Woodward (*Trophy winner for top score at GNS*), Max Dumonceaux, Anne Drury and Trish Kennedy

## Gauss Contest (Grades 7–8):

The Grade 7 team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Southern Vancouver Island Region and had three students ranked in the top five out of all the students in the regional competition.

Team: Sam Coulter (*Medal and trophy winner for top score at GNS*), Ethan Lustig (*Medal winner*), Charles Park (*Medal winner*), Roy Cho (*Medal winner*), Michael Peters (*Medal winner*), Alex Mahrt (*Medal winner*) and Edward Lee (*Medal winner*)

The Grade 8 team came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Southern Vancouver Island region.

Team: Sally Yu (*Medal and trophy winner for top score at GNS*), Anne Drury, Trish Kennedy, Dan Rampling and Jennifer Losie

## Gr. 9 Pascal Contest

Francis Rowe: Top Score, Medal and certificate winner

Certificates of Distinction awarded to: Connor Bottrell, Pelle Campbell, Mitchell Davidoff, Georgia McGillivray, Kirill Moisyeyev, Katie Morrison, Jamie Tennant, Matthew Vasilev and Sam Wilson

## Gr. 10 Cayley Contest

Marian Eddy: Top Score, Medal and certificate winner

Certificates of Distinction awarded to: Matthew Armstrong, Jillian Dunic, Andrea Greenhough, Kevin Han, Stephanie Joergensen and Sarah Powell

## Gr. 11 Fermat Contest

Nigel Burke: Top Score, Medal and certificate winner

Certificates of Distinction awarded to: Kyeong Kim, Ailbish Skinner, Yoonjoo Park and Anthony Yacowar

## Gr. 12 Euclid Contest

Sienna Chu: Top Score, Medal and certificate winner 🏆



Grade 7 Gauss Contest team, from left to right, Edward Lee, Michael Peters, Alex Mabrt, Sam Coulter, Ethan Lustig, Charles Park, and Roy Cho.

# Senior Athletics

GNS has had a banner year in the area of athletics. Five of our teams represented the School at provincial championships, including the Senior Boys' and the Senior Girls' Basketball teams, the Golf team, the Swim team and the Senior Girls' Soccer team.



The Senior Boys' Basketball team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the province, losing the final 62 to 52 to a strong team from Abbotsford Christian. En route to the provincials, the boys enjoyed tremendous success, winning both the City and Island Single A championships.



The Senior Girls' Basketball team is, in fact, a bit of a misnomer, as there were no Grade 12s on the team, and four Grade 8s! They made the provincials for the first time in three years this year, and served notice that they intend to be back!

The Senior Girls' Soccer team (see cover for photo) had a superb season and won the provincial championship in the most dramatic way. The loss of their goalie just before the semi-final game meant they were facing a powerful Southridge School team with a Grade 8 student in the goal. That game was decided in a shoot-out, with GNS winning 4 to 3. In the final against Osoyoos, the girls scored the winning goal with less than 10 seconds to go in the second overtime period!



The Senior Golf team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Island tournament that was held at Arbutus Ridge. This qualified the team for the provincial tournament held at Rivershore GC in Kamloops. This is the first time GNS has ever been to the provincials in golf.



The GNS Swim Team had its most successful season to date. After coming 5<sup>th</sup> at the Island Championships, they moved on to the provincials held in Richmond, BC.

A small school gives students outstanding experience athletically, as the opportunities for involvement are enormous. Congratulations to all our athletes for successful seasons throughout the year. 🏆

# Departing Staff

The strength of a school is its people, and the key members of that equation are the staff who give of themselves greatly every day. This year, we are saying good-bye to a number of staff, and on behalf of everyone in the GNS community, we say thank you to them for all they have given.



*Miss Jennifer with one of her JK students.*

**Jennifer Needham** leaves us after one year, having set up our Junior Kindergarten program. Her enthusiasm and organization ensured the success of the pilot project, and the fact that all the places for next year filled up very early is a testament to what she has so quickly built. We wish Jennifer and her family good luck in their move to Ottawa.



*Alison in Stratford.*

**Alison Chadsey** has been at Glenlyon Norfolk School since 1988, but enjoyed a leave of absence in 2004/2005 to go and explore career opportunities that would allow her to live in her beloved Stratford. Alison has been hired by the Bishop Strachan School in Toronto, and we wish her well.

**Guy Campbell** was this year's Gap student at the Beach Drive Campus. His friendliness and helpfulness made him a popular aide to many, and we wish him all success as he starts his university studies in the UK.



*Bev, Gord and Connie.*

The Transportation Department is undergoing major change. Drivers **Gord Carmichael** (1997–2005) and **Bev McKay** (2002–2005) are departing—Gord to retirement and Bev to Halifax. And Coordinator **Connie McCann**, who has been with us since 1991, is leaving to go back to her first love: politics. Connie is becoming the constituent assistant for Carol James, the newly elected leader of the BC NDP. Connie's professional thoroughness and organization have served us very well and will certainly be effective in the political arena.

**Krista Cormier** came to us as a learning support teacher, filling in for a leave of absence. **Lee Vogel** has taught math and science at Grades 9 and 10, and biology in Grades 11 and 12, and has coached the Junior Boys' soccer team. Lee plans to pursue teaching at the college and university level. We wish Krista and Lee well as they move on to other opportunities.



*Bethany playing the french horn.*

**Bethany Fast** has been the Middle Years band teacher for three years. She has a wonderful knack of sharing her own deep love of music with students in such a way that they reflect

her great enthusiasm. Bethany is leaving to grow her career, but we hope she will continue to teach private lessons at the School.



*Brenda in her classroom.*

**Brenda Wilson**, who started teaching at Norfolk House in 1983, has been on a year's leave of absence for 2004/2005 and has now decided to retire. She taught mathematics at various levels for many years. Definite, committed to her students, an enthusiastic supporter of all things GNS, and a generous colleague, Brenda will be missed, but we hope she will not be a stranger.



*Judy with alum Henry Skey ('02).*

**Judy Treloar**, who taught at Norfolk House from 1977 to 1980 and returned to GNS in 1993, is leaving GNS to pursue her love of theatre locally. All teachers aspire to touch the direction of a few students' lives; Judy has achieved that many times over through her drama classes and the many productions she has put on at GNS. When it became known that she was leaving, six of her former students conspired to pay her a tribute at the Celebrate the Arts evening at the McPherson Theatre in May, voicing their praise and thanks on behalf of many others who have been greatly influenced by Judy's love of, and expertise in, drama. 🦋

## A Year of Drama

In February, Senior Drama staged the musical *The Sound of Music* for sold-out audiences. Months of hard work by cast and crew under the leadership of Judy Treloar (Director) and Garry Froese (Music Director) were evident in the strong performances and smooth production. The special sing-a-long matinée was especially popular.



In May, Middle Years Drama entertained audiences with *Shakespeare Goes to Gravel Gulch*, the humorous story of a troupe of Shakespearian actors that attempts to bring "culture" to the small mining community of Gravel Gulch. The cast put in many long hours under the direction of Kate McCallum to produce this engaging performance.



On the Beach Drive Campus, the Primary Drama Club presented their production of *The Elves and the Shoemaker* in March. The club, composed of Grade 4 and 5 students, is directed by Tanya de Hoog and did a wonderful job with this humorous retelling of a classic Brothers Grimm story. ❀



## The Gift That Keeps on Giving

**Ticki (Ruthven) MacKenzie ('75),**  
Current Parent and Governor

Some might call it forward-giving, and others might call it astute financial planning, but GNS Grandmother Dawn Ruthven simply calls it "the gift that keeps on giving."

A private school education is a gift indeed, and an increasing number of families in today's world meet the demands of tuition through the help of extended family.

For Dawn Ruthven the first gift came 35 years ago when family friend and Godmother Agnes Britt offered to send their son Hugh to Glenlyon. Now, that concept of gifting has moved to the next generation; Dawn covers the tuition for granddaughter Kyla at GNS. She loves the personal involvement with a school, and says, "I can give it to her now or later, and frankly I would rather be around to share the good times."

For other GNS families, astute financial planners have encouraged American grandparents to divest a portion of their estate now, rather than lose it to taxes following death. In the United States, the tax-exempt nature of tuition makes it an added bonus, but as one family says, it is not all about the money, "It is a huge relief for my father to know the girls are in a school with such great family support. My mother has passed away, but as she was a private school girl herself, he knows she would just be so pleased."

A strong diverse education is a huge advantage in the world today. The pleasure of giving, combined with the opportunity for student accountability can be a successful combination. Dawn Ruthven sees this role as a multifaceted one, and summed it up by saying, "When I attended the closing ceremonies I could not believe the number of scholarships being awarded to the Grade 12 students. A good education really sets them up for university. It is truly the gift that keeps on giving." ❀



## ANNUAL GIVING at Glenlyon Norfolk School

We gratefully acknowledge those members of the GNS family who have supported the School over the past year through Annual Giving—alumni, current and former parents, staff, former staff, grandparents and friends. Your generosity has made possible many things that would otherwise have been impossible. Among these are financial aid, new library books and computers, playground equipment and team uniforms, field trips and musical instruments.

In the following pages we have listed the names of all those who have shared their generosity with the School. The following people have made gifts during the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. Listed are gifts from many sources including endowment funds, gifts in kind, planned gifts, and donations to the Annual Fund.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this report. If, however, any errors or omissions have occurred, please accept our apologies, and advise the Development Office so that corrections can be made.

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A subset of Annual Giving, the Annual Fund is the general term for donations received through the campaign conducted each year by the Development Office. The Annual Fund Campaign seeks to actively solicit the support of the entire body of the GNS family. The individuals listed below have responded specifically to the Annual Fund Campaign with their generous support, and in many cases, in addition to their contributions elsewhere.

The Annual Fund Campaign is one of the vehicles by which the School measures the commitment and loyal support of all its members. The goal is to achieve greater and greater numbers of the GNS community joining the growing list of committed annual supporters. Your participation today is the key to growing a successful future.

Thank you to all our current committed Annual Fund supporters!

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"There is nothing more important, really, in this life than a good education. You have been blessed... with a very good foundation. Now you must go out and select the materials that will complete the architecture of your own intellect. I encourage you to shop widely in the marketplace of ideas and buy only the best."

*Robin Baird ('81),  
speaking to the grads of 2005*

## Alumni Directory

Congratulations to **Alison Cuthill ('87)** on winning the draw for a beautiful GNS fleece vest. Her name was drawn from all alums that signed up on the Alumni Directory in the first three months of 2005.

Anyone who registers from April until the end of June will be eligible for a new draw. Go to the GNS website at [www.glenlyonnorfolk.bc.ca](http://www.glenlyonnorfolk.bc.ca), click on **GNS Alumni** and choose **GNS Alumni Directory**. On the next page click on **Please add me**. Fill out the form and send it in! 🦋



## From the President

**Susannah (Wood) Roethel ('89),  
President, GNS Alumni Association**

It is with mixed emotions I write this, my last article for *Traditions* as President of the GNS Alumni.

This is a time of beginnings, not only for the grads of 2005, but also for GNS as the School community has welcomed Simon Bruce-Lockhart and thrived during his first 10 months of leadership.

The Alumni Association has had many successes this year—city and class reunions, Boxing Day at the Beach, our annual Duffer's Delight golf tournament and

an excellent Homecoming have all brought the alumni community closer to each other and to the School.

I welcome **Elizabeth Taylor ('70)** as the new President of the Alumni Executive as of June 2005. Elizabeth has been an executive member since 1996 and for the last seven years acted as our trusty treasurer. She currently is employed at the Royal British Columbia Museum. Elizabeth is an asset to our executive and I know I leave you in good hands.

The GNS Alumni Association has been very good to me over the years. Not only have I learned Roberts' Rules, I also picked up a husband along the way! Thanks for the memories—I look forward to seeing many of you at next year's functions. Stay tuned! 🦋

## An Amazing Bequest

**Kristina Campbell  
Chair, Development Committee**

An amazing thing happened this spring.

The GNS Development Office received a call from a lawyer who was in the process of settling an estate. A former teacher at Norfolk House School, now deceased, had included GNS in her will. The bequest was \$280,000, *one third* of her residual estate.

The donor instructed that the full amount of her bequest be directed to a particular GNS bursary fund, a fund which she herself had created some years ago, in memory of Mrs. Ivy Cheetham, a much-beloved teacher at Norfolk House School. Mrs. Cheetham taught Biology and Math at NHS for 29 years, and was greatly admired by staff and students alike.

This donation to the Ivy Cheetham Bursary will fund an award to a senior female student who wishes to continue her education at GNS, but may be prevented due to financial constraints.

The donor herself taught at Norfolk House School during Mrs. Cheetham's tenure and, in making the bequest, wished to convey the message that "teachers really do care."

A little over a year ago I was in the dreaded position of having to redo my will. One's death is an event that no one likes to think about, and it is therefore very easy to procrastinate when it comes to making a will, or updating an existing one.

But it also provided me with the opportunity to think about the things that are important in my life, and how I want to acknowledge the organizations and the people who have contributed to the quality of my family's life.

It was the easiest donation I've ever made to GNS, and ultimately will be my most generous gift as well.

It is also my hope that the School doesn't receive the bequest for a *very long* time. 🦋

## Fifteen Minutes

In the previous issue, Jeremy Smith, our first Head Boy of Glenlyon Norfolk School, was featured. It seemed logical for this issue to ask Alison Cuthill, our first Head Girl.

1. *Where do you live now? How did you end up there? What are you doing?*
2. *After graduation, what prompted you to pursue the direction you're going in now?*
3. *To date, what is your greatest accomplishment?*
4. *How much do you attribute your success to your GNS education? Or How well did your GNS education prepare you for the educational experiences that followed?*
5. *What was your favourite subject in school?*
6. *What was your least favourite subject in school?*
7. *Academic programs aside, how else did GNS help you to move forward and develop? Were you involved in any clubs or co-curricular activities?*
8. *Upon reflection, what do you think is your fondest memory of GNS?*
9. *Can you recall an amusing or humorous incident that happened during your time at the school?*
10. *Since leaving GNS, have you maintained connections with classmates or staff?*
11. *How much do you value being an alumnus/alumna?*
12. *If you had one piece of advice for current students, what would it be?*
13. *Take your age and divide it by 2. If you could give one piece of advice to yourself at that age, what would it be?*
14. *If you were going to hire yourself, what qualities would you look for?*
15. *If you were to become Head of School, what would be your first act?*



### Alison Cuthill, 1st Head Girl of GNS, 1980–1987

**1** I now live in Toronto, Ontario and am teaching French and Physical Education at St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School in Oakville (it's a girl's private school, much like NHS was). I ended up here for 2 reasons: #1 – I needed a job and Ontario was hiring and #2 – I needed a job! My sister and good friend, with whom I presently live, was also a pull!

**2** After graduation I embarked upon many different journeys before settling into teaching; however, as predicted by friends and commented upon in my graduating yearbook, I eventually became the teacher I always thought I would become! Immediately after graduation, I actually travelled to England on an ESU scholarship (won through GNS) and studied at Wrekin College where I took some GCSE and A Level Examinations. I ended up completing my first degree at Reading University in French. After my BA, I taught in Saudi Arabia (mum and dad were living there at that time) at the British International School, and then headed off to Toronto to try my hand at...oh, a few jobs. After a few years I headed off to Victoria where I completed my BEd and subsequently entered that world of little sleep, constant overtime and persistent challenge called "teaching."

**3** I'd have to say teaching in the United States. I taught in an area of extreme poverty where shoes and food were a luxury. Teaching there taught me how incredibly fortunate I have been in my life and the children taught me to value even the smallest of treasures. I consider it an accomplishment because every day I made an effort to appreciate what I had and strove to ensure that every child knew what they could become. One even decided that she would prefer to be a teacher rather than having the life goal of being on the Jerry Springer Show! Baby steps—every day was about making baby steps.

**4** Not only did GNS offer an incredible variety in subject choice but the teachers also taught me to maintain an exceptional work ethic. High calibre work was demanded in all subject areas and to this day I demand the same of myself.

**5** My two favourite subjects in school were Art and PE—very academic!

**6** Physics—enough said!

**7** GNS provided many sporting activities not offered by other schools and instilled in me a love for sports. I played tennis and swam, which I continued through university, and because I had the opportunity to fall in love with kayaking in Grade 6 at Camp Thunderbird, I still very much enjoy the sport today.

**8** I have a lot of fond memories of GNS: the friendships I made, especially with Nora and Liz; the teachers who always joined in on the fun: Mrs. McCullough lip-synching to "The Who;" sports' days; April Fool's Pranks; cutting the ribbon at the "Hole Party" (we didn't have a building yet!)...And the list goes on.

**9** Lollipops, pottery, "Diamonds on the souls of my shoes"—ask Miss J, I'm sworn to secrecy.

**10** It's always difficult to maintain those high school relationships. Every once in a while I pop into GNS to say hello to the odd staff member who has been there long enough to remember me! I was, most recently, the Maid-of-Honour at Liz Fontaine's wedding in the Outerbanks, North Carolina. But I do very much enjoy reading about alumni in Traditions and look forward to our 20<sup>th</sup> year reunion in 2007!

**11** I am proud to have been at GNS and value the strong academic and social foundations introduced to me by the school—foundations upon which I have been able to build over the past 18 years since graduation.

**12** Don't take for granted that your parents are paying for you to have a superior education. Not everybody will get the opportunities that you will be offered because of the school that you attend.

**13** Stop being so self-centred and judgmental. Wow! That's brutally honest.

**14** Honesty, dependability and someone creative who can think outside the box.

**15** Send all the teachers on a Caribbean holiday and ensure longer PE and Art classes! 🐼

# Message From Thailand

Brendan Harris ('04)

*Although the tsunami disaster may now be something of the past, I thought you would like to read the e-mail sent to us by Brendan Harris ('04) who was in Thailand the day the tragedy occurred. I have, with permission, applied some editing, but in the main it is intact. The School, as many of you know, did tremendously well in helping to play a part in the relief effort. However, there is always that feeling of distance we have about the incident. It didn't happen in our backyard. Brendan's e-mail definitely brings it much closer to home. – Editor*

Hi GNS,

I was asked to send you guys an e-mail to give you an idea of what's been happening here in SE Asia. I'll tell you what I've been up to and what the situation is like from where I'm standing.

During the tsunami, I was on the east coast of Thailand celebrating Christmas and a full moon party with a few friends. After it hit, I went straight to the west coast to visit two Canadian guys I had been traveling with. Both of them were out of range of the wave and were fine. Together we decided to head south and see if we could offer any kind of help. The funny thing about this situation was that most travelers carried the "ignorance is bliss" state of mind and figured that if the tsunami didn't really affect them (which it didn't in most of the tourist areas), then it wasn't their concern.

We made a call to the Red Cross phone line that was located in a Buddhist temple, to see where we could help out. The first question we were asked was, "Do you have a fear of dead bodies?" This didn't really deter us because we figured there would be plenty to do there. We headed to the small town called Takua Pa, where the Buddhist temple was located. This temple was right in the middle of all of the hardest hit areas of Thailand. When we arrived, we realized this was the place being used as a morgue for all the tsunami victims of Thailand.

At the entrance we were given masks and Red Cross armbands. They showed us the area inside the temple. The front entrance was filled with coffins and about ten refrigerated containers each about the size of a truck crate. To the left of the entrance there was sort of a computer console with people typing away and a small makeshift cafeteria where everyone was fed. Coffins were used as tables and benches. In the centre of the temple were a series of tents that acted as a control centre. Every few minutes they would make a call on the loudspeaker saying they needed volunteers for different jobs like searches on the beach, carrying supplies of dry ice and, worst of all, helping to carry dead bodies.

The first day hit the three of us really hard. I began to realize how sheltered we were at home in Victoria inside the GNS walls. I'd never seen one dead body before—let alone about five hundred. Here's the nasty bit for us (and maybe for some of you just reading this). The bodies weren't in good shape as they had been in the water for days and many had been temporarily buried. In our full body suits, we were being soaked in our own sweat. Some days the temperature went above 37 degrees. The bodies in that heat were in a disgusting state and we had to rub menthol balm over our masks to stop the awful smell. No amount of menthol actually did the job. As you can imagine, we were really shaken after the first day. By the second however, we'd already been desensitized to the whole thing. Death was everywhere, so it was no longer abnormal.

In this temple, there were forensic teams from all over the world. Canada was not involved in the Yan Yao temple until January 6. By the end of our time there (about five and a half days), we had helped these teams carry bodies, take dental records, take DNA samples and on the last day, actually help a search for five missing bodies. By this time, we had become so desensitized to the gore and death around us, that we could discuss our jobs while eating dinner.

The whole experience was pretty stressful. We had been housed in a Thai man's house with six other volunteers. We would sleep on carpets on a cement floor (covered in bugs, mosquitoes and cockroaches) using our clothes as a pillow and our towel as a blanket. A Swedish doctor would snore very loudly each night, sounding like a lawnmower having trouble starting. Between the things we had to deal with during the day and the poor sleeps at night, we all decided by January 6 to get out of Takua Pa, and go back to the relaxed atmosphere you usually get on a tropical vacation to Thailand.

That in itself was another strange experience—going from one of the most stressful environments possible to one of the most relaxed. I don't often like talking to people about the experience. It's not that it bothers me, but because it usually bothers the listener. We took a few days "calm down time" and in those few days, none of us were really the same, and definitely not our usual cheerful selves. One of the differences we realized, in this type of work, is that you don't get to see the result of your work. In most volunteer work, you get to see the happy faces of the people you're helping. The faces we saw were definitely not happy. Pictures of things like a father putting a large coffin and two smaller ones on to his truck really stood out in our minds.

After finally getting relaxed again, we were given another opportunity to help. A group of Swiss people had raised money and wanted to put it into building houses in Thailand. Their plan was to do this directly with no government involvement. In most of the affected countries, the donations given to governments from UNICEF are slowly "filtered" as the money goes on its way to the people. The full amount never reaches them. With this group we went along the south coast to three small fishing villages. To our surprise none of these villages were in critical condition and in need of help. They had huge piles of clothes—more than they knew what to do with. They had more than enough donated food and the army and police force were well on their way with the reconstruction of the villages. The group figured then that Thailand wasn't in such a dire situation. That's when they made the decision to go to Sri Lanka instead, where they said it would take six months to actually feed the last tsunami victim.

In March, I plan to travel to Sri Lanka to join this group and help them build houses. Until then, I'm going to be on the island of Koh Phayam, playing guitar on a bar stage. Then I'm meeting up with Duncan Pike who is teaching English in Pattaya, near Bangkok. So there you go. That's what I've been doing here. It's not entirely what I had expected when I first chose to visit Thailand. You never know what's going to be thrown at you down the road. 🍀

# Miss Scott of the Antarctic

Vivian Smith

*The following article appeared in the Monitor section of the Times Colonist on Sunday, March 21, 2004. It is reproduced here with the kind permission of the author Vivian Smith.*

At 91, **Winifred Scott** has put away her needlepoint. She gave up playing badminton and tennis some time ago. She stopped driving lately due to failing eyesight. Her hands shake a bit. Still, Miss Scott can still manage Antarctica. After all, she only got as far as Peru the last time.

Miss Scott—and I will use the honorific, because the former headmistress of Norfolk House School for girls can be nothing other than Miss Scott—has just returned to her tidy Fairfield Road apartment after nearly three weeks cruising down the coast of South America to the windswept bottom of the world.

She tut-tuts any admiration for the grand scale of her adventure, saying that nowadays it is not unusual for 'active 90-year olds to be doing all sorts of things.' She was quite sure she was not the oldest on board, and did not require the wheelchairs that many did.

In her long retirement, which began in 1978 after 21 years running—and expanding—Norfolk House, Miss Scott has reveled in many cruises such as this, as well as caring for an ailing friend and volunteering at the Juan de Fuca Hospital gift shop.

She has chaired the hospital auxiliary and did its books at one time too. Miss Scott is also a photography buff, bridge player and a staunch Anglican, attending services because that is "just part of one." She is not related to Robert Scott, the doomed British explorer who froze to death in Antarctica the year before Miss Scott was born. But she has always been intrigued by the place, thanks to her geology professor at Dalhousie University who had traveled with another South Pole explorer, Ernest Shackleton.

Of course, our Miss Scott of the Antarctic viewed the ice mountains shipside, well out of the freezing blow, in a warm red fleece jacket. But during a stop in the Falkland Islands, she bounced along a good ways in a Land Rover to better view a penguin rookery, 'It was so very windy, I could hardly stand up,' she reports, but the penguins were worth it.

This year is shaping up to be as busy as the last, when she turned 90. By coincidence she was born the same year as Norfolk House, which amalgamated with Glenlyon School in 1986 to become, you guessed it, Glenlyon Norfolk School. The combined reunion and celebration was grand, says Miss Scott, who co-wrote a history of Norfolk House that was published last year.

'She was just sort of perfect,' says Erica Ross of Salt Spring Island, an old girl who graduated in 1967 and remembers Miss Scott as imposing and stern, yet reliably fair and supportive of everyone. 'Her whole life was that school,' says Ross, 'She deserves to have this lovely, healthy older life: she spent so much of her life giving to other people.'

It's hard to explain, Ross says, but Miss Scott showed her students a wellspring of tenderness, without being obviously tender. Even if you were sent to her office for having committed some bad deed, she would never yell, and corporal punishment was simply not on.

After discussing matters, she might even ask you to stay for tea. Funny, respectful and indefatigable, this childless woman came to have hundreds of daughters. Miss Scott was an only child herself, born on June 4, 1913, in Quebec City, to a teacher and homemaker. The couple had come from England to farm on Vancouver Island but retreated to Quebec City after Miss Scott's father discovered that he'd have to chop down old-growth forest before he could plant crops.

She was raised in the Maritimes on the campuses of boys' schools where her father taught; she attended nearby girls' schools. On graduating university with a science degree, she taught for four years where she had previously been a student. Miss Scott then taught math and sciences from 1938 to 1950 at the deliciously named Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School in Montreal, moving to become headmistress at Miss Matthew's School in London, Ont., and finally arrived in Victoria in 1957.

She calls her rise "a string of lucky accidents." Others talk more of devotion to duty. "She almost single-handedly developed the reputation of the school," says Ross. Miss Scott would no longer be able to stand for hours in the driving rain watching girls play field hockey, but her



*Miss Scott's official school portrait.*

mind is agile. Her laugh is small and musical; much of life amuses her. Miss Scott easily recalls names, dates and events from earlier today or 60 years ago.

She mentions that a friend of mine, now in her 50's, attended the school for two years and was "fond of her Grade 3 teacher." Absolutely true.

She also decides for me what parts of her story are appropriate for public consumption and what are not. (Why did she never marry? "Because one is independent." Next question.) A benign commander, Miss Scott sails on, following the advice she used to give the board of directors of Norfolk House whenever improvements were required: "One must always look ahead."

"She is astounding," concludes Ross. And one must agree. 🌿

## Please Write

Thanks to all of you who took the time to write us with your comments about *Traditions*. It really does help us try to keep each issue interesting and enjoyable to read. I assure you that your suggestions are considered. Once again, we encourage all alums to consider writing something for *Traditions*—a story about an incident when you were at the school or perhaps an adventure you have undertaken. Give it some thought; we'd love to hear from you. 🌿

# A Cupples Collage

Jane (Cupples) Carroll ('72)

*As the school year started this year I kept my dad abreast of the similarities and changes I had noticed between my first year at Norfolk and my son's first year at GNS. We had many amused moments about the comparisons, and here are some of them. Dad started at Glenlyon in 1936, I started at Norfolk House in 1965, and Geordie started this past September.*

*When Mum took me to W&J Wilson's for my uniform the purchases took a good part of the morning, and amounted to the princely sum of \$108.00. Everything but my black oxfords and indoor shoes were bought at Wilson's. It was an immense sum of money to my eyes. Shirts were bought too large and a five centimeter tuck was taken in the sleeves "for growth," my tunic had "a good deep hem" for same, there were socks, bloomers, ugh, blazer, tam, burberry, tie and crest in the package. It was all pretty interesting because it was such a change from getting dressed for elementary school.*

*My dad on the other hand has no memories of buying his school uniform, because shopping is very far down on his list of interests. He did, however, think that school fees were \$35.00 a term in those days, and that Mr. Simpson had a class called The Pit. You went into the pit at about the Grade 4 level, and came out at about the end of Grade 6. The trick was that a body could get through the forms more quickly than not if he was bright, ambitious and hard working.*

*My brothers Will and Brodie went to Glenlyon, and my sisters Catriona and Sally, and I went to Norfolk. What do we have to say about it all, and about life since? Catriona is still slender, the rest of us are portlier. The boys and I have gray hair. The "little" girls still have the same hair colour. Apart from the external details our lives are as divergent as our personalities, which with hindsight, I see are pretty much what they always were.*

*On that note, here is a very brief synopsis of the Cupples family.*

**Brodie Cupples Sr.** went to Glenlyon from 1936, and then on to University School to graduate in 1942. From there he went to Victoria College, UBC and McGill for medical school. While in Montreal he met Catherine Angus, also from Victoria, and they married and had five "lovely" children named Will, Jane, Brodie, Catriona and Sally. Our mother died in February of 2000, and Dad now spends most of his time at the farm on Saltspring.

**Will** started at Glenlyon in 1960 in Grade 4 and went on to Oak Bay High School for Grade 10, and then to Brentwood College to graduate in 1968. Being an academic sort, and ever interested in Biology he then went on to the University of Victoria for a BSc, University of Calgary for an MSc (1975), University of Toronto for a PhD (1985), and to USC in Los Angeles for a Post doc. It should be mentioned that Claire, Will's wife since 1975, has been matching him degree for degree every step of the way. At each level they took turns to see who could get the first acceptance at the next university to keep things fair. Then the other would set about lining up their labs and or academic duties. After ten or so years in Montreal at Jewish General Hospital studying the control of blood flow in kidneys, Will followed Claire back to the University of Victoria where she

is now the Chair of the Biochemistry and Microbiology Department.

Will is running experiments in his laboratory to study genetic controls of blood flow in the kidney, for any of you with essential high blood pressure. He is also an adjunct professor, and a facilitator in the Biology Department.

**Jane** is studying motherhood from the vantage point of advanced age, and having a great time at it. Not always very patiently, mind you.

I went on to the University of Western Ontario for two years of general Arts, then four years at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute for a degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management. The sad truth is that I am not terribly hospitable, and really cannot abide whining in others, so found myself a year out from Ryerson in the wrong profession. Through a friend of a friend I found myself applying for a job as a sales representative in publishing. When I got going at it I found that the work and I were quite well suited. Long times on the road to think my own thoughts, seeing BC and Alberta in all the seasons, lots of reading material, great book sellers and, with the last company I worked for, Thomas the Tank Engine. It is quite amazing how elevated my stock was with my nephews and nieces when they found out that bit of information.



Jane Elizabeth Cupples as Head Girl in 1972.

I keep in touch with quite a few of my Norfolk classmates, and every now and again we get together en masse—the amazing class of 1972—and blab to our hearts' content. The first day at Norfolk was notable to me for many reasons, but the first thing that struck me was how noisy our class was. At Willows absolute silence was the norm. On a school tour at the Beach last year I was happy to note that the girls' classes were still abuzz in conversation.

**Brodie**, who has always been the one of us who could make a plan and get to his goal successfully, the family lynchpin and the author of many family jokes, now lives outside of Edmonton in the metropolis of Thorsby, Alberta. He and his wife Brenda are dairy farmers, and are very successful at it. They have two grown sons named Hugh and David who are Brentwood College graduates.

Brodie started farming on Saltspring at the family farm, but he and Brenda found that it was impossible to buy dairy quota on the island. After quite a search they settled in Thorsby, Alberta where they have been working hard ever since. Although they both work at all aspects of the dairy, Brenda has an encyclopedic knowledge of the lineage of dairy cows, and Brodie, as he always has been, is interested in the running of the machinery. He and his sons are keen car enthusiasts, and for a while there were so many cars that they were getting fleet rates on their car insurance.

Brodie is also our family's athlete, an asset much encouraged at Glenlyon, and later



Jane (Cupples) Carroll provided the alumni reading at the Carol Service in December 2004.

at Brentwood College. He learned to play soccer and rugby at Glenlyon, as did Will, and he played rugby off and on until about three years ago.

Catriona lives in Vancouver with her husband, Steve Nantel, their three children, a cat two dogs and two rabbits. She graduated from Brentwood in 1975 and then went to University of Toronto for a year, and then into nursing at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. Catriona graduated in January of 1982 and then worked as an operating room nurse in Victoria and Calgary until she had twins Sarah and James in 1987. Emily was born in 1990 and will have turned fourteen while this is going to the printer.

Both of my **much** younger sisters have home-schooled their children for some time, although Catriona's two tall children are attending St. John's School in Vancouver for Grade 12. They seem to have made the transition back into the school system quite easily.

Sally is alive and well, has four children, a handsome husband, many animals, two degrees, and that is all I am allowed to say. The dictum is, "Tell them I fell off the face of the earth." 🍀

## Coming Out of Hiding...

Andree Dufleit

Sitting here in my Tokyo apartment perusing the Fall 2004 edition of *Traditions* magazine, I am transported back to a world where some faces are familiar but others are not. A time since past, but never forgotten. While I began writing this last Fall, a flyer came across my desk from the Canadian Embassy promoting Atom Egoyan's recent film *Ararat*; small world.

I arrived in Japan on a pile of suitcases without a single solitary clue as to the inner workings of Japanese society. Originally trained as a teacher of foreign languages in Canada, I had experienced a high degree of success in that area. But through a series of events in my personal life realized there was something I had missed in terms of communicating with people, and so began, what is still, an ongoing search for self.

Initially I had planned to teach for a few years in Japan and then pursue a Master's in radio, TV or film in the United States, with an eye to possibly working in broadcast journalism back in Canada, but fate had something else quite life altering in mind.

In the international school where I was teaching I was able to take some courses for credit in radio and TV through an American university. At the time, I started to explore all forms of media in Tokyo. I can remember coming across an English telephone book in Shinjuku station that listed all the broadcasting companies, newspapers, production houses, etc. I thought it was such a find! There was no Internet in those days! I began to try and get in through any door possible. The first 'big door' was a job with NHK (the Japan Broadcasting Corporation's) educational radio program in 1991; the theme for that year's story describing the adventures of a fictitious Japanese man who goes to, of all places, Victoria! Sometimes in life you're at the right place at the right time! This was a one-year stint.

Concurrently I was hired by a new branch of NHK that had begun to dub domestic news, documentaries and business programs into English for both local and overseas consumption. I began as a substitute newsreader, so the first five years, until 1995, saw me holding down several other jobs. I had left the international school and moved closer into town and was teaching English at various locations, broadcasting at NHK and working sporadically in what is known here as the commercial voice-over market. Not to mention tearing all round the town taking in what a big metropolis has to offer: exhibitions, concerts and events.

In 1993 I met my first acting teacher Sandy, an American woman, and embarked on a two year Meisner/Method Acting course that had a great impact on my life. Around the same time I became intrigued by what I perceive as the extremes of darkness and light in Japanese men (psychological and emotional) and initiated a photo project with that theme. I was also fortunate to meet a Western photography teacher and took workshops from him.

With the offer of more broadcasting shifts in 1995 I left teaching. There was also work at commercial TV stations. From then until 2000 seemed like a blur, in and out of recording studios. I feel as if I may have narrated on almost every topic possible from Japanese politics, economics and culture to technology. The broadcasting work has been an education in itself. In 1998 I took a six-week series of acting for film classes in Vancouver to re-investigate acting as a possibility for my life. Back to Japan.

In September of this year I completed another series of acting and voice classes in New York, exhausting but rewarding, and am now starting to construct a website which I hope will be the synthesis, merger, integration of the voice, acting and photography to be used as a marketing tool in both Asia and North America as this is a business of self-promotion. And, I've discovered I like to write, an antidote for social isolation. I feel I could be doing things back home, yet could expand my horizons here too; hence am currently leading an 'oil and vinegar life,' a little of the East, a little of the West. So, it has been a self-styled, eclectic, albeit fascinating 'Masters' in Japan, maturing against the backdrop of a foreign society. An astronomical ascent through multiple reincarnations. All the while, looking for Mr. Right in the land of Mr. Wrong.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my parents and GNS for providing me with a solid foundation; this has stood me in good stead.

Thank-you for letting me 'come out of hiding.' 🍀



Chris, Jeremy, Kathleen and Sean at the party.

## We're Turning 30—Let's Party!

Jeremy Smith, Kathleen Sun, Sean Brigden and Chris Wong, all Class of 1993, celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> birthdays together on February 5, 2005 with a big birthday bash at Lucy Mae Brown in Vancouver. The 75 guests included GNS alumni Deanna Bhandar, Emira Mears, Rasool Rayani and wife Laurel, Jon Marshall, Damian Truran and Lionel Farmer (all Class of 1993, but not yet 30), Jen Hunt ('95), who also celebrated an undisclosed birthday, Paul Geddes ('94), Leah (Mathewson) and Jacob Brumby ('94), Susie Van der Valk ('96), and a surprise visit from Jeremy Myers ('94). Thanks to all those who traveled from Calgary, Edmonton and Victoria to attend! For a look at some pictures from the party check out: <http://hinf.ca/gallery/30Birthday>.

Happy 30th Birthday to everyone in Class of 1993 who will turn 30 this year!

Kathleen, Jeremy, Sean and Chris. 🦁

## Reunions

### Class of 1994

The Class of 1994 held a most enjoyable reunion on Sunday, December 26, in the Maple Room at The Sticky Wicket Pub. Twenty-four alums with friends kept the Christmas spirit going well into the night with lots of laughter and reminiscing.

### Class of 1984

A small but enthusiastic group of eleven alums met at the Sticky Wicket on Tuesday, December 28. With everyone being ten years older, the evening did not last as long.

### Calgary Reunion

This reunion was held at the Sheraton Suites Eau Claire on Friday, April 22. Thanks to the wonderful hospitality of Ross Meredith, Director of Operations at the hotel, 11 alums and 9 guests shared a warm and convivial evening.

### Toronto Reunion

Dr. Stephen Johnson, Head of the Prep at UCC, and Deryn Lavell, Head of the Junior School at BSS, were our wonderful hosts for this reunion at their home on the UCC campus. Thirteen alums, staff, former staff and friends were regally entertained and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Unfortunately, this is the last time Steve and Deryn will be hosting, as they are both off to Dubai to begin a new IB school. However, the Development Office is now working hard to locate any alums in the Dubai vicinity!

### Boxing Day at the Beach

This was a new event for the alumni replacing the Eggnog Reception held prior to the carol service. It was held on Sunday, December 26, in the library of the Beach Drive Campus. About 50 alums and guests enjoyed some Christmas cheer and fare and the afternoon proved very successful—undoubtedly a function worth repeating. Apparently everyone was having such a good time that no photographs were taken! 🦁



Back row: Sanjit Sodhi, Jeremy Myers and James Bowden. Front row: Mike Nelson and Jeremy Northeast. All at the Class of 1994 Reunion.



Penelope (Greenwood) Morgan, Julie (Andrews) Cownden, Mark van den Driessche and Charlotte Wardel at the Class of 1984 Reunion.



Catherine Potter ('02), Jeff McKay ('95), Allan Braden ('98) and Caroline Maxwell ('00) at the Calgary Reunion.



Robert Dunbar, Heather Dunbar ('72), Elizabeth Waterfield, Nick Waterfield ('75), Gillian Rose ('61) and her husband Harold at the Toronto Reunion.

## HOMECOMING 2005

This year's homecoming was held on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> and began with the Annual Norfolk House Alumnae Luncheon in the Scott Library with twenty old girls attending. Following this, the younger alums took over with the girls playing soccer (the School won 1-0) and the boys playing the senior squad in basketball. The alum team took the game 87-81. For both matches all the senior students were spectators and this definitely added to the atmosphere. The evening reception was held in the Begbie Room at the Union Club. It was a wonderful time for renewing acquaintances with alums, staff and former staff. On the Saturday, many alums had a fun day at the Seaside Fair on the Beach Drive Campus. Next year's homecoming promises to be special as it is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the amalgamation. 🐾

## Norfolk House Alumnae Luncheon

This event took place in the Scott Library on May 6. Twenty-seven alums and staff were treated to a wonderful buffet lunch. Following the meal, **Donja Blokker-Dalquist**, the Parents' Auxiliary President (04/05), gave an excellent talk on the importance and value of volunteering. Corsages were given to **Phylis Groos**, seventy years graduated and to **Pat Hedley** who graduated in 1930. 🐾



Back row: Toni (Kirkpatrick) Cole ('65), Buntie (Sloan) Marshall ('36), Rosemary (James) Cross ('42), Rosemary (Bridgman) Penn (Former staff, '43), Robyn Thompson ('72), Suzette (Baker) Ford ('43), Joan Wenman ('65), Ticki (Ruthven) McKenzie ('75) and Sara Neely ('74). Front row: Valentine (Harlock) Furlong ('36), Cynthia (Musgrave) Izard ('36), Pat (Porter) Hedley ('30), Carlene (Westinghouse) Taylor ('56), Phylis (Pooley) Groos ('35), Gillian (Bridgman) Young ('53) and Mary (Emmerton) Barlow ('48).



Alumnae versus current student soccer players: back row, left to right: Hugh Williams, Jennifer Lalli, Kiersten Shulhan, Sarah Courtice, Eileen Heckel, Katie Eddy, Maggie Eddy ('03), Marian Eddy, Julia Mathieson ('03), Lauren Courtice, Cassandra Holroyd ('03), Kate Bruce-Lockhart, Monica Grundmann, Tess Hunter, Celeste Connell and Mully Jackson. Middle row, left to right: Sarah Hunter, Valery Heckel, Claire Butterfield, Alex Tyrrell, Anne Drury, Arianna Mavrikos, Dani Tate-Stratton ('04), and Natalie Appleton. Front row, left to right: Stephanie Baker and Simone Main.



Alumni versus current student basketball players: back row, left to right: Bruno Wong ('04), Andrew Capacci, Joel Wilson, Brendan McCann ('03), Trevor Nash ('02), Dave Evans, Richard Bailey ('92), Harvey Thorau and Stephen King ('94). Middle row, left to right: Jerry Lee ('03), Kazuki Yamamoto ('05), Trevor Neal ('02), Nathaniel Holroyd ('04) and Steven Mills ('02). Front row, left to right: Joseph Clark, Kurt Ko, Mac Mackenzie and Kohei Shigebara.



Stuart Brambley (Staff), Edna Auld, Brenda Brambley, and Tim McKay ('98) at the alumni reception.



Jennifer Taylor ('88), Marsba Griffith ('88), Chrissie Maggiora ('88) and Alison McCallum ('89).



Anna Rochfort ('68), David Ashton, Bob Wheaton ('59), Tom Stockdill ('62), Pat Stockdill and Barbara Watkins ('55).



Richard Bailey ('92), Alison McCallum ('89), Mark Bailey ('96), Jean-Luc Lagan ('88), Laurel Ternus and Stuart Brambley (Staff).



Rick Calderwood (Principal, Pemberton Woods Campus), Simon Bruce-Lockhart (Head of School), Hamish Simpson (Former Head of Glenlyon, Class '53), Erin Pasnak, Shawn Steele ('96) and Shrawan Khanna (Staff).



Class of 1974: Jacqueline Morris (Former Staff), Sara Neely, Sarah Nation, Shelagh (Houston) Russell Houston, Margaret Ransford, Mary Koyl, Renee Abrioux (Former Staff) and Heather (McIllree) Noakes.



Veronica (Harris) Tory, Carol (Ruttan) Marshall, Robin (Boyd) Hadcock, Aryana (Revfem) Rayne and Pam (Harris) Munch—all Class 1963.



Maxine and Lesley Macban ('69).



Alexander Roethel ('84), Bruce Homer (Board Chair, '69), Holly Harper ('68) and Susannah (Wood) Roethel ('89).



Renee Abrioux and Jacqueline Morris (Former Staff), and Ticki (Ruthven) McKenzie ('75).



Sarah Nation ('74) and Elizabeth (Courtman) Taylor ('70).

## Iain Hunter Wins National Newspaper Award

Congratulations to Iain Hunter ('54) for winning a National Newspaper Award for his editorial writing in the *Times Colonist*. Hunter was nominated for three editorials on the sentencing of former MP Svend Robinson, the declining role of the family in society and the need to protect less-appealing endangered species as well as the cute and cuddly. This is the second time he has won a National Newspaper Award. The first was won in 1990 while he was writing for the *Ottawa Citizen*. 🦋

## In Memoriam

### Former Staff

**Irene Edwards:** Irene died on February 6, 2005, in Cowichan District Hospital. She was a primary teacher for many years at St. Paul's School in Esquimalt before coming to Norfolk House School where she taught for 11 years. She is remembered as a very independent lady.

**Sheila Reedman:** Sheila died on February 15, 2005. From 1978 to 1986, she was a member of the maintenance staff on the Beach Drive campus. She will be fondly remembered for her warm smile and friendly manner.

**Bill Somers:** Bill passed away on April 19, 2005. He was in charge of maintenance at Glenlyon from 1979 to 1984. A man of quiet charm and dignity, nothing seemed to faze him and he would tackle any task with apparent ease. A good friend to all, always having time to stop and chat, he is remembered fondly. Bill and his pipe will be missed.

**Emily Stone:** Emily died on March 8, 2005. From 1981 to 1988, Emily worked in the kitchen at the Junior Boys Campus. She was the mainstay of the then lunch program. She will be remembered for her warm and friendly personality and, of course, her infamous cinnamon buns.

### Alumni

**John Peter Juesberg ('61):** Peter passed away on February 16, 2005, at age 61. Peter attended Glenlyon School from 1951 to 1958, moving on to Oak Bay High and the University of Victoria. He was awarded the Fergus MacDowall Shield for Character and Conduct shield in 1958.

**Phyllis Louise Cowan ('34):** Phyllis Louise died on May 2, 2005, at the age of 87. Phyllis was born in Victoria and attended Norfolk House from 1924 to 1931. She obtained degrees at UBC and at Columbia University in New York and also studied at the Sorbonne and at Montpelier University. Her early teaching career began at Merritt and Armstrong and continued at the Kinnaird College for Women in Lahore, Pakistan. After a stint on the staff of the Anglican Church national office in Toronto, Phyllis returned to Victoria to work as a counselor at the University of Victoria. Her last paying job saw her teaching in Queen Charlotte City, Haida Gwaii. In retirement Phyllis lived first in Parksville, where she became active in the peace and social justice movements, and then moved back to Victoria in 1995 at The Orchard in Cadboro Bay. 🦋

# Class Updates

## 1955

**Coralie Persse:** Coralie is living in Placerville, California. For many years she was a professional actress. She has now returned to the boards after a 25-year absence and loves it. Working with the Sierra Repertory Theater in Senora, she is currently playing the part of the formidable Mrs. Graves in the play *Enchanted April* written by Matthew Barker from Elizabeth Von Arnim's book. She drew a great deal of her character from that of Miss Atkins, a former Head of Norfolk House. She recalls the time when, at 8 years old, she used to write, direct, produce and act in little plays staged on the porch of her house along with alums Carol Turner, Kiwi (Westinghouse) Taylor and Jocelyn (Beech) Enlow. Her mother had to serve tea to the audience (invited neighbours) at intermission!

## 1960

**Olivia (Greenwood) Craster:** Olivia, who lives in Richmond, BC, is the Head of Acquisitions for the Vancouver Public Library.

## 1965

**Eric Kjekstad:** Our congratulations to Eric, a recently retired dentist, on his being awarded a Certificate of Merit for special service. The award recognizes continuing contributions to the field of dentistry.



*Coralie Persse (in black) as Mrs. Graves with the cast from Enchanted April.*

## 1970

**Daryl Collard:** Daryl e-mailed us this update: "At UVic I majored in languages, and my greatest area of concentration was mediaeval Spanish literature—something that makes you quite thoroughly unemployable on Vancouver Island! Fortunately I tried the federal government's translation examinations following graduation from university, was recruited for a position with the Translation Bureau in Ottawa, and discovered it was something I enjoyed. As a result, I've been a translator for 30 years now, working into English from French, Spanish, and Portuguese. My career has been mainly in Ottawa, Washington, and Geneva, and it's been great!"

## 1972

**Montague Tyrwhitt-Drake:** Monty lives in Powell River and has two sons, James and Thomas. He is a middle school teacher in the district.

## 1974

**Sarah Nation:** Sarah and her husband, Leslie Canavan, live in Richmond, BC, with their children Emily and Daniel. She runs her own landscape design company, Blooming Designs.

## 1978

**Philip Newton:** Philip sent this interesting and reflective update: "I am well and currently

living in Seattle, working for the past 17 years as a professional photographer. I guess Miriam Thorne did a good job of setting me on my way. I travel the world working for magazines and other commercial clients—photography, mostly fashion, a bit of travel, architecture and sport photography. Being a commercial photographer is some sort of hybrid of artist and athlete. You have to perform and deliver in a given time and on a set 'course.' It's somewhat competitive so kudos to you and all of your great coaching. I'm still running but have not competed in anything for years. Those days on the track and slogging through the mud are some of my favourite memories. I still have a box of ribbons and medals from those days. Never really had the coordination for soccer or rugby but all of the sport at Glenlyon was such a great thing. It's funny having kids now as all of the emphasis at their schools is so PC and anti-competitive. I wonder if we are breeding a generation that will be totally unprepared for the 'real' world! I have three kids—a boy who is 13 and two girls, 7 and 9. We all live in Seattle, which is as close to Canada as I could get. Still dreaming of sometime returning home. I'm reluctant to take out American citizenship, which seems ridiculous, as I have lived half of my life in the US."

## 1981

**Robin Baird:** Since returning to Victoria, Robin has had a varied legal career as a Crown prosecutor and lawyer for private clients in litigation matters with an emphasis on criminal and family law cases. He has been a sessional lecturer for the Faculty of Law at the University of Victoria in international human rights law, and an occasional lecturer in the law of evidence, criminal procedure, and advocacy. On May 15 he was nominated as the Conservative Party candidate for the Victoria riding in the next federal election. He is married to Leslie and they have two children, Alastair (4) and Jane (2).

**Michael Food:** Michael, who resides on Salt Spring Island, works as a physiotherapist. He attained his BSc in Biology at the University of Victoria in 1986 and his MSc in Microbiology from UBC in 1992. Moving back to Victoria he graduated with a BSc in Kinesiology in 1999.

**1983**

**Catherine (Windle) Burrage:** Catherine graduated last year with a BA in Applied Linguistics from the University of Victoria. She is married to Peter and they have a three-year-old son, Clayton.

**1984**

**Judith (Horwood) Roy:** Judith lives in Langley with her husband Rob and three children. She has left the business world and is thoroughly enjoying her life as a full-time mum.

**Ian Whan Tong:** Ian and his wife, Maria, had a baby boy, Phillip Alexander, born on April 8. Ian is a lawyer in Grand Cayman and is the uncle of Mila Mendez who is in Grade 11 at GNS.



Maria, Phillip and Ian.

**1985**

**Mark Bartle:** Mark is a lawyer and is living in Kamloops with his wife, Bonnie, and their three children.

**Alexandra Newbury:** Alex lives in Vancouver. Working in the field of IT, she is the leader of an online support team for the firm of Business Objects.

**Veryan (Angus) Haid:** Veryan is living in New Westminster with her husband, Gordon, and son, Ethan. As a physicist, she works as a Research Officer for CTF Systems Inc.

**Jayne Henderson:** A BA in Criminal Justice from UCFV in 1994 and an LLB from UBC in 1999 has Jayce working in Vancouver as a self-employed lawyer.

**Amanda (Ross-Nutt) Philip:** Amanda and her husband Ian now live in Nanaimo with their daughters, Emily and Sophie

**Robyn (Horner) Robinson:** "Boom-boom" has now moved to Coombs with her husband Simon. Their company, Robinson Revival Arts, specializes in interior decorating and design. She writes, "We have moved to the country to do our own thing—making antique reproductions from recycled materials and paper. Who needs the rat race?"

**1986**

**Alison Pledger:** Congratulations to Alison on her recent marriage to Michael Powell, from Virginia. The couple was married at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel in May.

**Petra (Johns) Sander:** Petra is living in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina with her husband, Richard, and their two sons, Simon Jacob and Gregory David.

**Keith Tetlow:** Having lived in both Winnipeg and Seattle, Keith now lives in Victoria working as an architect for the firm of Cannon Design. He is married to Laine and they have three children. Currently he is working on the design to build a speed skating oval in Richmond for the Olympic Games and a cricket pavilion for the National Sports Complex in Hamilton, Bermuda.

**1987**

**Lisa (Rippington) Ballinger:** Lisa is back in her hometown as Island manager for Navigata Communications Ltd. She will sell Navigata's voice, data and internet services. Previously, she was in Calgary as director of development for Shad International.

**Simon Bartle:** Simon e-mailed us in March with this update. "After leaving Glenlyon at Grade 8, I graduated from Esquimalt High School in 1987 and attended the University of Victoria. Two years later, I felt the need to leave Victoria and explore the world. I transferred to the University of Toronto where I graduated in 1992. During this time I met my future wife, Stori, and upon graduation we decided to travel for a year in Europe. Upon our return, I moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where I received my MS in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the University of Baltimore. From there, I moved to Norfolk, Virginia, and obtained my PhD in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

from Old Dominion University. Stori and I now live in Richmond, Virginia, and have two children (Evan who is 4 and Brynn who is 8 months old). I currently work for the General Electric Company as a Vice President of Human Resources in charge of talent development. It is interesting that I never expected to move to the US let alone be down here for almost 10 years."

**Nora (Wood) Cumming:** Congratulations to Nora and her husband, Scott, on the birth of their first baby, Tristan.

**Elizabeth Wright:** Elizabeth and her husband, Jonathan Chaney, are now proud parents of a daughter, Taryn. The family live in Vancouver where Elizabeth is the Archivist/Records Manager for the city.

**1988**

**Andor Kiss:** Andor, a comparative physiologist, is still living in Champaign, Illinois, with his wife, Rachael, and their son, Oskar. He comments about living in the States; "Life in America is much like the film *Pleasantville*; only slightly more vivid. It's taken about five years, but people have begun to stop asking, 'What church do you worship at?'"

**Jennifer Taylor:** Living in Victoria, Jennifer works for the BC Buildings Corporation as a space inventory analyst.

**Bruce Tetlow:** Bruce is married with two children and lives in London, England. He received his Masters in Dance and Performing Arts at London University. He mainly works with street people trying to motivate them through dance and performance.

**Ann Whiteley:** Living in Victoria, Ann works as a real estate appraiser.

**Jane (Robertson) Zaiane:** Jane e-mailed us in January with this interesting alumni connection: "On a recent family trip to Tunisia with my husband, Osmar, and our children, Amelia and Alec, we visited Sylvia (Meade) Abrougui ('59) at her home in Tunis. This all began after I had read an edition of *Traditions* and noticed that Sylvia resided in Tunis. After corresponding by e-mail, we agreed to meet on our next trip to Tunisia.

We spent the morning exchanging news, and were introduced to Sylvia's new grandson. During this visit, Sylvia and I discovered that we had more than just the NHS/GNS connection. My husband noticed family photos of Sylvia's son, Ghazi, recognizing him as a fellow student from his days at Laval University, Quebec, in the late 1980s. After confirming the fact with Sylvia, the discussion led to the discovery that the two boys (Ghazi and Osmar) attended the same primary school classes in Tunis between 1971–1977!"

### 1989

**Craig Doell:** Craig, one of the best amateur golfers BC has produced, hopes this year to win the provincial amateur championship, which so far has eluded him. He attended UBC on a golf scholarship and represented Canada in a number of events. An investment advisor in Victoria, he was married last year.

**Jennifer Kay:** Jennifer graduated with a BA (Honours) in 1994, and an MA in 1997, both from the University of Victoria. She now lives in Long Island City, New York, and works as a political, economic and public affairs officer for the Canadian Consulate General.

**Peter (Berry) Wharton:** Peter and his wife, Rosemary, live in Victoria. He is a wine agent for Philippe Dandurand Wines.

### 1990

**Paul Bartle:** Paul lives in Victoria and is an IT professional. He is married and has a daughter.

**Sean MacNeill:** Sean lives in Vancouver with his wife Tatiana. He works in telecommunications and is Senior VP of Sales and GM of the Dynavar Networking Company.

**Stephanie (Papik) Sibbeston:** Stephanie has returned to Victoria with her husband, Randy, and two children, George and Elizabeth. She continues to work in the Environment/Conservation field and is currently the Executive Director of the Saanich Native Support Program.

### 1991

**Leila Sinclair-Wise:** Leila continues to work in education and is a Grade 4 teacher at Saanich Elementary. She is married to Justin Lee.

### 1992

**Rob Adams:** Having spent time in London and Hong Kong, Rob is now in Australia still working in the IT industry as a computer program. You can contact Rob via the Alumni Directory.

**Darcy Doell:** A baby boy, Cole, was born on April 31 to Darcy and her husband, Grant Evans ('87). They already have a

two-year-old daughter, Brooke. Grant is currently working with Colliers MacAuley Nicolls Inc.

**Erica Kjekstad:** Congratulations to Erica and her partner, Kevin Cuddihy, on the birth of their daughter, Eva Catherine, on January 4.

**Derek Louie:** A BSc in Cell Biology and Genetics from UBC in 1996, an MSc in Vision Science from the University of Waterloo in 2001, and an OD from the University of Southern California College of Optometry this year have Derek working as a Cornea and Contact Lens Resident at Northeastern State University in Tahlequa, Oklahoma. He graduated top of his class from USC and as a student won numerous awards including one for leadership, one for being class president, and a clinical examination award.

**Joanne (Hannah) Martin:** Joanne, her husband, Quinn, and their four children live in Abbotsford. She works in the film industry as a script supervisor for TV commercials.

**Sherri (Taylor) Wray:** Congratulations to Sherri and Brent on the birth of their second child, Emily Margaret.

### 1994

**Michael Claxton:** Michael is a Land Surveyor humorously giving himself the moniker "Instrument Man and Bush Ape." He is married to Tara. They have an eight-year-old son, Apollo, and are awaiting the arrival of their second child this year. His hobbies are coaching his son's sports, restoring a logging crummy and fishing the lakes and rivers of the island.

**Catherine Dorazio:** After completing her MBA at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, Catherine moved to Vancouver where she started Concierge Investing with her business partner at Raymond James Ltd. She has brought this unique business that customizes discretionary investment portfolios to Victoria, Whistler and Vancouver. Catherine has also become involved with educating other women entrepreneurs in British Columbia. After the 10-year reunion of the 1994 GNS class, Catherine has enjoyed reconnecting with many of her classmates and continues to visit Victoria often.



Jane Zaiane and Sylvia Abrougui.

**Allison Elias:** Allison continues to live in Ottawa. She is an international market analyst working in agriculture and international affairs.

**Gregory Hounslow:** Greg graduated from Capilano College in Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management. He works in the airline industry for Westjet.

**Geordie Lyall:** Geordie continues to excel in the soccer world as a member of the Vancouver Whitecaps. In addition, he was selected to a national training camp in Fort Lauderdale last January and also one in June. A national squad will be picked to represent Canada in the Gold Cup against teams from the United States, Central America and the Caribbean.

## 1995

**Catherine Cliff:** Catherine is now the Human Resources Advisor at the Fairmont Empress, responsible for recruiting new personnel. She has taken up triathlon.

**Michael Fischer:** Michael completed his engineering degree from the University of Victoria in 2001. He works in the field of astronomy, employed by the European Southern Observatory as an Electrical/Instrumentation Engineer, in Santiago, Chile.

**Stefanie Kobialka:** Steff is living with her husband, Justin Eckersall, in Manchester, England. She is a professional photographer for Hyperfocus Wedding Photography.

**Krista Louie:** Krista transferred from UBC to UVic and in 2001 she graduated with a degree in Health Information. Currently she is working with the Canadian Health Information Service and is beginning to take her masters in epidemiology with her thesis being "Pollution and the Heart." Despite being so busy she still has time to get married in November.

**Jeff McKay:** Jeff lives in Calgary and works for Gallo wines.

## 1996

**Ryan Attwell:** Ryan wrote us a few months ago with this interesting update: "After winning the Vanier Cup in '97, I thought it would be cool to test the laws of Canada. I was wrong. I then took the next year or so to find myself and here I am. I went to

Taiwan and taught for a year, then opened my own business—a school. I now have almost 100 students, and I've started to write my own books for the school. Maybe we'll meet someday on a beach in South East Asia where I am with any of my free time."

## 1998

**Chris Kelly:** Chris will graduate this June as a Doctor of Dentistry from Western University in London. He intends to spend one year of residency in Vancouver.

**Sabrina Kufner:** Congratulations to Sabrina on the birth of her second child, Noah, born last January. Along with her partner, singer/songwriter Jeremy Walsh, and her older son, Kalib, she takes the whole family on the road when performing.

**Laura Lapp:** After receiving her BSc from McGill University in 2002, Laura then earned her Masters in Resource Management and Environmental Studies at UBC. She is moving to Ottawa in August for a job as a policy analyst with Natural Resources Canada on domestic climate change policy as part of a graduate recruitment and development program that entails two years working in different sections of the department with a permanent job afterwards.

**Tim McKay:** Since obtaining his degree in Kinesiology, Tim has been volunteering as a medical assistant in Uganda. He has recently been accepted into medical school at the University College of Cork, Ireland.

**Ian Robertson:** Ian, who was the Systems Administrator at GNS for a number of years, has now moved to a similar position with the firm of Trafford Publishing Ltd.

**Jennifer Tanner:** At the end of last year, Jennifer returned from a year of volunteer teaching in Costa Rica. She taught English in a local elementary school in Manuel Antonio for six months, then moved to the nearby town of Quepos and taught high school students. She says she'll miss the beautiful beaches, unique wildlife and lush beauty of Costa Rica.

**David Vinnels:** David writes, "After completing Grade 7 at GNS David continued at Oak Bay High enjoying the different bands and sports teams,

particularly the track and cross country teams. After graduation he instructed snowboarding in Whistler and worked at Chateau Whistler. He then went on to New Zealand, again teaching snowboarding and traveling through Australia and Fiji. At Camosun College, David took the Hotel Restaurant Program putting together his love of fine foods and helping people. He completed two Co-ops; one at the front desk of the world famous Banff Springs Hotel and the other at the Westin in Whistler. David then went on to complete his Bachelors of Commerce in Entrepreneurial Management at Royal Roads University. He has been able to take his love of helping people and his interest in the financial markets to his new career as a Consultant with Investors Group here in Victoria. He still loves getting out on the water just like the old days at the Beach."

## 1999

**Clea Bigelow-Nuttall:** Clea graduated with a BA (French) from the University of Victoria in 2004 and is currently attending the Université de Bourgogne for her Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures.

**Michael Cliff:** Michael is doing very well at University of Victoria and is in his final year of a BSc in Economics with a Math major.

**Jennifer (Zacharias) Fimrite:** After completing her Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Victoria last year, Jennifer now lives in Vancouver, working in accounting and finance with Assante Financial Planning. Congratulations on her marriage to Jeff last September.

**Robi James:** Earlier this year, Robi graduated from the University of Victoria with a degree in History. For the time being, he will work for his father who specializes in moving pianos.

**Emily King:** Emily is back east attending the University of Waterloo. She will graduate with a Mechanical Engineering degree in 2006.

**Gwen Preston:** Having successfully completed her Bachelor of Science (Honours chemistry) at McGill University in 2003, Gwen now attends UBC pursuing a Masters of Journalism, which she will complete in 2007.

## 2000

**Yasunori Aoki:** 'Yan' has just finished his Bachelor of Mathematics in Honours Mathematical Physics. He will continue his studies in applied mathematics at the University of Waterloo graduate school. He asks his classmates to please drop by his website [www.yanaoki.com](http://www.yanaoki.com) to see some of his new hobbies.

**Jennifer McKay:** Jenny is in her third year studying theatre and dramatic arts at the University of Victoria. She's also involved in teaching acting to elementary school students.

## 2001

**Candace Lapp:** Candace attends McGill and will complete her studies in physiotherapy next year.

**Nadene Lee:** After attending UVic for three years, Nadene transferred to Ottawa and is studying in the communications program.

**Erin Webber:** Erin lives in Calgary. She writes, "I am finishing my diploma for hotel/restaurant management this year. Working in the best Guitar Shop in Calgary! Searching for an interesting business to complete my internship requirement."

## 2002

**Trevor Nash:** Trevor recently completed the Criminal Justice program at Camosun College. He played like Steve Nash in the Alumni versus School basketball game.

**Caitlin Woodbury:** Caitlin lives in Victoria and works with F.A.S. Seafood Producers Ltd. as a commercial fisherman.

## 2003

**William Hong:** Having obtained his honours Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies from the University of Toronto, William now lives in Victoria.

**Robin Peck:** Robin truly enjoys Hamilton College with a focus in Government and Spanish, achieving academically and continuing her community service work. She was secretary of the Student Assembly (student government) this year, and for the next academic year will spend the first term in Madrid and the second term as an intern in Washington, DC. She continues to play rugby, bringing the most experience

of any Hamilton student to her team, thanks to five years of GNS rugby and the Tuckwell's excellent coaching. Also Robin has said how much her (quite limited by GNS standards) debating experiences and Val Chatterton's mentoring at GNS added to the repertoire of extremely beneficial background experiences she has found most useful at Hamilton. Robin also continues to play her violin as a member of the Hamilton College orchestra and performs in two major concerts each term.

# Current/Past Staff

**Jennifer Bennett:** Captain Jennifer Bennett, Director, Ottawa Detachment, Canadian Defence Academy, received the insignia as Officer of the Order of Military Merit from Her Excellency, the Governor General of Canada, Adrienne Clarkson in June 2005. Jennifer is a graduate of Sir Allan MacNab High School and Hamilton Collegiate Institute as well as McMaster University. Capt.(N) Bennett joined the Naval Reserve in HMCS STAR, Hamilton. In her civilian career, Capt.(N) Bennett is a teacher and has taught in Dundas, ON and Victoria, BC. The citation for the award outlines the highlights of Capt.(N) Bennett's 30 years of service:

- Commanding Officer, Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Malahat, Victoria, 1995–1998

- Branch Advisor – Support for Commander Naval Reserve, Quebec, 1998–2000
- Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Basic Recruit Training Detachment Borden, 1999
- Director Reserves, Chief Reserves and Cadets, National Defence HQ, 2000–2003
- Project Director for the Reserve Force Employment Program, NDHQ, Ottawa, 2000–2003
- Director, Ottawa Detachment, CF Academy, 2003–present

The Order of Military Merit is next to the Order of Canada in Canada's awards system.

**Leanne Giommi:** Leanne gave birth to Emilia (8lb 7oz) on May 31. A baby sister for Giulia.

**Lauren Herrndorf:** Lauren and her husband (who is in the Canadian Forces) have been posted to the USA and currently are living in Colorado Springs. They will be there for another year or two. She is teaching at an IB school, and loving every minute of it. She had a 4th grade class last year, and will take the same students to 5th this coming year. Their school year goes from August 15 to May 25, so she is officially on holiday!

**Michelle Roland:** Congratulations to Michelle and her family (Dad, Josh and daughter, Sydney) on the birth of Carter (8lb 12oz) born on Sunday April 10.



*Captain Jennifer Bennett and the Governor General of Canada, Adrienne Clarkson.*



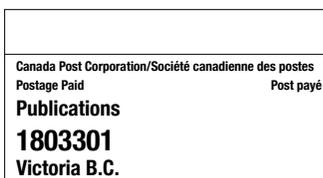
*Grads of 2005 at the Alumni Luncheon in June 2005.*

## Grads of 2005—Where Are They Headed Now?

Olivia Bailey Travelling to Thailand, then DeBrule  
 Nicolas Best University of Victoria  
 Matthew Butterfield Europe then University of Victoria  
 Andrew Capacci University of Toronto  
 Lucila Cardona Madero University of Victoria  
 Joanne Chang University of Victoria  
 Tamar Cherniawsky University of British Columbia  
 David Cho Rhode Island School of Design  
 Sienna Chu University of Wisconsin  
 Geoffrey Cooke GAP  
 Robert Cushing GAP  
 Maia Earnshaw SWAP – New Zealand  
 Kathleen Eddy University of Victoria  
 Maureen Elworthy GAP then University of Victoria  
 Gianna Fuller University of Victoria  
 Travis Greenhough GAP  
 David Gustavson University of British Columbia  
 Lynn Harper-Cimolini GAP then Ryerson  
 Katherine Hodgson University of Toronto  
 Roslyn Howell University of British Columbia  
 Rebecca Huang Concordia University  
 Sarah Hunter University of British Columbia  
 Kei Kawanishi University of Toronto  
 Geoffrey King University of Victoria  
 David Kinloch Southern Alberta Institute of Technology  
 Charles Ko St. Lawrence College  
 Nathan Lapper University of British Columbia  
 Deirdre Lapper University of British Columbia

Benjamin Lee University of Victoria  
 Brandon Lowe University of Victoria  
 Richard Lowe University of Victoria  
 Alison Ludgate University of British Columbia  
 Sylvan Mably University of Waterloo  
 Matthew MacFarlane Undecided  
 Max McKenzie work/travel  
 Cory Milne University of Victoria  
 Eli Moselle University of British Columbia  
 Adam Neal Working then on to Queens  
 Khyll Orser University of Victoria or travel  
 Elise Palmer International Studies Centre  
 Hamir Patel McGill University  
 Sydney Plavins Queens University  
 Ben Rankin McGill University  
 Jeffrey Schemmer University of Toronto  
 Adam Selkirk University of Victoria or  
 Canada West University  
 Risako Shirane University of Toronto  
 Elizabeth Steele Travel and Theatre  
 Michael Vasilev University of Victoria or  
 University of British Columbia  
 Richard Vining University of Victoria  
 Claire Wallace McGill University  
 Sabine Weyand Queens University  
 Kazuki Yamamoto University of Toronto  
 Sam Zimmer Dalhousie University

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Norfolk House Class of 1975 30-year Reunion  
August 26 and August 27, 2005

Third Annual "Duffers' Delight" Golf Tournament  
August 27, 2005

Boxing Day at the Beach  
December 26, 2005

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