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A Message from the Editor



Dear Friend,

Most students have been gone from campus for a few months now, but that doesn't mean its quiet around here! In fact, summer activities are really ramping up in the Development & External Relations office.

Our local alumni Divot & Dine, which has become a tradition the past three years at Riverrun Golf Club in North River, wrapped up a few weeks ago. It was successful

again this year with a few new teams and several returning teams. As is custom with a group of NSAC alumni, many laughs were shared!

We're now preparing for the five class reunions which are taking place this summer. Class members from '51, '56, '61 and '66 will all be on campus in late July. We're looking forward to having all of these classes here at once. I always enjoy meeting new alumni and seeing familiar faces. While each class has their own schedules, the whole group is going to spend one afternoon together over lunch. In early August, we're also looking forward to welcoming the Class of '01 back for their 10 year reunion. For a full list of up-coming events, turn to page 16.

Campus and the greater NSAC community have also been buzzing with the latest merger news. In late May, the Hon. John MacDonell visited campus to announce NSAC and Dalhousie University would begin talks of a merger. Turn to the "Co-President's Message", on page four, to read more about this.

At the time this publication was printed, there was nothing more to report on the merger. The discussions have merely just begun. That being said, we realize there is a lot of concern about the end result of the merger, especially among alumni. As of right now, a lot is unknown. President of NSAC's Alumni Association, Dwane Mellish, talks about the merger and what it means to alumni, in the "Look Who's Talking" feature on page 32.

I've already heard the question, "what will happen to us as NSAC alumni?" several times. That is a valid question. While there is no exact answer to this, I reassure you that we, in the Development & External Relations office, are still here and are dedicated to NSAC alumni, as is the Alumni Association.

NSAC alumni have a long-standing tradition of being a closely linked group. It is important now, more than ever, to remain connected and engaged, not only to each other, but also to NSAC. Stay up-to-date on governance news by regularly checking nsac.ca/governance. Attend alumni events and campus functions. Initiate a class gathering. Drop us a note, or visit. Wear your alumni rings or NSAC t-shirt with pride!

The theme of this *Agricola News* is "Learning that Lasts". This theme centers around a campaign started at NSAC a few months ago, which is geared at showcasing the great work of NSAC's staff, faculty, stu-

dents and alumni. So many of the great people connected to NSAC are doing amazing things, both on campus and in the community and NSAC is proud. We wanted to shout loudly that we have a lot of great people, doing good things.

Norman Goodyear (Class of '75), on the cover of this edition, is a perfect example. An Associate Professor in the Department of Plant and Animal Sciences and Dean of Teaching and Learning, Norman is constantly deepening his participation and commitment to life-long learning. A certified Horticultural Therapist Technician, Norman recently developed a course in Horticultural Therapy, the first advanced academic course of its kind to be offered at the university. Horticultural Therapy uses plants, gardens and the natural landscape to improve cognitive, physical, social, emotional and spiritual well being. Norman works with community groups such as Willow Lodge and the Colchester Community Workshop on awareness of Horticultural Therapy and ways for integrating it into their current programming.

Read more examples of NSAC's great people on page 10. Keep in touch and I hope you enjoy this edition of *Agricola News*!

Regards,

Alisha Johnson

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A Message from NSAC's Co-Presidents

"As co-presidents of Nova Scotia Agricultural College, we are very pleased to provide you with an update on the activities and developments taking place at your alma mater."

As you are no doubt now aware, on May 20th, the Honourable John MacDonell, Nova Scotia Minister of Agriculture, met with leaders, managers and staff of Nova Scotia Agricultural College to share personally the province's decision to pursue an exciting new partnership for NSAC. The province has opened formal discussion on a merger between NSAC and Dalhousie University.

With any change there are always feelings of uncertainty over the unknown. That is to be expected. Please know that we will enter discussions with the best interests of NSAC at heart.

One of the reasons NSAC has done so well is the dedication and talent you as alumni collectively contribute to the industry and to your alma mater. We know many of you may feel a sense of loss in response to this announcement. We encourage you to remember this is about improving opportunities, not limiting them.

Dalhousie and NSAC have only just begun the formal process to discuss merger – to build on the strengths of both institutions. This is a discussion between two interested parties, both with a great deal to offer. The discussions will be based on the premise that there will continue to be a strong agricultural academic program and research and development capacity in Bible Hill.

We believe Dalhousie is the best match for a number of reasons. It offers exciting potential to build and enhance programs at both campuses. At the same time, this won't rule out ongoing partnerships and other joint activities with other post-secondary institutions. Together we will also be better positioned to compete nationally and internationally.

There is a lot for NSAC and Dalhousie to consider and explore

together. In the meantime, there will be no changes for the next school year as a result of this discussion. The fall calendars for both universities are already set. We continue to be dedicated to honouring our commitments to our students and to our alumni.

While we are still a long way from working out all the final details, we are confident that merger discussions will be successful. We know that it will take a number of months to complete negotiations and we are committed to keeping key stakeholders, such as our alumni, informed and engaged as this process unfolds.

Please visit our governance website for additional information at nsac.ca/governance. In the meantime, any questions or concerns may be directed to transition@nsac.ca.



Sincerely,

Dr. Leslie MacLaren
Co-President, Vice President Academic

Dr. Bernie MacDonald
Co-President, Vice President Administration

NSAC Opens First National Christmas Tree Research Centre

The first national Christmas Tree Research Centre dedicated to providing support and research to the Atlantic Christmas tree industry was officially opened at NSAC in early March.



"Our government is pleased to support the Christmas Tree Research Centre at Nova Scotia Agricultural College," said Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit-Valley MP Scott Armstrong, who spoke at the opening, on behalf of ACOA Minister Keith Ashfield. "Investment in innovative research and development is essential to the creation of new economic opportunities for Atlantic Canada."

NSAC received nearly \$2.4 million from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency's (ACOA's) Atlantic Innovation Fund over a five-year period to aid in the development of SMART Christmas trees or "A" grade trees with all the desirable attributes and technologies to control needle drop.

Christmas tree growing and exporting is a \$100 million industry in Atlantic Canada employing 20,000 people.

"This is great news for Atlantic Canada's Christmas tree industry and it will make us a world leader in balsam fir Christmas tree research," said Agriculture Minister John MacDonell. "We are pleased to support the Centre and the research work that will take place for an industry that creates good jobs and grows the economy in rural Nova Scotia."

Driven by a commitment to rural sustainability, this \$6 million research program, led by Dr. Raj Lada will research products and technologies to enhance needle retention as well as produce a "SMART Balsam", which epitomizes an ideal tree - full, sturdy architecture, unique fragrance, blue-green needles, free of pests with the ability to retain its needles for up to three months or more.

"I am truly humbled by this experience and by the support of NSAC and various funding agencies, industry partners and provin-

cial governments of Atlantic Canada," said Dr. Raj Lada, founding director of the Centre. "I am honoured to lead the CRC in contributing to the knowledge and innovation chain in promoting rural biowealth," he added.

Lada has also established the Atlantic Christmas Tree Research and Development Consortium to open communication and discussion among researchers in various universities, those working in the industry and Atlantic provincial government departments.

Lada has been awarded several grants and research support through national, regional and provincial funding agencies including the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency – Atlantic Innovation Fund, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, AgriFutures – Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food, NB Growing Forward, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, Christmas Tree Council of Nova Scotia and Smart Christmas Tree Research Cooperatives Limited.

The Christmas Tree Research Centre aims to enhance Atlantic Canada's knowledge-based bio-economy through the development of science-driven, innovative technologies and products for increasing the sustainability of Atlantic Canada's Christmas trees and Greenery industry.

NSAC PARTICIPATES AT SKILLS COMPETITION

Representing NSAC, Martin Hodder and Mitchell Jamieson won Nova Scotia Landscape's Skills Competition at NSCC's Kingstec campus in April. They will move on to represent the province at the Skills Canada competition in Quebec City in June. Go Team NS!



Around & About...

NSAC alum realizes life-long ambition of owning a business

Arnold Hagen (Class of '85)

Finally, he's living the dream.

Years ago, as a student at NSAC, Arnold Hagen decided he would one day like to have his own business.

And then he got into banking and over the next 22 years, immersed himself into a career of "selling money."

On Jan. 1, Hagen took control as the new owner of Harris Home Hardware Building Centre on Pictou Road.

While, on the one hand, his environment has changed completely. On the other, he is amazed at the similarities between the banking and retail industries.

"Retail, I don't know if it is a whole lot different than what I was doing before," said Hagen, who spent his entire banking career with Scotiabank.

"It's all service, is the main part of it," he said. "Whether you are selling money or two by fours it's all about selling top-quality service."

After growing up as a "farm boy" on Prince Edward Island, Hagen came to Bible Hill during the 1980s to study Animal Science at NSAC.

He decided to switch studies, however and ended up graduating with a B.Sc Majoring in Economics. From there, he was hired by the Scotiabank in Saint John, N.B., and eventually spent the next two decades moving up through the banking business at various locations in New Brunswick, Halifax and P.E.I. before transferring to Truro about five years ago as a commercial banker.

Hagen always enjoyed his banking career but despite his successes, his mind always strayed back to the concept of running his own business.

Over the past few years, he became acquainted with Doug Harris, son of Ron Harris, who founded Harris Home Hardware in 1974, and eventually they settled on a deal that saw Hagen buying out the business.

Although Hagen said he left his former job still enjoying it as much as he ever did, when the opportunity for owning a trade-marked business and community icon finally presented itself, it was too much to turn down.

"I probably, ever since I left the AC, wanted to own my own business, I guess. So, it's not as if I crawled out of bed one morning and thought I was gonna' come here and buy Doug and Paul out," he said.

"I was looking to realize, I guess, a lifelong ambition. That's what it boils down to. It's no more complicated than that, really. I know it sounds kind of wonky because, like you said, you're leaving the bank – I couldn't imagine a better employer – so it wasn't like I left somewhere where I wasn't happy.

"But it wasn't really just about owning a business," either, Hagen

said. "I was pretty hooked on this type of industry."

While some aspects of his new job – such as customer service – may be similar, Hagen said he certainly does have adjustments to make. Whereas in the banking world his client meetings would be set up a week in advance, now salesman come knocking on his door unannounced at any given time. And then there are the many other multiple facets of his new business to deal with.

"I think you kind of go with the flow," he said. "I find it a very exciting environment. You don't have a clue what opportunities are going to pop up during the day.

"And whether you are involved in bidding a job or trying to find a way to make a deal happen ... you get the same adrenaline rush if want to call it that ... (of closing the deal). It's really no different, it's a sale, so you get that rush from making the sale happen."

Customers won't notice too much change as a result of the new ownership and given that Hagen is "ecstatic" over the quality of staff he has inherited (32 employees including himself), no one has to worry about losing their jobs, either.

As far as the day-to-day running of the retail supply operation goes, all three members of the Harris family have agreed to remain on staff for at least a year.

"So you can sit here with some confidence that what is being done out there hasn't changed. I'm not coming in and turning things upside down. I'm just here to kind of oversee ... and get an appreciation for how everything works and then find my role within that," Hagen said.

"For me it's been one good smooth transition ... The best part of my day is the interacting with staff and customers. And that's no different than banking, I guess."

As printed in the Truro Daily News.

NSAC Alumna Recognized for Teaching Excellence

Heather Logan (Class of '70)



(L to R): Heather Logan and NSAC Co-President Dr. Leslie MacLaren

NSAC alumnus and owner of Cloverfield Animal Behaviour Services, Heather Logan, is the 2011 recipient of NSAC's annual Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence.

Since 1994, NSAC has publicly recognized the innovative and outstanding teaching that takes place every day on the university's campus both in and out

of the classroom; helping students realize their full potential.

"Heather's experience with a wide array of learners has enabled her to develop and teach courses that not only have a solid evidence-based foundation in behavioral science, but also thoroughly engage students in the learning process," said NSAC Co-President Dr. Leslie MacLaren. "We're very pleased that she earned this award in recognition of her efforts."

A 1970 graduate of NSAC with an Animal Science Technician diploma, Heather began teaching in the former Animal Health Technology program in 1989 and more recently in 2006, began lecturing as a sessional instructor for NSAC in the Companion Animal Enterprise Management program.

A course in operant conditioning behavior analysis, Heather's specialty, was created and offered by Heather for the first time last year for the department of Continuing Education. This innovative and well-received course is a 12 week, three-hour lecture lab course teaching students how to apply operant training behavior techniques. This method of training is applicable to several species including not only companion animals but livestock, research and zoo species.

Heather received an award for Top Canadian Correctional Services Program for 1999, 2007 and 2009 for her Pawsitive Directions Canine Program. In this program, women offenders have an opportunity to build a relationship with a rescue dog and ultimately learn training methods with a goal to ready the dog for placement with people in need of service dogs; a mutually-beneficial program for the women and the animals.

"Inspiring, uplifting, diligent, consistently effective" and with a "drive to teach" were phrases and ways in which Heather Logan has been described by her students and supporters. From Heather's teaching philosophy she writes "students gain skills asking questions. They are encouraged to explore opportunities to make a difference." Heather adds interest by using direct examples she has experienced in the industry. What is most striking in reading student comments on Heather Logan's contribution to their education is how Heather has positively impacted their present as well as their future as students believed she cared and had a vision for their future. She gave of her herself 100 per cent.

One student wrote "I believe everything happens for a reason and I know my timing at NSAC was perfectly planned so I would be able to learn what I needed to from whom I needed to."

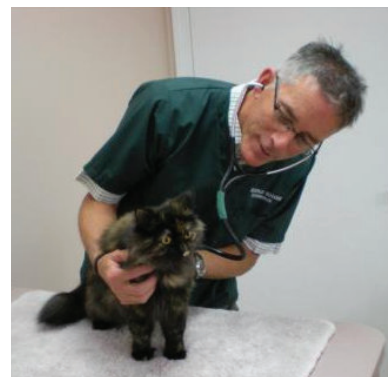
Career as a vet 'rewarding and motivating' ***Dr. Gerald Goodine (Class of '79)***

The co-owner of the Douglas Animal Hospital says careers in veterinary medicine are diverse and fulfilling.

Dr. Gerald Goodine, who has been in the profession for 27 years, doesn't look at it as a job but as a calling.

Goodine grew up in Perth-Andover and attended NSAC, prior to the Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph where he graduated in 1984.

He worked in a mixed practice (both large and small animals) in Kingston until moving back to New Brunswick in 1989. After stints in Chatham and Sussex, Goodine has served the Fredericton area for 20 years. He purchased the Douglas Animal Hospital from Dr. Bev Schneider, who he admires as "one of the forerunners of ladies in veterinary medicine in this province." Her daughter Amy Schneider owns and operates Valley Veterinary Hospital.



His interest in veterinary medicine goes back to junior high school. Goodine was interested in horses and became intrigued by other animals, including pigs and cattle.

Douglas Animal Hospital employs 10 full-time staff and offers computerized blood analysis, radiology, ultrasound and therapeutic laser. It's the only location in the area that

does laser surgery.

The small-animal practice, which looks after all sizes and breeds of dogs and cats, also has the expertise to examine wildlife and what he calls "pocket pets" - bunnies, hamsters and gerbils.

Goodine said he enjoys interacting with people and their pets. He said he has formed a human-animal-veterinary bond that becomes stronger "visit by visit and year by year" because society has evolved over the years to live more closely with pets.

"People have certainly become more attached to their pets," he said.

Technology wise, Goodine said the field has evolved so practitioners can give a wider spectrum of veterinary care compared to 25 years ago. He said preventative medicine has become a lot more popular, with many pet owners now opting to book one or two examinations a year over and above vaccinations.

"You feel very responsible for that pet's medical care and giving the client the right advice that they need to help make critical decisions," he said.

"Being able to give pets a longer, lasting life than what they would have normally have had due to certain medical conditions and helping them make the right decisions for that to happen is very, very rewarding and motivating."

The lifespan of an average pet, with good veterinary and owner care, is 12-17 years and sometimes longer.

Goodine said anybody entering the profession will be struck by how a love of pets crosses all demographics: for a young person, to a middle-aged family where the pet is an integral member of the household, to a senior citizen.

"It is extremely important to the (senior) persons' health because the pet serves as a means of keeping their blood pressure down, keeping the client relaxed and focused on something in their retirement years. It is just amazing the relationship and very special place that pet has in that person's life," he said.

Training is provided at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Prince Edward Island, where New Brunswick sponsors 13 seats annually for provincial students. Two seats are also allocated for New Bruns-

wickers attending the French Veterinary Medical Program in Saint-Hyacinthe, Que.

The minimum educational requirement to enter the profession is two years of applied and life science education at the university level, followed by four years at veterinary college.

"Lots of students end up with a degree before they get into college. We are seeing master's students and amazing mature students with quite a background in education that are getting into vet college," Goodine said.

Educational opportunities have improved, he said. When Goodine attended Guelph, only two seats were provided to New Brunswick students annually. He said the local veterinary community enjoys a good mix: five or six people who graduated within a two-year span of each other in the mid 1980s with other professionals who have entered the business over the last 10 years.

"If you are totally interested in small animals and you specifically want to go to Moncton or Fredericton, the job market is more saturated and it is going to be more challenging. Opportunities are a little greater in rural areas."

Goodine said the work-life balance has improved compared to his time in Miramichi more than 20 years ago when he was a sole practitioner, working three straight weeks and on call 24/7 until taking a couple of days off.

The Greater Fredericton Pet Emergency Service consists of five animal hospitals providing 24/7 emergency service. Each veterinarian works on call evenings and weekends, ending up with approximately one weekend on-call every six weekends, and one night on-call every two weeks.

"That is a really big plus for the Fredericton area," he said.

Goodine said the veterinary field has progressed with dental care, radiology, ultrasound, orthopedic surgery, therapeutic and surgical laser, acupuncture and homeopathy. With experience comes opportunity to specialize.

For animals requiring definitive diagnosis, specialized testing, internal medicine or surgeries by a specialist, Goodine said the area is lucky that within four hours, pets can be in the hands of specialists at the Atlantic Veterinary College. There's a new unit at the Riverview Animal Hospital that offers iodide treatment to shrink hyper thyroid glands in cats. The facility also has a referral service offering a board certified veterinary ophthalmologist and also a veterinary neurology specialist.

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Combining Two Loves Equals a Perfect Career

Niki Jabbour (Class of '96)

On the verge of deciding whether to begin her master's, or continue with a degree in teaching, Niki Jabbour had an "aha" moment. She was sitting through a long class at Dalhousie University and it came to her - she could use her love for horticulture, her passion for writing and combine them.

"I was struck by the immediate sense of community at NSAC, after

spending three years at a big university like Dalhousie. The friendships that I made while at the university are still important to me today," said Niki.

After receiving her diploma in Ornamental Horticulture from NSAC in 1996, Niki went on to accomplish many things, including



publishing her first book, which comes out this December. *The Year Round Vegetable Gardener*, released through Storey Publishing, has been Niki's focus for the past two years.

"It's my first book and it has been such a fun experience," she says. With the book complete, she's now on a roll. "I'm preparing for my book tour, which will take me across North America in the spring of 2012 and I'm hard at work on my second book.

In *The Year Round Vegetable Gardener*, Niki discusses the simplicity of extending harvest seasons from the traditional three or four months, to 12 months. In the book, Niki explains with simple structures like cold frames and the right plant choices, it is possible to harvest year round. "Even in winter, you can harvest over 20 vegetables - mache, spinach, winter lettuce, arugula, claytonia, mizuna, carrots and more," she says.

Although *The Year Round Vegetable Gardener* is her first book, it is not the first time Niki's words have been published. Just after graduating, Niki began writing a column for the *Halifax Daily News* and continued for nearly 12 years. Afterwards she went on to write for a variety of gardening magazines, including *Canadian Gardening*, *Garden Making*, *The Heirloom Gardener* and *Gardens East*. Niki's career was on the right track, combining her two favorite things in life.

As Niki continued to expand her gardening, she started her own radio show. *The Weekend Gardener* continues to air across the Maritimes, Sunday mornings, from April through October. During the show, Niki discusses all aspects of gardening with experts from across North America.

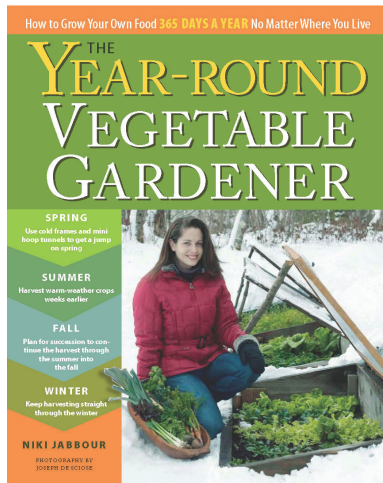
With her experience in gardening and writing, it was obvious that a book would be Niki's next step. But writing something new was not an easy task.

"Over the years, I had been approached by different publishers, but at those times I didn't feel that I had anything new that needed to be said," said Niki. "I didn't want to write a book on a topic that had already been covered by a dozen other authors. When I started playing with cold tolerant vegetables and extending our season, I realized that this was something that I could share."

Niki's experience in writing has taken her all over. Most recently she had the opportunity to travel across France and Belgium, discovering gardening in a whole other continent. Niki recorded the trip on her witty blog, where she discussed her adventures and misadventures in gardening.

During her travels, Niki quickly observed how further ad-

vanced residents of Europe are than Canadians, in terms of year round gardening. "This was my first trip to that part of the world and although I loved seeing some of the famous gardens, like Monet's garden, it was the regular gardens at people's homes that inspired me the most," says Niki. "Gardening isn't just a hobby in Europe; everyone has a vegetable patch and a flower border. It's a way of life."



Niki has been able to take her two loves in life, besides her husband and children and make them into her career. She makes

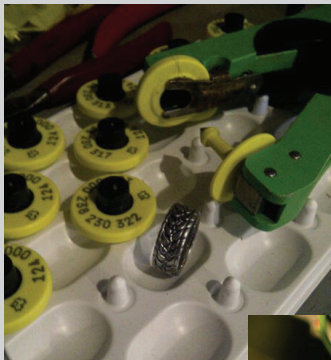
writing and gardening fun, as well as informative. Her 'aha' moment led her to still being excited every time she plants a seed.

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Dan Muir's (Class of '10) ring was spotted while tagging cattle in Alberta.

Shawn Loo's (Class of '10) ring was spotted at a park in North Vancouver.



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NSAC's community is the local area and it's more than that. NSAC's community is agriculture and rural communities. NSAC's community is the research world. NSAC's community is our neighbourhood, but it's also Ghana and Ethiopia. NSAC's community is made up of people who want to make a difference, regardless of their geography. Building a community that is strong, vibrant and healthy matters to NSAC. That's why these people roll up their sleeves and work to make their community better.

Members of NSAC's community - staff, faculty, students and alumni use their professional and personal skills to make a difference, each and every day.

Students at NSAC are taking what they've learned in the classroom and sharing it with developing countries on summer break. Staff and faculty are using the skills they've gained at work to advance non-profit groups in the community. Our alumni, who we describe as quiet crusaders, engage in their home and professional communities to make things better. They share their experience and knowledge to help others, close to home or a world away.

These great people are doing good work and creating a community of "Learning that Lasts". NSAC is proud of the people who make up their community. NSAC values their accomplishments and wants to share their great work.

Paul Manning (Class of '13) *Student, Environmental Science*



He's a member of the campus community garden. He's volunteered with NSAC's Orientation and Operation Red Nose. He's on numerous campus committees. He's played varsity soccer and been a member of the cross country running team. He's even maintained a photo blog, reaching his goal of taking one photo a day, for 365 days. He's the Students' Union president.

When severe floods hit Pakistan last summer, he headed up a variety show and silent auction, to raise funds for victims of the tragic disaster. He's helped make a difference in a developing country. Third-year NSAC Environmental Science student, Paul Manning, embraces every experience that's put in front of him because he believes in trying new things.

That didn't change when he spent four months in 2010 completing an internship volunteering at a university in Ethiopia. "I expanded my horizons and tried everything that I was served," says Paul. A former vegetarian, he tried every dish from goat meat to kitfo.

That's not the only thing Paul took away from his summer stint in the developing country. While volunteering at the Jimma Uni-

versity College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Paul worked on an agriculture project entitled, "Post Harvest Management to Improve Livelihoods". "The project's main goal was to increase the quantity of food that is available for consumption, as huge amounts of crops are being destroyed post-harvest," said Paul. "These damages may be caused by rodents, microorganisms, fungus, bruising or poor humidity."

During his summer stay, Paul had a good look at what it was like to live in a developing country. "Issues surrounding food security, it was an eye opening experience to see firsthand the challenges with producing safe, healthy food products."

Paul's experience also saw him consuming a lot less when he returned home. "My eyes were opened to the amount we consume as a society." Paul said he became more conscientious of his water consumption and realized how fortunate we really are.

Paul's experience left him all the more satisfied with his willingness to try new things. Where will he make a difference next?

Debbie Mellish (Class of '76) *Technician, Department of Environmental Sciences*

Countless young women in our community have been touched by Debbie Mellish's caring personality. Heavily involved with Girl Guides and Pathfinders for over 20 years, Debbie uses her passion as a teacher and mentor to train women within the organization in areas such as conflict resolution, bullying and bias awareness.

She is currently a leader with the 2nd Bible Hill Pathfinder Unit, as well as one of the Provincial Deputy Commissioners and trainers. In 2006, she received the Girl Guides of Canada – Fortitude Award for her courage and endurance in adversity.



Debbie graduated from NSAC in 1976 with a Biology Laboratory Technology Diploma and has taught at the university for the past 18 years. She currently works in the Department of Environmental Sciences and received the NSAC Award for Achievement in Teaching in 2003 for her energy, dedication and commitment to excellence. Debbie's caring personality has made her an asset on many different committees, especially those involving community outreach. She has provided support and

guidance on projects such as the NSAC Open House, Career Fair, Ag Challenge and the High School Introductory Program.

Affectionately known as 'Mother T' to her students for her unique blend of qualities reminiscent of Mother Theresa and Mr. T, Debbie has also had a profound impact on her students' lives both personally and professionally. Sarah Redden Keenan, an NSAC alumnus, says, "Debbie was the lab technician for many of my courses and was an incredible source of information, knowledge, support and encouragement, both academically and personally. I often wondered at her ability to do it all, actually. Since becoming a mom I have often thought of her and everything that she juggles so successfully."

In the past she has volunteered with the Parks and Recreation Committee for the Village of Bible Hill and served as President of the Village Cooperative Play School. Currently Debbie's community outreach, besides her involvement in Girl Guides-Guides du Canada, is as President of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary which she has been a member of for 30 years. She has been awarded with a Letter of Commendation and a Gold Medal of Merit from the Colchester Area Girl Guides for her commitment to the community. In May 2011 she received the Mayflower Award, the highest Girl Guide provincial award in Nova Scotia. In 2007, Debbie, along with husband Dwane, whom she met at NSAC, was presented with NSAC's Alumni Volunteer of the Year award.



Lugene Young, RN Assistant Dean, Nurse Educator

As a Registered Nurse and Nurse Educator, Lugene believes in the power of setting a positive example whether for her students at NSAC, her family, or her community. Having lived in Truro for 24 years, Lugene believes in developing community resour-

ces that will benefit NSAC's student population as well as the importance of giving back – and is making a difference in a big way. The Colchester Sexual Assault Centre, Third Place Transition House, Women's Resource Centre, Colchester Interagency Committee on Family Violence, The Town of Truro Parks and Recreation Committee and the Northern AIDS Connection all benefit from Lugene's time. Lugene also delivers health presentations to the women at Nova Institution, local schools and the Community College. Most recently, she volunteered on the medical team for the Canada Winter Games. With two daughters in university and working full time, busy is an understatement but she wouldn't have it any other way.

Judy Smith, B.Pe Dalhousie University Athletics Director, Dean Student Services



Judy Smith has spent her career contributing to university sports in her community and at NSAC. Twice named president of the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA), she has also filled the role of basketball convener, women's development committee member, vice-president of programs and vice-president of governance within the same organization.

Judy served as NSAC's dean of women, health services officer and co-ordinator of women's athletics for 18 years, before taking over the athletic director's role in 1994. Prior to 1992, she won the Investor's Group Community Sport Administrator award. A Level 3 Basketball and Level 2 Volleyball coach, she has also coached the Rams field hockey, soccer, volleyball, cross-country and basketball teams at times from 1975-1995, winning eight Atlantic Colleges Athletic Association titles and two CCAA medals.

During her tenure as athletic director, NSAC has hosted nine of 12 CCAA National championships and she was honoured as the CCAA's athletic director of the year for 2007-08.

Dick Huggard (Class of '56) Former Deputy Minister, Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture

Dick Huggard dedicated his career to improving agriculture in Nova Scotia and making a difference for our province. In his retirement, his days are no different.

Dick spends many hours a week with the Cobequid Salmon Association, protecting and conserving wild Atlantic salmon, in his community. As a director and pivotal member with the association, he's been working to restore the 22 rivers in the area by tracing salmon to better understand their life cycles and situations.



When he's not wading in the rivers, he's in local classrooms with grade four and five students as coordinator of the Cobequid Salmon Association's Fish Friends program. Dick educates the students on the importance of salmon preservation and restoration.

Dick has received an Honorary Doctorate from NSAC and has been named NSAC's Distinguished Alumni.

In his retirement, Dick is also very active with the Nova Scotia Farm Equip-

ment Museum. As Chair, Dick works with the committee to raise awareness and preserve the history of agriculture in Nova Scotia.

Ashley Shepard (Class of '07) ***Development Officer***

Ashley Shepard has made a small commitment but a big difference. For the past year she's spent one hour, every Tuesday morning, with her "little brother". Through the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colchester's In-School Mentoring program, she volunteers her time to improve the life of this child.



The results, which were noticed immediately, are why she does it. Ashley's "brother" instantly opened up and became a lot more out-going. The pure joy of seeing that ensures she'll never miss a week.

But Ashley's "little brother" is not the only person she schedules into her weekly routine. Along with her compassionate bordercollie, Luka, she has recently become a member of Therapeutic Paws of Canada. Now that they are certified, Ashley and Luka will soon be visiting

a local senior's complex to provide volunteer animal therapy for human needs.

Steve Myette (Class of '81) ***Regional Manager, Strategic Accounts and Distribution, Novartis Animal Health Canada Inc.***

"Once you understand what it is that sport and community programs can provide in the way of structure, confidence, leadership, competi-



tive passion, as well as cultivating a healthy lifestyle, it's easy to find the time and energy to give back," said NSAC alumnus Steve Myette. And give back he does. Steve has been president of the Parent Teacher Association at Cobequid Consolidated Elementary, secretary of the South Colchester Minor Hockey Association (SCMHA) and has also managed its annual auction accounts. He has chaired the Phil Sears Memorial Friendship tournament for seven years and won its leadership award in 2010 for his countless hours of dedication to the SC-

MHA. In addition, Steve has coached Tim Bits soccer, NSAC varsity volleyball for 11 years and has been an active member of the Canadian Ski Patrol for ten. He assisted with Jr. B Lacrosse for three years in addition to coaching hockey at the peewee, bantam and midget levels for eight years.

"Volunteering is a two-way street- the return for the commitment being the enjoyment of meeting and working with many great individuals and together watching the people you support grow and in many cases become friends."

Visit nsac.ca/learningthatlasts to learn about more of the great members of NSAC's community.

Garden Provides Sense of Accomplishment

Kevin Morin pulls weeds, gingerly places seeds in the ground and smiles knowing it's only a matter of time before his work pays off.

The NSAC plant science student is co-ordinating NSAC's Community Garden, which began about four years ago. The estimated acre of garden land, off Vimy Road, tucked behind Cox Institute, was almost full with individual plots three years ago. Last year, it was full and this year there is a waiting list, with all 47 plots accounted for, mostly by NSAC students and faculty. One plot is dedicated to the Colchester Food Bank, another is perennials and one is manned by Valley resident Linda Swan.



Because of the garden's success, Morin hopes people will come together to create more community gardens.

"Our priority is to the NSAC. I was going to expand our's to more of the community, but we already have an NSAC waiting list. I hope this

kick starts other community gardens," Morin said.

Morin, who will plant pumpkin, cabbage, squash, tomatoes, beets and peppers in his plot, will share some resources and advice on starting and maintaining a garden.

Morin says there are many reasons to get involved in a community-based garden project.

"For me, being in agricultural science, you can get so detached from gardening because it's all about technology now. It's a place to get back to the basics," said Morin.

"It's also a stress reliever and there's a sense of accomplishment."

Valley's Linda Swan, a member of the NSAC Friends of the Garden Club, also has a garden plot with NSAC. Although she gardens at home, she enjoys the community garden for specific reasons.

"I couldn't grow squash to my satisfaction. It's good to try something new and you can learn from others in a community garden," she said. "Also, people should know where their food comes from and with the price of food now, people have to look at alternative options."

Swan also said community gardening is great for people who don't have enough space for home gardens or who feel intimidated trying something new on their own.

Morin will organize free summer workshops on gardening, including canning, preserving and pest and disease control.

As printed in the Truro Daily News.

The Watson Bulb Garden

The Watson Bulb Garden is a newly developed area directly adjacent to the NSAC Rock Garden. Tucked into an evergreen dell surrounded by mature shrubs, the garden encompasses both sides of a path considered a main thoroughfare in the centre of campus. The garden was prepared in the fall of 2010 with the installation of approximately 2000 bulbs. The species included selections that were deer resistant and small in stature – all uniquely suited to alpine garden plantings.

The Watson Bulb Garden celebrates horticulture and is augmented by a sandstone sculpture created by Heather Lawson, a restoration stone mason, sculptor and friend of NSAC. This space is also friendly to many birds with good habitat and seasonal food sources. Benches in the area and its proximity to the Hosta collection make it an inviting location on campus to relax and recharge.

The NSAC grounds continue to be a source of learning, pleasure and pride for the campus and wider community and the university was pleased to dedicate this new bulb garden in memory of Jean Watson.

Jean Watson had a passion for horticulture and she, along with her husband Nelson, were founding members of the Nova Scotia Rock Garden Club and charter members of a mighty group of green thumbs known as Friends of the Garden. These Friends volunteer countless hours of their time to help maintain the specialist plant collections at the university.

Jean was also heavily involved in horticultural societies in Dartmouth and a member of the Rhododendron society. Jean Watson's love of horticulture is reflected in the spirit of this bulb garden.

The garden will be managed throughout the year featuring only bulbous plant species.

Friends of the Garden

With a passion for plants, this mighty group of green thumbs volunteers countless hours of their time to help maintain the specialist plant collections at the university - including the Herb Garden, the Native Plant Garden, Alumni Gardens and NSAC Rock Garden.

Formed in 1999 with Dr. Bernard Jackson, the Friends of the Gardens meet every Wednesday morning to help with various garden activities on campus and while here, have developed close friendships while adding a few plants to their own gardens.



Front row (L to R): Daughter, Anne Watson, Nelson Watson **Back row (L to R):** Daughter, Catherine Watson, Darwin Carr, co-manager NSAC Grounds and NSAC Co-President, Dr. Leslie MacLaren

Events & Reunions

Banff, Alberta Gathering

Several NSAC alumni and their families joined NSAC's Co-President, Vice President Academic, Dr. Leslie MacLaren and Development Officer, Alisha Johnson, for a day on the slopes in Lake Louise, Alberta in mid-March. The group gathered with even more alumni for an après-ski reception in downtown Banff.



Front: Abby Quintero (Class of '88), Diane Lutz, NSAC Co-President, Vice President Academic, Dr. Leslie MacLaren, Don Byers (Class of '63). Back: Gerald Post (Class of '79), Dan Muir and Shawn Loo (Class of '10), Yvonne Thyssen-Post (Class of '80), Terry Lutz (Class of '68) and Allen Jess (Class of '61).



Dan and Gerald



Alisha Johnson and Don Byers

PEI Alumni Reception

Nearly 40 NSAC alumni, from PEI, joined staff from NSAC's Development & External Relations office for a reception in mid-April. The group enjoyed an evening at Outriders Cookhouse in Charlottetown.



L-R: Ian Drake (Class of '06), Pat Dunphy (Class of '07), Austin Drake (Class of '07) and Mark Verleun (Class of '09).



NSAC Hosted a Barley Party



As unique as the grain itself, NSAC students participated in the university's second, annual 'barley party' in early April when graduands received their official NSAC rings.

Launched last year, the barley ring, as it is affectionately known, provides students and alumni with a true symbol of the university, second only to the degree or diploma and immediately identifies the individual as a graduate of NSAC.

"We are so pleased with the response we have received to the ring over the past year," said NSAC Development Officer, Alisha Johnson. "It has connected our students and alumni on a whole

new level."



L-R: David Gilfoy, Lindsay van de Riet, Tristan Grant, Nathan Murray and Nick Brown with their new rings.

NSAC's official ring symbolically captures the uniqueness of the university. The design features a textured pattern of barley around a simple band. Barley is a widely planted and harvested crop in Nova Scotia in the past and present day and has been used for

sustaining humans and animals since early times.

Former Students' Union President, Colette Wyllie (Class of '10), who played a large role in the development of the new ring, spoke to students after they anxiously received their rings.

To borrow wording that was used heavily during the implementation of the ring, universities are steeped in tradition. This could not be truer of NSAC. We are a school on the cutting edge of science and research, but we are also very true to our roots. We are wary



Class of '11 Barley Party attendees.

of change. That's why we knew we were taking a gamble when we decided to investigate the possibility of establishing an official NSAC ring back in 2009. We wanted one ring that would represent the students and alumni of

NSAC. We knew it had to be unlike other university rings, because NSAC is unlike other universities.

I think we did something right.

Helping to establish this symbol will remain as the single most memorable experience of my years at NSAC. I have never been more proud to be a part of something. However, I am equally as proud just to wear the ring on my finger. I have always been proud of my choice in university, and now I have something to display that fact. I hope you all agree.

I have never witnessed something so readily embraced by the student body. As most of you know, the Class of 2011 is only the second class to receive the official ring. I don't know about you, but to me it feels like it has been a tradition for already much longer than that. As part of this new tradition, I hope you will wear your ring with pride now and in the future.

-Colette Wyllie

Honourary Ring Recipient

Honourary rings are awarded to individuals who do not meet the criteria to be eligible for an NSAC ring, but who are extremely deserving of the honour. These individuals are ambassadors and supporters of the institution, who have made outstanding contributions to the NSAC community. They represent "true" NSAC alumni.

During the 2011 Barley Party, an honorary ring was presented to NSAC's Development Officer, Alisha Johnson.



L-R: 2010-11 Students' Union President, Nathan Murray, Colette Wyllie (Class of '10), Alisha and 2011-12 Students' Union President, Paul Manning.



World Pond Hockey Championships 2011

The World Pond Hockey Championships, which take

place each February in Plaster Rock, N.B., had a new team on the roster this year – an NSAC alumni team.

Five former NSAC students and varsity hockey players took to the ice to try and re-discover the glory days of old. Aaron Baillie, Derek Ashworth, Stephen Pelham and Kevin MacPhee, (Class of '97), along with Scott Jeffrey (Class of '96), competed for a chance to earn the wooden cup. The former Rams were hopeful of reaching the playoffs after months of planning, but unfortunately there were too many obstacles to overcome.

Unfortunate to not make the playoffs, it was still an excellent experience. Having not been together since graduation, this was not only a hockey tournament for the alumni team, but



also a weekend to reminisce about old times, meet families, get reacquainted and enjoy life the Aggie way.

The World Pond Hockey Championships is an event that has gained worldwide fame for taking hockey back to where it began, on the natural ice of ponds and lakes. Each year, 120 teams compete for the title of World Pond Hockey Champions and they travel from all over the world to do so.



The four-on-four tournament is held over a four day period on Roulston Lake, located in the town of Plaster Rock. The town is turned into a hockey haven over those 4 days with over 500 men and women visiting to play hockey, have fun, and participate in a wonderful experience overall.

Up-coming Events & Reunions

Events:

Open House – July 21

Staff & Alumni BBQ - July 21, 4 p.m.

Agri-Golf Classic – July 22

Blue & Gold Awards - Nov. 4

Reunions:

Class of '51 – July 21

Class of '56 – July 20-22

Class of '61 – July 20, 21 & 22

Class of '66 – July 21 & 22

Class of '01 – August 6

NSIA Awards

Several NSAC alumni were honoured, in April, at the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists annual awards banquet.

Honourary Member - Doug Wyllie (Class of '79)

Distinguished Agrologist – Jack van Roestel (Class of '78)

Outstanding Young Agrologist – Amy Sangster (Class of '99)

CA Douglas Award – Julie Bailey (Class of '07)

Distinguished Life Member – Dr. Ali Madani (NSAC faculty)

NSIA transfer of presidency to Michael Kittilsen (Class of '96), also occurred at the banquet.



Colette Wyllie (Class of '10) congratulates her father, Doug, on his award.



NSAC Past President, Dr. Jeff Norrie, transfers presidency to Michael.

NSAC's 106th Convocation – May 6, 2011



An impressive 236 degrees and diplomas were granted at NSAC's 106th Convocation in early May, making this group the newest members to NSAC's Alumni Association. Proud parents, relatives and friends filled the Lan-

gille Athletic Centre to watch the excited students cross the stage.

Honourary Doctorate Presented to NSAC Alumnus

Mr. Alfred Dale Ells (Class of '59)

NSAC's honorary doctorate is designed to recognize extraordinary contributions to society or exceptional intellectual or community achievement. The awarding of honorary doctorates, an important feature of NSAC's convocation, serves to celebrate both the individual and the university as well as to inspire our graduates, their families and guests.

"I congratulate Mr. Ells on this achievement in recognition of his dedication to agriculture in Nova Scotia," said John MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture. "In addition to his contributions to the agriculture industry, Mr. Ells has provided valuable input into the educational programs during his years at NSAC."

Mr. Ells has made an exceptional contribution to the agricul-



L-R: NSAC Co-Presidents, Dr. Bernie Macdonald and Dr. Leslie MacLaren, Mr. Ells and Dalhousie University President, Dr. Tom Traves.

tural industry and in particular NSAC. It was his leadership that helped to establish NSAC's national presence and expertise in applied, skills based education. The influence of his early work in the field of internationalization is also still being felt today by students, faculty, staff and agricultural colleges and universities around

the world.

"We are extremely pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the exceptional contribution Dale Ells has made to the agricultural industry and in particular NSAC," said NSAC Co-President Dr. Leslie

MacLaren. "His lifelong contributions and leadership in agriculture, education and international development make him an exceptional candidate for this esteemed honour."

Dale Ells attended NSAC and then Macdonald College to receive his undergraduate education in agriculture. After earning his Masters in Economics at Acadia University, Dale worked for five years as a Marketing Representative with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing. He then spent the remaining 28 years of his working career at NSAC, contributing first as an associate professor in the Department of Economics and Business and then as both the dean, vocational and technical education and director of the NSAC Centre for International Development.

As Dean of Vocational and Technical Education, Dale provided vision and leadership in the construction and equipping of the Cox Institute of Technology, the building which served as the primary academic building at NSAC for many years. Dale served one term as president of the Canadian Association of Diplomas in Agriculture Programs further establishing NSAC's national presence and the College's expertise in applied, skills based education.

Dale's commitment to agricultural training was extended to the other Atlantic Provinces via his leadership in and commitment to the Atlantic Provinces Agricultural Vocational and Technical Training Agreement. The vocational courses, many of which were continuing education opportunities designed to meet the needs of rural and farming communities brought both reputation and diversity for learners to the campus. Dale seemed to know in his heart the essence of industry-relevant, student-focused education and he led NSAC to adopt many aspects of competency-based education before this became the norm in post-secondary education.

Dale Ells is the founder of internationalization at NSAC. By happenstance he was invited to travel with other Canadian college colleagues to visit the School of Agriculture at the Gambia College. Dale saw the opportunity for NSAC staff to contribute globally through international development projects. Thus was started what was then called the NSAC Centre for International Development. Dale was the director until his retirement in 1994. While the focus was initially on international development projects in The Gambia, Jamaica and elsewhere, it quickly expanded to include institutional linkages and exchange programs and traditional as well as customized education for international students.

The influence of his early work is still felt today by students, faculty, staff and agricultural colleges and universities around the world. NSAC has a diverse faculty and student body --- one that has a higher than average sensitivity to international opportunities, needs and global citizenship due to Dale's initial vision and dedication.

Even upon his 'official' retirement in 1994 Dale remained active. It was during these years that he used his knowledge of NSAC to author *Shaped by Service, an Illustrated History of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College*. In 1998 Dale received the recognition of Dean Emeritus of NSAC.

Friend of NSAC Awarded to the Bible Hill Fire Brigade

The Bible Hill Fire Brigade was presented with a Friend of NSAC Award for their leadership, commitment and community spirit and their many years of support to the NSAC campus community.

The Friend award was designed in 2004 to recognize persons from outside the university community who have been instrumental in furthering the aims of the institution.

The year 2011 marks the 65th anniversary of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade and is a fitting occasion to recognize their longstanding relationship within the community and in particular with Nova Scotia Agricultural College.



L-R: Bible Hill Fire Chief, Dwane Mellish (Class of '75) and NSAC, Executive Director, Development & External Relations, Jim Goit.

their personal time responding to emergencies along with close to 1400 hours of training. This does not include hours spent on equipment, fire prevention and other community outreach.

Bible Hill Fire Brigade and its facilities and services are regularly made available to residents of the community. An excellent fire prevention program continues to reach out to the residences of Bible Hill through school programs, senior complex visits, a fire prevention calendar and an open house. The Bible Hill Fire Brigade provides a fire prevention program to NSAC residence students and to the children of the NSAC Daycare on an annual basis.

Brigade members attend NSAC's Orientation bon fire making this very fun activity, safe and possible. Members assist NSAC's security staff with managing parking on campus on occasions of high traffic including high school prom night and the annual Relay for Life at AgriTECH Park. Members provide First-Aid service during NSAC's annual Open House in July and most recently partnered with the Village Commission and Langille Athletic Centre at NSAC for a Firefighter's Wellness initiative.

The Fire Hall is made available at various times for student events such as the International Students yard sales.

Honourary Associate Awarded to Jean-Paul Deveau

Jean-Paul Deveau, president of Acadian Seaplants Limited (ASL), a bio-tech company specializing in the manufacturing, cultivating and processing of marine plant products, received an Honourary Associate.

NSAC recognizes individuals as honorary associate as those who have made outstanding contributions throughout their ca-

reers to agricultural education or to the advancement of agriculture.

"I congratulate Mr. Deveau on receiving this recognition from the NSAC for his work in the seaweed industry and his contribution to its growth globally," said John MacDonell, Minister of Agriculture. "Value-adding, innovation and research are important components of our resource sectors, helping to create jobs and grow the economy."



Jean-Paul Deveau and Co-President, Dr. Leslie MacLaren.

1994, Mr. Deveau became the vice-president of sales and marketing and was responsible for the development of sales and marketing for all product lines including kelp meal, seaweed extracts and cultivated edible seaweeds. In 1996, Mr. Deveau became vice-president and general manager of the company and managed four major manufacturing facilities in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick from a corporate office in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. He became President of ASL on May 24, 2002.

"NSAC has enjoyed a wonderful relationship with ASL over the years including a very active research partnership," explained NSAC Co-President Dr. Leslie MacLaren. "These have included numerous Atlantic Innovation Fund projects as well as a prestigious five-year Industry Research Chair position in Whole Plant Stress physiology. This kind of collaborative research work, which continues to grow, goes a long way to increasing the critical mass of technical expertise in the province."



Jean-Paul Deveau is a past chair and currently serves on the board of BioNova (the Nova Scotia Biotechnology & Life Sciences Industry Association). He sits on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (Nova Scotia Chapter), is a member of the Nova Scotia Premier's Council on the Economy and the Council of the International Seaweed Association - an international group of academic and industrial users of seaweed responsible for organizing international seaweed symposia. He was most recently Chair of the 2011 Canada Winter Games held in Halifax.

ASL continues to be one of the largest employers of NSAC graduates in the Atlantic Provinces and last fall, sponsored a \$1000 annual scholarship for senior undergraduate and graduate students studying Aquaculture.

Contribution to Student Life Recognized

Distinction Awards were presented to Nicole Lefebvre, Cole Harbour, NS; Hannah Maynard, Tyne Valley, PE and Nathan Murray, Borden-Carleton, PE.

NSAC's system of Distinction Awards is designed to express NSAC's acknowledgment and appreciation to graduating students who have, through their time, energy, talent and leadership, enriched the campus community during their studies at NSAC without neglecting academic pursuits. Recipients are recognized for contributions made through their involvement over time in multiple activities, including, but not limited to, student government, campus activities, community service, sport and recreation, internationalization, or other campus programs.

A Distinction Award is given based on the totality of a student's contribution to NSAC. Students graduating from all NSAC programs are eligible for these Awards.



"The Distinction Award recipients have contributed significantly to both the campus and the surrounding community through their involvement with student government, leadership in a variety of campus programs and many community service activities," said Associate Vice President for Students Ms, Keltie Jones. "We are proud of their accomplishments."

The Class of 2011 presented the traditional class composite to the university during the Graduation Banquet along with a bench, constructed by members of the Class, for use along the new Cobequid Trail running through campus.

Class of '11 Life Executive & Valedictorian

Nathan Murray, Borden-Carleton, PE – Life President
Lindsay Birch, Birch Hill, PE – Life Secretary
Chad Graham, Upper Stewiacke, NS – Valedictorian



Earth Day 2011

For over 40 years, Earth Day—April 22—has inspired and mobilized individuals and organizations worldwide to demonstrate their commitment to environmental protection and sustainability.



At NSAC we believe one person can make a difference in the world. We also believe that a group of people making small changes can have a big impact. To that end, a group of NSAC staff members participated in a trail walk and garbage clean up of the Cobequid Trail running behind campus.

Landscape Exam

NSAC hosts, for the 15th consecutive year, the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association Industry Certified Technician Exam. This industry credential allows individuals to be mobile for work throughout North America.



NSAC Athletics

UPDATE

A compliment of 10 varsity and club teams competed for NSAC this past year. Beginning in the fall with cross-country, golf, women's rugby, and men's and women's soccer, the Rams were represented in ACAA and CCAA competition (Thomas Teakles ran in the CCAA National Cross-Country Championships hosted by St Thomas in Fredericton). Following these activities, the equestrian team, women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball and woodsmen competed October – March in the ACAA, the Canadian Intercollegiate Lumberjacking Association and the Atlantic Intercollegiate Equestrian League.

Our student-athletes represented NSAC well at every opportunity. Overall standings include: cross-country -4th, equestrian - 2nd, women's rugby 3rd, women's golf – 2nd, men's soccer -6th, women's soccer -5th, women's volleyball- 5th , women's basketball -8th and men's basketball -8th. The woodsmen finished 2nd overall in CILA.

AWARDS

Awards presented at the 47th Annual Athletic Awards Banquet include:

HUSTLE Award

Basketball (m)	Thomas Teakles
Basketball (w)	Felicia Strickland
Rugby (w)	Georgia Lewis
Soccer (m)	Robert Matheson
Soccer (w)	Julie Poirier
Volleyball (w)	Cassandra Teed
Woodsmen (m)	Geoff Larkin
Woodsmen (w)	Brienne (Liddy) Cramm

MIP Award

Basketball (m)	Joshua Kennedy
Basketball (w)	Bridget Wilson
Rugby (w)	Jessica Stickney
Soccer (m)	Jeremy Bokma
Soccer (w)	Rhonda Kennedy
Volleyball (w)	Bethany Holliday
Woodsmen (m)	William McCallum
Woodsmen (w)	Jenna Rippey

ROOKIE Award

Basketball (m)	Andrew Myette
Basketball (w)	Hillary Hopper
Rugby (w)	Becky Blank
Soccer (m)	Trevor Seymour
Soccer (w)	Megan Turple
Volleyball (w)	Marley Geddes
Woodsmen (m)	Martin Van den Broek

Woodsmen (w)
Equestrian
Cross Country
Golf

Catherine MacWilliams
Heather MacEachern
Jen Bent
Mark Canfield

NSAC ALL ACADEMIC ATHLETES

Athletes who have demonstrated excellence in academics and athletics, achieving the required average of 80 or above for "Honors" and a position on a varsity team.

Basketball

Nicole Cox
Rebecca O'Connell
Bridget Wilson
Jeremy Bokma
Andrew Myette

Robert Matheson
Andrew Myette
Sergio Sani
Trevor Seymour
Julie Poirier
Rianne Dykstra
Sara Seemel
Emma Hayes
Kent Mader

Volleyball

Marley Geddes
Kiersten Cormier
Bethany Holliday

Rugby

Jaimee Eastabrook
Riannon McVay
Megan O'Leary
Ashley Mullins

Soccer

Megan Turple
Jeremy Bokma

ROD SHOVELLER AWARD – RHONDA KENNEDY

The Shoveller Award is awarded to a male or female basketball player in the ACAA who exemplifies sportsmanship, leadership, community involvement, basketball skill and who has the respect of teammates, opponents and officials

CCAA ACADEMIC ALL CANADIANS – KENT MADER (SOCCER), TREVOR SEYMOUR (SOCCER) AND MEGAN TURPLE (SOCCER)



CCAA Academic All Canadian recipients Kent Mader and Megan Turple. Missing is Trevor Seymour.

The **SIRC-CCAA Academic All Canadian Award** is the CCAA's most prestigious student-athlete award, epitomizing their mandate of recognizing excellence in academics and athletics. To achieve this honour, a student-athlete must be named to his/her respective Conference All-Star teams (1st and 2nd) in a CCAA Sport, and

must achieve a GPA standing of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent as defined by his/her institution.

MVP Award

Basketball (m)	Thomas Teakles
Basketball (w)	Rhonda Kennedy
Rugby (w)	Sarah Nichols
Soccer (m)	Kent Mader
Soccer (w)	Kaleigh McDonald
Volleyball (w)	Becky McDonald
Woodsmen (m)	Marten Dykstra
Woodsmen (w)	Mariah Fisher
Equestrian Club	Victoria MacIntosh
Cross Country	Thomas Teakles
Golf	Jescynda Cain-Hotham

OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARDS

KS Marchant Award

Technical: Holly Morton - Rugby
 Degree: Sara Seemel - Soccer



K.S. Marchant Award, presented by Dr. Garth Coffin to Holly Morton (right) and Sara Seemel (left).

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Rhonda Kennedy (basketball, soccer, cross country), Truro, NS
 Kent Mader (soccer), New Germany, NS



Athletes of the Year award, presented by Keltie Jones to Rhonda Kennedy and Kent Mader.

Kent completed four years of soccer with the Rams and was team captain and the on and off field leader. On a team laden with rook-

ies, his vocal guidance and encouragement was valued by the coaches and his teammates. In addition to being selected as an All-Conference player and a CCAA Academic All-Canadian, Kent was an executive member of the NSAC Students' Union.

We know both Athletes of the Year will continue to lead in their communities in the future!

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

EastLink Agri-Golf Classic



Athletics are proud to announce that Eastlink will be the title sponsor of the annual Agri-Golf Classic for the next three years. The 2011 event will be hosted at the Fox Meadow Golf Club in Stratford PE on July 22. Visit nsac.ca/athletics/golf for registration forms and more information.

Hosting in 2011-2012

NSAC will be the host of the 2012 CCAA Men's Basketball National Championships in March 2012. This will be the 13th nationals hosted by NSAC. The website will be up by September and we encourage you to follow the progress as we ramp up for the excitement in March.

Cuba 2011

NSAC grads of 2011 celebrated their up-coming graduation in Cuba in late April. Roughly 30 grads, close friends and even a few alumni, jetted south for the week-long getaway right before Convocation.

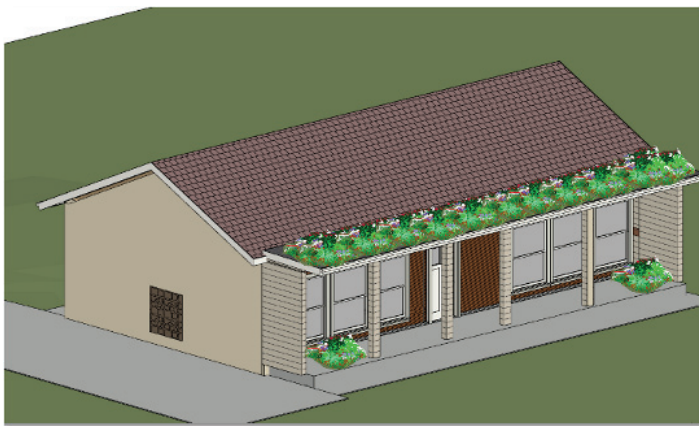


L-R: Ryan Folkins, Tristan Grant, Stefan McKenna, Stewart Yuill, Dan Muir, David Gilfoy, Ryan Gillis, Cole Noonan, Tim Murphy and Nathan Murray.

Phase I of NSAC's TREEhouse Reaches Completion

NSAC continues to be a leader in alternative energies and environmental sustainability issues with the completion of the first phase of its TREEhouse - an on-campus project to convert an older style split-level dwelling into an energy efficient and eco-friendly office space.

TREEhouse stands for Technology for the Responsible use of Energy and the Environment. The building now benefits from passive solar, recycled insulation, energy efficient lighting, recycled flooring and paint, recycled roofing materials and exterior siding produced from locally sourced wood products. Phase I of the three-phased project focused on the initial renovation to produce a useable space.



"The TREEhouse is on schedule with Phase I complete, Phase II to be completed by summer 2011 and Phase III to be completed by this time next year. It is turning out even better than expected. It demonstrates the potential that sustainably designed buildings can have," said Dr. Kenny Corscadden, NSAC's Industry Research Chair in Farm Energy Conservation and the project's leader.

The house has been broken down into three zones separated by lighting type, insulation type and wall thickness. Researchers will have the ability to monitor each zone in real time to measure light use and airflow, as well as heating and cooling requirements. The individually controlled electrical circuits will allow comparison of the performance of a range of different materials and products.

Recycled roofing material, called "EnviroShake" has been selected. These shingles are made from recycled rubber products. The siding chosen for the house is a 100 per cent wood product sourced locally through Marwood. This product is a natural, sustainable product.

New wiring was installed with more efficient lighting and the ability to monitor and control temperature, humidity, light levels and control energy use in different rooms of the house. Different

types of lights were installed to allow comparison between compact fluorescent bulbs, LED bulbs and fluorescent tube lights.

"For future experiments and construction this opens the door to the different models and materials that can be used to increase efficiency," added Corscadden.

The house was wrapped and insulated with two different types of insulation. The east side of the house has walls that are six inches thick and are insulated with insulation batts made from recycled pop bottles. The west side of the house has eight-inch thick walls and is insulated with traditional fiberglass batts.

Sensors have been installed in the walls of each zone to provide the ability to evaluate the insulation properties and performance of the different insulation types. The paper portion of the board is made from recycled paper.

"This project started because we needed more student space and wanted to use this house as a tool for teaching and experiment in the possibilities of sustainable designs. It is well on its way to becoming a great accomplishment and success for both NSAC and its research teams," said Corscadden.

For more information visit nsac.ca/treehouse/

NSAC Student Took Part in Canada Games Opening Ceremony

NSAC student, Julie Vermeer, of St. Andrews, Antigonish County, participated in the Canada Games Opening Ceremonies, at the Halifax Metro Centre, in February.

The second-year environmental sciences student has sailed more than 10,000 nautical miles in the Picton Castle during the summers in 2006, 2007 and 2009 and the first leg of the current world circumnavigation voyage in the summer of 2010. She is also the captain of the NSAC's varsity women's A woodsmen team.



Annual Report of NSAC Development 2010-11

Total donations and transfers into Foundation accounts during the fiscal year was \$1,626,560. This was more than twice the total of the previous years. The total investment portfolio stood at \$5.988M at year end. Historical donation totals are found in Figure 1 and Table 1.

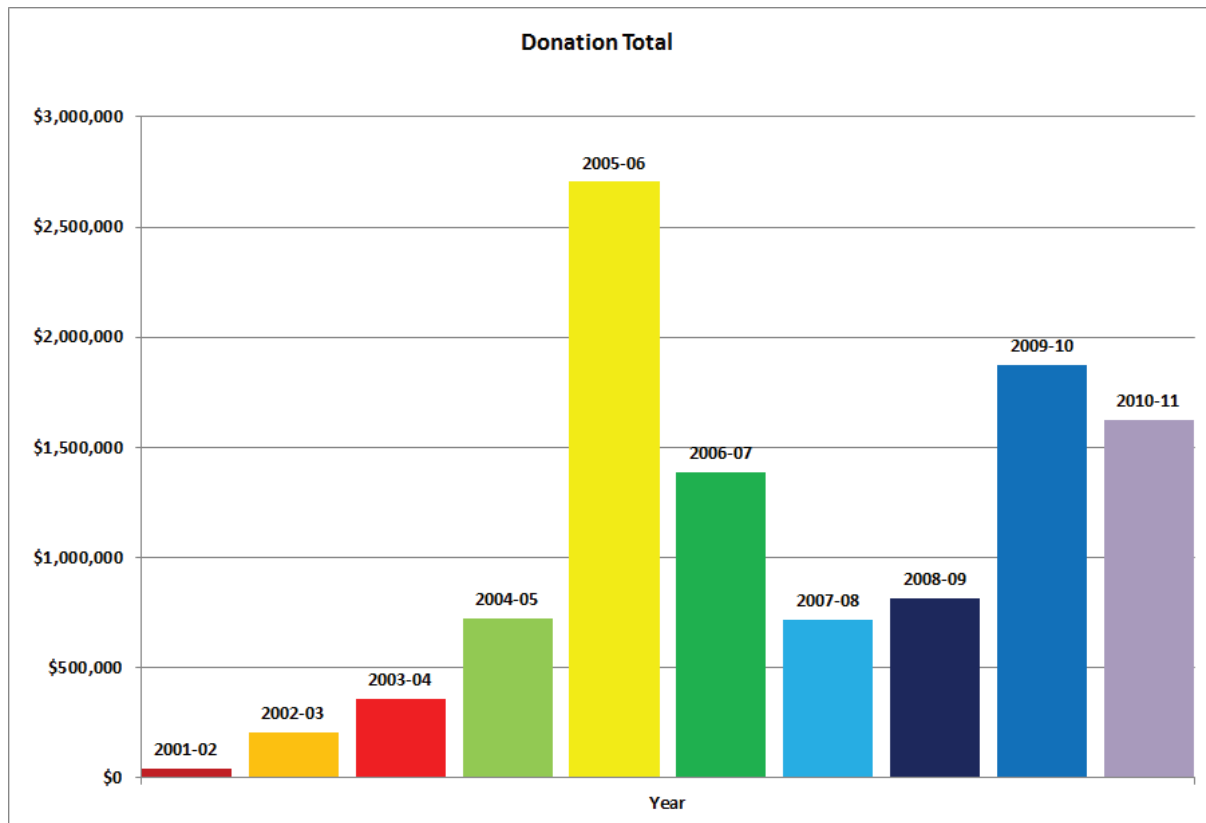


Figure 1

Year	Donations	\$ Total	\$Avg/ Contribution
2010-11	562	\$1,626,560	\$2,894
2009-10	566	\$1,872,139	\$3,307
2008-09	432	\$813,435	\$1,883
2007-08	524	\$727,093	\$1,387
2006-07	702	\$1,386,138	\$1,975
2005-06	1009	\$2,703,971	\$2,679
2004-05	744	\$733,965	\$986
2003-04	377	\$258,262	\$685
2002-03	350	\$204,671	\$584
2001-02	78	\$43,105	\$552

Table 1

We are fortunate to have a core of loyal alumni and friends and with continued hard work, the situation will improve in years to come. A history of the trend in the number of donations to NSAC since 2001-02 is shown in Figure 2.

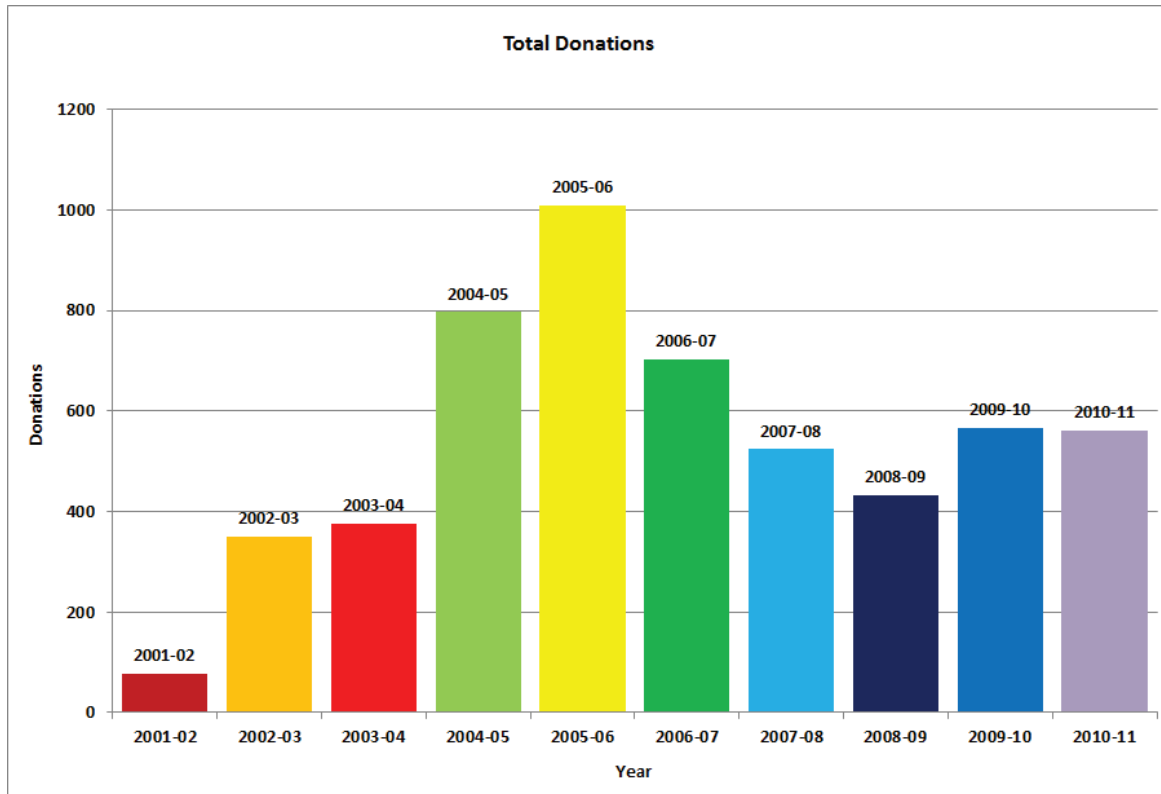


Figure 2

The various designated campaigns by which we receive donations include: annual mail appeal, scholarship appeal, research funding, special events and memorials. Others include money deposited with the Foundation for investment purposes that will be used for NSAC programs. A summary of the various campaigns is shown in Figure3.

Campaign Summary

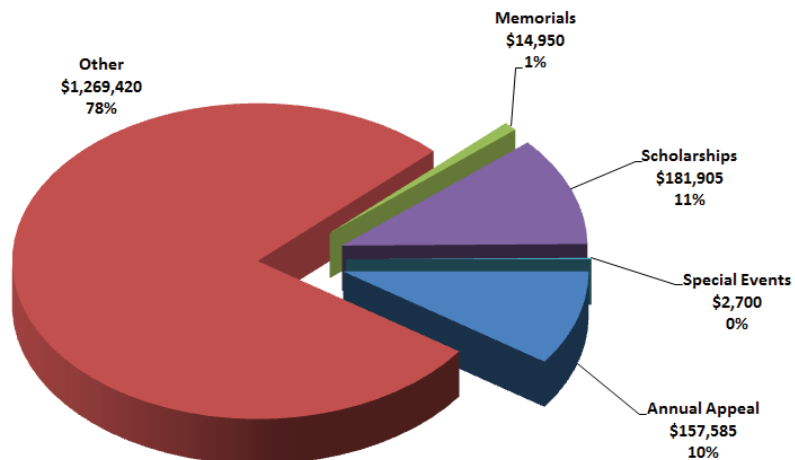


Figure 3

The annual appeal campaign had a very strong showing this year compared to the previous two year. This year we received \$157,585 through the mail and phone appeals due to the hard work of the development officers and all the staff at NSAC. This is the highest amount for any annual appeal we have had to date. There were a total of 347 donations, amounting to a 7.5 per cent response rate to the mail outs and phone calls. Table 3 shows the historic trend in the annual appeal.

Year	# Sent	# Ret	% Ret	\$ Donated	Avg. \$/Gift	\$ Ret/\$ Invested
2010-11	4600	347	7.5%	\$157,585	\$454	\$15.10
2009-10	4600	298	6.5%	\$85,580	\$287	\$10.31
2008-09	4400	217	4.9%	\$95,203	\$438	\$16.07
2007-08	4700	205	4.3%	\$101,169	\$494	\$53.47
2006-07	4750	182	3.8%	\$70,533	\$387	\$28.31
2005-06	5400	170	3.1%	\$42,647	\$250	\$11.55
2004-05	5400	260	4.7%	\$89,950	\$345	\$19.00
2003-04	5400	170	3.1%	\$21,369	\$125	\$4.44
2002-03	5500	137	2.5%	\$14,595	\$106	\$3.40

Table 3

The real measure of impact that the fund raising efforts are having is shown by the amount of support that can be provided back to NSAC each year. Total disbursement for the year was \$1,818,440. While not the largest disbursement from funds held by the Foundation, since its inception, it significantly assisted programs at NSAC. The breakdown of the disbursements from the various funds appears in Figure 5.

**Disbursement of Funds
2010-11**

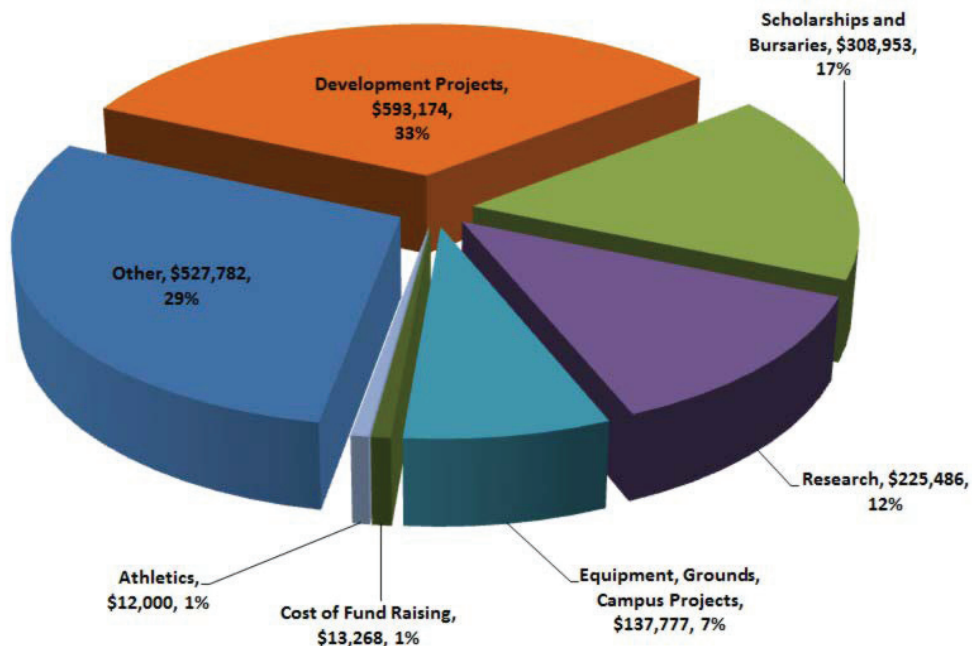


Figure 5

A total of \$308,953 went out in support of scholarship and bursaries. Turn to page 29 to see some of these donations in action. The bulk of the research expenditures were for the completion of the poultry project. The Ghana and Ethiopia projects accounted for the majority of the development expenditures. The large other expenditures went in support of the NSAC governance transition project.

Fundraising efforts have resulted in significant returns to NSAC over the years. Even in a hard economic time, contributions to NSAC for the various causes continue.

We continue to build and seek opportunities to increase our base of donors and establish our credibility with alumni and donors. Increased assistance of volunteers both on and off campus will help us meet our objectives and the investment in staff resources and the resultant donor relationship activity will continue to payoff in donations years down the road.

Donor Summary

Donations made between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011

The following is a list of all those who have donated to NSAC between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011, arranged alphabetically by donation size range. For donors who are alumni, their class year is shown following the name. In cases where both donors are both alumni, there are two years shown.

We do our best to ensure accuracy in the information, however we apologize for any errors or omissions that may have occurred.

Planned Gifts

Mr. Peter Hamilton 1944
Mr. Malcolm MacQuarrie 1948
Mr. John Atkin

Gifts and Contributions

Above \$100,000

Nova Scotia Agricultural College

\$25,000 - \$99,999

Mr. Donald Bubar
Canadian Intl. Devel. Agcy.
Mr. Robert Gale
Harrison McCain Foundation
Mr. Tom Simmons
Stuco Holdings Limited

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Byron Beeler & Assocs Inc 1956
Chartwells
Co-op Atlantic
Estate of Edna Pearl Douglas
Farm Credit Canada
Nova Scotia Power Incorporated

PEI Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Starratt

\$1,000 - \$4,5000

ACA Cooperative Limited/Eden Valley Farms
Acadian Seaplants Limited
Atlantic Fertilizer Institute
Ms. Colette Beaton
Mr. Robert A. Chambers
Chicken Producers Association
Mr. Dave Clark
Dr. H. Garth Coffin 1960
Dr. William B. Collins 1946
Mr. Archie M. Cook 1960
Dairy Farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador
Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia
Dykeview Farms
Egg Producers of Newfoundland and Labrador
Farmers Dairy
Mr. Campbell Gunn 1959
Mr. Peter Y. Hamilton 1944
Mr. Laurie D. Hennigar 1960
Mr. Jack Johnson 1950
Kings Mutual Insurance Company
Mr. Frank L. Lawson 1960
Mr. Chesley L. Lockhart 1948
Mr. Malcolm MacQuarrie 1948
Mr. L Mapplebeck & Ms. L Sanderson 1975
Mr. Eric Meek 1954
New Brunswick Institute of Agrologists
Nova Scotia Animal Breeders
Nova Scotia Egg Producers
Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture
Mr. Walter Ostrom
Ms. Sherry E. Porter and Mr. Doug Hall 1975
Prince Edward Island Institute
RBC Royal Bank Financial Group
Rotary Club of Truro
Royal Bank of Canada
Rug Hooking Guild of Nova Scot
Dr. Ted. Semple
Shur Gain/Nutreco Canada Inc.
Syngenta Pest Management
TD Insurance Meloche Monnex
Village Family Pharmacy

VJ Rice Concrete Ltd.
Mr. Havey Whidden
Ms. Barbara E. Whiston 1990

\$250 - \$999

Mr. Gailen W. Allan 1978
Mr. Glibert Allen 1956
Animal Nutrition Assoc. of Canada
Atlantic Association of Landscape Designers
Atlantic Farm Mechanization Show
Atlantic Gardens Inc.
Atlantic Land Improvement Contractors Association
Atlantic Rhodo and Hort Society
Mr. Tom Baskett
Bedford Horticultural Society
Bible Hill Garden Club
Ms. Myrna J. Blenkhorn 1974
Mr. Robert Broughton
Dr. Paul L. Burgess 1960
Dr. Doug Byers 1956
Mr. Gordon L. Byers 1938
Ms. Barbara J. Christie 2002
Dartmouth Horticultural Society
Mr. Paul M. Dickie 1971
Ellslea Farms Ltd.
Dr. Charles G. Embree 1961
Dr. Gisela E. Erf 1979
Fall River Garden Club
Dr. Nigel Firth
Dr. Gerald W. Friars 1948
Mr. Paul I. Gaunce
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Goit
Ms. Marjorie Hancock
Mr. Stephen & Mrs. Patti Healy 1973
Ms. Edith Hudgins
Dr. Dick Huggard 1956
Inverness County Federation of Agriculture
Isgonish Chapter IODE
Mr. Eric S. Jennings 1958
Mr. Toomas Karmo
Landscape NB Hort. Trades Association
Mr. J Fraser & Ms. D Langille 1969 & 1972
Lunenburg Queens Federation o
Mr. Donald L. MacDonald 1960
Mr. Glibert MacDonald 1960

Mr. Peter D. MacKay
 Mr. John E. Madiill 1966
 Mr. Larry S. Mailman 1982
 Ms. Ruth Mathewson
 Ms. Verena J. Matthew 1978
 Mr. Nick Mirabile & Ms. Vickie Jackson-Mirabile
 Mr. Don Morrison 1956
 Nova Scotia 4-H Council
 Nova Scotia Rock Garden Club
 Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical
 NS/NF Holstein Assoc of Canada
 NSAC Association of Grad Students
 NSAC Students' Union
 Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien 1978
 Dr. Dian Patterson
 Patterson Law
 Ms. Audrey S. Payne 1964
 Mr. Fred Pierce 1958
 Pork Nova Scotia
 Prince Edward Island Potato Board
 Mr. James R. Rainforth 1954
 Mr. Graham Reid 1960
 Mrs. Paula Rix
 Roop Properties
 Mr. Bill Seaman 1956
 Ms. Diana M. Sipkema 1996
 Ms. H. Sodhi
 Mr. Daniel Stewart 1956
 Stewiacke Valley Garden Club
 Mr. Bill Swetnam 1956
 Mr. & Mrs. David Thompson 1970
 Dr. David W. Thorne 1966
 Mr. Calvin R. Tilley 1954
 Mr. Michael J. Vermeer 1976
 Dr. Vernon R. (Vic) Vickery 1947
 Mr. Fred Walsh 1950
 Wentworth Garden Club
 Wild Blueberry Producers Association of
 Nova Scotia
 Dr. James M. Winmill 1948
 Ms. Pam Woodman
 Young Farmers of PEI

Up to \$250

Mr. William P. Abraham 1952
 Agrapoint International Ltd
 Dr. Ross Ainslie 1948
 Ms. Shari D. Allan 1979
 Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Allen 1988 & 1988
 Mr. Don Anderson 1978
 Bruce & Theresa Andrews 1994 & 1989
 Mrs. Isabel Archibald 1952
 Mr. & Mrs. Josh Arenburg 1997 & 2000
 Mr. Dan Armstrong
 Dianne D. Babineau
 Balamore Farm

Mr. Jeptha F. Ball 1970
 Mr. Lorimer F. Banks 1948
 Mr. David P. Bent 1978
 Mr. Arnold G. Beyer 1978
 Mr. J. Oulton & Ms. T. Bishop 1999 & 1999
 Mr. Stirling A. Bishop 1973
 Mr. Stewart M. Bissett 1949
 Mr. Harold D. Blenkhorn 1947
 Blueline New Holland
 Mr. Blair Bonnyman 1951
 Mr. Peter W. Boswall 1981
 Mr. Ed Bottrell
 Mr. Eric J. Bouffard 1951
 Mr. David L. Bowlby 1987
 Mr. Paul C. Brenton 1981
 Mr. John A. Brown 1975
 Mr. John A. Brown
 Mr. Donald W. Buchanan
 Mr. Donald L. Byers
 Mr. Frank H. Calder 1950
 Mr. Gary Caldwell
 Mr. Grant D. Campbell
 Mr. Blair Campbell 1963
 Canadian Food Inspection Agency
 Ms. Christine D. Carroll
 Mr. Paul M. Carroll 1987
 Mr. Stephen D. Casselman 1966
 Mr. Harry H. Chapman 1952
 Ms. Alyson D. Chisholm 1983
 Mr. C. L. Clarke
 Mr. D. G. Clarke 1954
 Mr. Richard C. Cochran 1963
 Mr. Laurie M. Cochrane 1976
 Mr. Jamie Coffin
 Mr. Edgar Coffin
 Mr. Greg Coldwell 1970
 Ms. Tara L. Collins
 Mr. Robert M. Colpitts
 Complete Care Hospital for Pets
 Ms. Margaret N. Congdon 1985
 Ms. Audrey J. Connell 1999
 Dr. Harold W. Cook 1966
 Mr. Stephen A. Cook 1954
 Cornwallis Farms
 Ms. Francis E. Cotter 1964
 Mr. Aaron J. Cottreau 1998
 Dr. Don Craig 1945
 Mr. Frank A. Crouse 1982
 Mr. Doug Crouse & Ms. Carlene Crouse 1956
 Mr. Andrew B. Crouse 1980
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crouse 1956
 Mr. Boyd R. Crouse 1978
 Mr. J. Gordon Crowe 1946
 Mr. Bill Crowson
 Mr. J. Robinson & Ms. A. Curry 1976 & 1979
 Mr. M. Chasse & Ms. C. Cutten-Chasse
 Dr. Wayne E. Davidson 1962

Ms. Erin Demings
 Dr. Richard Donald
 Mr. & Mrs. David Doncaster 1972 & 1972
 Mr. Marty Donolly
 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Doucet 1981 & 1981
 Mr. Don Downe
 Ms. Katherine Downing
 Mr. & Mrs. Carl Duivenvoorden 1992 & 1992
 Mr. Brian H. Duplessis 1971
 Dr. Dale M. Duplessis 1948
 Ms. Grace Durant
 Mr. Ernest A. Eagles 1950
 Mr. Robert Eardley-Wilmot
 Eastern Veterinary Technician
 Mr. John B. Eaton
 Dr. Douglas C. Eidt 1947
 Mr. Dale Ells 1959
 Mr. Brian S. Ellsworth 1957
 Mr. Evans N. Estabrooks 1962
 Farm Credit Canada
 Farm Focus
 Ms. Kathryn L. Farrell 2006
 Mr. Jules Fauteaux
 Mr. Tim & Ms Sandra Fisher 1992 & 1994
 Mr. Bernard Forbes 1988
 Ms. Jennifer F. Forsyth 2001
 Mr. Ronald Fraser 1965
 Ms. June A. Fulton 1984
 Ms. Clara M. Galway 1944
 Ms. Marie Garnhum
 Dr. Kathleen E. Glover
 Mr. & Mrs. William Glover 1987 & 1985
 Mr. Steven C. Goit
 Prof. Carol Goodwin 1976
 Dr. Robert J. Gordon 1985
 Mr. Anthony J. Gorham 1986
 Dr. Donald L. Grant 1958
 Mr. Scott Grant
 Ms. Kelly J. Gratto
 Mr. David Gray 1954
 Green Diamond Equipment
 Mr. & Mrs. Gerrit Groenenberg 1984 & 1985
 Mr. Arnold J. Hagen 1985
 Mr. Tom Haliburton 1950
 Mr. James G. Hamilton 1974
 Mr. William L. Hanlon 1952
 Ms. Caye A. Harris-Allum 1976
 Mr. John S. Harvie 1974
 Ms. Muriel Hennigar
 Mr. Charles V. Hiltz 1966
 Dr. Richard A. Holley 1964
 Ms. Kristen E. Horton
 Mr. James L. Houghton 1975
 Dr. James A. Inkpen 1958
 Mr. James W. Jamieson 1945
 Mr. Timothy Johns-Churchill 1963
 Ms. Shelley M. Johnson

Rev. Grant Johnston 1971
Ms. Bailey Kathol
Mr. Tim & Ms Sandra Fisher 1994 & 1994
Mr. Gerry L. Kennie 1986
Mr. Earl R. Kidston 1969
Mr. Bernard G. Kuhn 1939
Mr. George A. Labelle 1955
Mr. Winston M. Langille 1940
Ms. Marie Law
Mr. Douglas G. Lea 1971
Dr. Michele L. Leatherbury 1987
Ms. Lise A. Leblanc 1988
Mr. Doug Leclair 1986
Lellavan Farms
Mr. Kenneth F. Lingley 1979
Mr. Norman S. Logan 1950
Mr. James L. MacAfee 1972
Dr. Bertrum H. MacDonald 1971
Mr. Ian P. MacDonald
Mr. Ian P. MacDonald 1950
Mr. Donald G. MacDonald
Mr. Condon E. MacDonald 1978
Mr. Doug MacDonald
MacDonald Farm
Mr. Ross MacDougall
Mr. & Mrs. Lauchie MacEachern 2001 & 2002
Mr. Donald L. MacGregor 2001
Dr. J. Allan MacKay 1943
Dr. Donald C. MacKay 1943
Mr. Richard D. MacKenzie 1990
Mr. George F. MacKenzie 1956
Mr. Hartt L. MacKinlay 1971
Dr. Leslie. MacLaren
Ms. Jane R. MacLaurin 1993
Mr. Hugh M. MacLean 1947
Mr. Gordon A. MacMillan 1994
Dr. Ed MacMillan
Mr. Hugh MacNeil
Dr. Ted MacNintch 1956
Mr. Eric P. MacPhail 1947
Mr. N. Glayne MacQueen 1961
Mr. Brian M. Mahoney 1968
Ms. Rhonda Mahtby
Mr. Arlington S. Mair 1948
Mr. Ken Marchant
Mr. Francis C. Marks 1957
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Masters 1997
Ms. Johanna Matthews
Mr. John E. McCabe 1982
Mr. Brian R. McCullum 1977
Mr. David McCullum
Dr. Keith A. McCully 1952
Ms. Carol D. McDonald
Mr. Alton W. McEwen 1964
Mr. Donald P. McInnes 1955
Ms. Connie J. McLellan 2008
Ms. Debra L. McLellan 2008

Ms. Dianne McLeod
Mr. Weibe J. Meyer 1969
Mrs. Cassandra A. Michels
Ms. Meghan P. Miller 2007
Mr. Vernon C. Mingo 1976
Ms. Cynthia A. Mitchell 1988
Mr. Lloyd & Mrs. Janice Morrison 1961 & 1978
Ms. Barbara A. Morton
Mr. Daniel F. Muir
Ms. Darby L. Mullen 1985
Mr. John R. Mumford 1979
Mr. Neil L. Murphy 1964
Mr. Ralph C. Murray
Mr. Vernon R. Murray 1954
Mr. Nathan D. Murray
Ms. Jan Murray
Mr. Robert A. Murray 1952
Mr. Kyle M. Murray 1987
Mr. Ray Nicholson 1962
Mr. & Mrs. Fraser Nicholson 1976 & 1979
Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture
Novartis Animal Health
Oakridge Farm
Mr. William G. Oulton 1975
Mr. Brad Palmer
Mr. Wayne Paquet
Mr. Wayne F. Parker 1962
Mr. Robert L. Parks 1954
Ms. Treasa & Mr. Michael Pauley 1998 & 1998
Mr. Gordon Pearson
Mr. Earl Pickard 1997
Mr. James A. Pickett 1963
Mr. John A. Pierce 1971
Mr. Arnold C. Pitman 1952
Dr. Nancy Pitts 1978
Mr. G Post & Ms Y. Thyssen-Post 1979 & 1980
Dr. Dana M. Power 1982
Mr. Allan Prest
Mr. Gary J. Pretty 1961
Mr. Bruce E. Rand 1970
Mr. Chris Richards 1984
Dr. Charles L. Ricketson 1951
Mr. Ronald F. Roach 1939
Ms. Martha H. Robinson 1985
Mr. Harold A. Rogers 1943
Mr. Alexander K. Rogers 1988
Mr. Ronald L. Rose 1965
Mr. Terry Ross
Mr. Stewart B. Russell 1950
Mr. Ronald Sampson
Ms. K. Laurie Sandeson
Mr. Dan Scothorn 1997
Mr. Robert J. Scott 1962
Mr. Keith Selwyn-Smith 1966
Mr. Allen P. Shaw 1972
Ms. Ashley E. Shepard 2007

Dr. Kevin Sibley 1980
Ms. Lynn Sibley
Mr. Keith R. Silver 1967
Simmons Drainage & Supply Ltd
Mr. Sedgewick P. Sinclair 1964
Mr. Larry Slipp
Dr. Julie Small
Mr. Ralph G. Smith 1963
Mr. Darrell W. Smith 1971
Mr. Alford L. Smith 1972
Mr. Angus J. Smith 1952
Ms. Nancy J. Smith 1984
Mr. Al Smith 1957
Mr. Leslie R. Smith
Mr. Dave Smith
Mr. Isaac W. Smith 1968
Mr. Alan Sorflaten
Dr. Donna E. Spracklin 1974
Ms. Barbara J. Sproull 1962
Starr's Point Hogs
Mr. & Mrs Jim Steeves 1974 & 1976
Mr. Laurence R. Stewart 1946
Strongco
Sunnycroft Farms Ltd.
Mr. G. Ian Swan 1953
Ms. Miriam E. Tams 1988
Mr. Stuart L. Taylor 1973
Mr. Jess M. Thompson 1958
Ms. Judy Thompson
Mr. Christopher R. Toole 1998
Ms. Sonja Totten
Mr. Weldon C. Travis 1957
Mr. Warren L. Tregunno 1948
Ms. Margaret M. Trenholm 1981
MS Natasha Trenholm
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Trueman 1961 & 1975
Tyndall Estates
Mr & Mrs John Van de Riet 1980 & 1980
Mr. & Mrs. H. Van der Linden 1976
Mr. Adrian J. Vermeulen 1980
Ms. Carol J. Versteeg 1975
Mr. Willie Versteeg
Mr. Leonard Vietch
Mr. Jack L. Vissers 1972
Mr. Bruce Wallace
Mr. Stanley J. Warwick 1959
Mr. Nelson Watson
Mr. Steven W. Watts 1983
Mr. Jeffrey H. Wentzell 1989
Mr. George L. West 1974
Ms. Ellen J. West
Mr. James E. West 1987
Mr. Art E. West
Mr. Cyril B. Whiteley
Whitman Greenhouses
Ms. Crosbie Williams 1989
Ms. Kimberlee Winters

Mr. Earle A. Woolaver 1965	1952	\$470	1978	\$1,451
Ms. Colette E. Wyllie 2010	1953	\$50	1979	\$410
Dr. Emmanuel Yiridoe	1954	\$2,500	1980	\$160
Ms. Nancy L. Zwicker 1981	1955	\$300	1981	\$225
	1956	\$3,399	1982	\$570
	1957	\$315	1983	\$120
	1958	\$1,249	1984	\$400
	1959	\$1,125	1985	\$295
	1960	\$7,460	1986	\$270
	1961	\$450	1987	\$197
	1962	\$475	1988	\$245
	1963	\$300	1989	\$90
	1964	\$1,050	1990	\$1,050
	1965	\$300	1992	\$45
	1966	\$1,150	1993	\$100
	1967	\$20	1994	\$40
	1968	\$40	1996	\$250
	1969	\$55	1997	\$110
	1970	\$770	1998	\$184
	1971	\$1,130	1999	\$150
	1972	\$1,000	2001	\$60
	1973	\$525	2002	\$275
	1974	\$815	2006	\$25
	1975	\$3,175	2007	\$65
	1976	\$625	2008	\$100
	1977	\$75	2010	\$50

Fundraising by Alumni Class

Alumni of NSAC account for a significant portion of the money raised by NSAC. The following table represents the donation totals for the year by NSAC reunion class.

Reunion Class Total Donation

1938	\$250
1939	\$250
1940	\$150
1943	\$250
1944	\$3,002
1945	\$200
1946	\$1,200
1947	\$855
1948	\$4,751
1949	\$35
1950	\$1,790
1951	\$300

Donations in Action

Acadian Seaplants Limited Scholarship



The \$1,000 Acadian Seaplants Limited Scholarship has recently been added to NSAC's scholarship family. The scholarship will be presented annually to a senior undergraduate or graduate aquaculture student at NSAC preferably undertaking course or project work

related aspects of marine bioproducts or the plant sciences. On the right, Chaminda De Silva Weeraddana, Sri Lanka, an M.Sc.(Agr.) student at NSAC, is the first recipient of this award; NSAC, Co-President and Vice-President Academic, Dr. Leslie MacLaren, is shown congratulating Chaminda and on the left is Juan Manriquez, Viña del Mar, Chile, also an M.Sc.(Agr.) student at NSAC, recipient of the \$2,000 Canard Conservation Graduate Scholarship and the \$500 Stewiacke Garden Society Bursary.

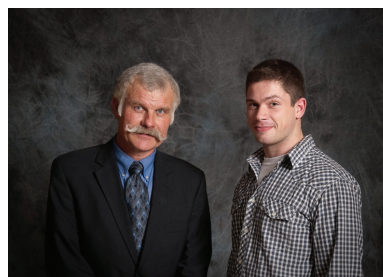
\$500 F.W. Walsh Memorial Scholarship Presented

The presentation of the \$500 F.W. Walsh Memorial Scholarship took place at NSAC's recent Scholarship Banquet. Associate Professor



and Dean of Internationalization, Dr. Nancy Pitts, is shown congratulating Angela Sharbell, Truro, NS, a first year B.Sc.(Agr.) student, who was selected to receive the award. In memory of the outstanding agriculturalist F. Waldo Walsh, this \$500 scholarship is awarded to a student who is admitted to the first year of a degree program at NSAC. Selection is based primarily on academic performance. Financial need and participation in school and community affairs is also be considered

Rick Russell Memorial Bursary Presented



Mr. Barry Russell, brother of the late Rick Russell, is shown with the 2010 recipient of the \$500 Rick Russell Memorial Bursary, Marten Dykstra, Second North River, NB, a fourth year B.Tech. in applied science student. In memory of Rick Russell, a long-time woodsmen coach and animal science technician graduate, the bursary is awarded to a woodsman athlete in second, third or fourth year of study at NSAC.

Selection criteria also include financial need, involvement and leadership in the woodsmen program and satisfactory academic performance.

\$1,200 Kevin Grant Memorial Scholarships Presented at NSAC



In memory of Kevin Grant who graduated from NSAC in 1975 with an animal science technician diploma, two \$1,200 scholarships are awarded to final year students in a two-year technical program of study at NSAC. Selection criteria include academic performance, leadership and contribution to campus life, career plans and financial need. NSAC, Co-President and Vice-President Academic, Dr. Leslie MacLaren (on left), is shown congratulating Benjamin Davidson, Wolfville, NS, a second year Diploma in Enterprise Management - Dairy Farming student and Margaret Bailly, Head of St. Margaret's Bay, NS, a second year Environmental Horticulture Technology student.

Presentation of Ernest L. Eaton Memorial Scholarship



Christina Straathof, Westmeath, ON, a third year B.Sc. (Agr.) Animal Science student, was selected as the 2010 recipient of \$1,000 Ernest L. Eaton Memorial Scholarship. NSAC, Co-President and Vice-President Administration, Dr. Bernie MacDonald, is shown congratulating Christina at NSAC's recent scholarship banquet. The scholarship is awarded to a student entering the third year of the B.Sc.(Agr.) program.

Continue your Education at NSAC

NSAC has been providing education in agriculture for over 100 years. Continuing and Distance Education draws from that knowledge base and shares it with people passionate about agriculture.

Our Programs:

- Certificate of Specialization in Organic Agriculture
- Master Gardner Training
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NSAC Chef's Garden set to Grow!

NSAC will soon be providing seasonal and storage crops for consumption at its on-campus dining facility through the development of a two-acre, on-site organic demonstration farm.

The concept, developed by a fourth year Environmental Sciences student Meghan Summers, will see the organic farm serve as a tool for promoting and demonstrating sustainable farming practices and local food systems to the NSAC community and beyond.

"The Chef's Garden presents a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about small-scale food production and to participate in producing food they will consume," said Associate Vice President for Students, Keltie Jones. "Chartwells, our food service provider, has been a wonderful partner in this process, providing information about their produce needs as well as encouragement and financial support."

Through this project, the university hopes to provide greater hands-on learning experiences for its students and demonstrate the value of consuming locally produced food.

"We're proud to see our students making a difference on campus and contributing to a healthy, sustainable, campus community," said NSAC Co-President Dr. Leslie MacLaren. "It is these kinds of student leaders who will continue to be agents for change throughout their lives both personally and professionally."

With ten selected crops, a multi-stakeholder group led by Dr. Andy Hammermeister, director of the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada, will act as a steering committee, overseeing farm operations, a full-time seasonal farm manager and ensure integration into course curriculum.

"We, at Chartwells are very excited that NSAC students are moving forward in creating their own garden in which students can eat vegetables grown by students," said Andy Murray, District Manager Chartwells College & Universities. "It makes us proud to support this project and makes us proud to serve as much local produce as possible. Buying and eating "local" is an important focus within our Sustainable Purchasing program at Chartwells."

This is not the first time a student-led initiative has been developed on campus. Bachelor of Technology student Michele McAloon was instrumental in designing the university's Amphitheatre in celebration of its centennial in 2005.

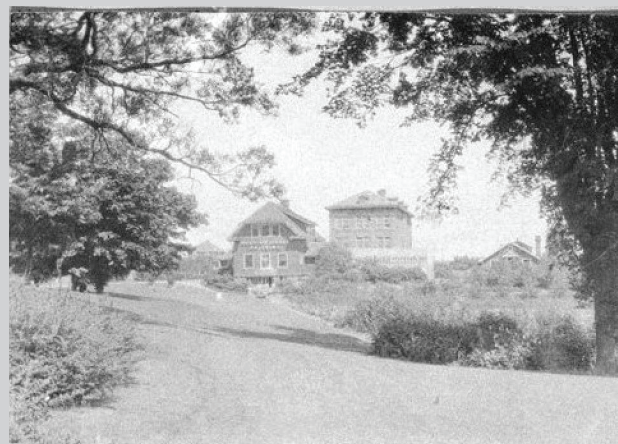
Freshman Class of '57

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NSAC's Campus 1930

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Look Who's Talking

"Look Who's Talking" is a regular section in *Agricola News*. Each issue, an alumni discusses his or her thoughts on various topics relevant to NSAC. This issue, we asked Dwane Mellish (Class of '75), president of NSAC's Alumni Association, to share his opinions on NSAC's governance transition.

Dwane Mellish (Class of '75)

Biography

Dwane Mellish graduated from NSAC in 1975 with Degree Course Diploma. He formed D. Mellish Advisory Services, after leaving government service in 2001 and currently fills the position of operations officer at Dairy Farmers of Nova Scotia.

Dwane has been involved with an essential community service to the Bible Hill area for over 30 years. Perhaps it is this lengthy dedication of time, to the Bible Hill Fire Brigade, that has made Dwane such a dependable, smiling leader.

In his current position of fire chief, Dwane helps provide emergency fire response to the 5,000 residents of Bible Hill. He also works with the Brigade to participate in



community fundraising and fire prevention activities. Additionally, he is a member of the Village of Bible Hill Emergency Planning Committee and volunteers with Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Dwane's leadership roles do not stop there. As president of NSAC's Alumni Association Board of Directors, Dwane helps lead the group in planning and executing new alumni activities to strengthen relationships between NSAC and its alma mater.

For their contributions, compassion and constant dedication to NSAC, Dwane and wife,

Debbie (Class of '76), were awarded NSAC's Alumni Volunteer of the Year award in 2007.

What are your thoughts on Minister MacDonell's May announcement that Dalhousie University and NSAC are discussing a merger?

As I'm sure was the case for many people, my initial reaction was surprise. Times have changed at NSAC since 1905 and going forward, the institution as it is, would be faced with new challenges. This merger could have significant benefits and provide an answer to these challenges.

At this time nearly all aspects of this merger are unknown. We have no way of knowing what NSAC, as we currently know it, will look like at the end of the negotiations. It is my hope that the entity that remains will continue to excel in producing outstanding and well trained graduates.

Do you think this merger will be more advantageous than NSAC's original plan to transition to a Crown Corporation model?

As I mentioned, at this point, there are a lot of unknowns. It is impossible to make a judgment. We knew a bit more about the original plan to transition to a Crown Corporation model, but since it has not gone to fruition, we don't know how the end result would have looked.

NSAC will face real challenges to preserve its autonomy as the ne-

gotiations to the final entity are completed. It is imperative that at the end of the negotiations, between government and Dalhousie, the strengths and programs that NSAC has been known for, remain as an asset to students and to the community. Hopefully those on the merger team will advocate to keep those things that make NSAC unique and special.

As president of NSAC's Alumni Association, what does this merger discussion mean to NSAC alumni?

NSAC alumni have a long history and a huge sense of pride. As alumni, it's a priority for that to be maintained and for the school to continue with its high quality work. We've been Aggies for 107 years and that is very important to us.

There are examples of successful mergers – many NSAC grads furthered their education at Macdonald College, a part of University of McGill. Macdonald was able to keep its identity. Alumni maintained their pride and connection to the school.

In the short term, we need to give this merger a chance and hopefully it will have a positive outcome. The Alumni Association's board will do everything possible to be heard throughout the discussions. Through this time, it's critical for alumni to stay connected and remain in touch with the Alumni Association. The worst thing would be to walk away.

Alumni must remain engaged. Take every opportunity, through whatever avenue is available, to make your voice heard on the important aspects of NSAC that need to be preserved through this negotiation process. As we understand it at this time, the primary players in the negotiations will be the Province of Nova Scotia and Dalhousie. You should take every opportunity to communicate what you see is important. Emphasize the positive and highlight the essential components you feel are important at the end of these negotiations. Never hurts to clearly identify what you feel is non-negotiable!

What would NSAC and Dal merging mean for future and current students of NSAC?

Dalhousie and NSAC academic programs are already closely linked. But there's no doubt it will be different. How it will be different, we don't know. Questions will be asked as to whether the same or different programs will be offered at the current campus, what will tuitions be, will students still have the personal level of services they have now? All good questions, but too early to give answers.

Students may no longer benefit from a close-knit campus of 800-900 students. Campus life and relationships could be affected. That being said, the larger entity will bring additional opportunities to students that are not currently available.

This issue of "Agricola News" highlights the great work of NSAC's staff, faculty, students and alumni, both on campus and in the community. These people roll up their sleeves to make their communities better. They use their professional and personal skills to make a difference, each and every day. Now, more than ever, these people are critical to the success of NSAC. Can you comment on this?

This campaign is so important to remind the campus and greater community we are here and that our people do good things. It's equally important to show the campus community they are valued. By nature, individuals are resistant to change and uncomfortable. This has to be a very difficult time I am sure, for many staff members who have gone through a very lengthy transition planning process and now suddenly, there is a very large and sudden change in direction.

Now is the time to be creative and take a look at ourselves and say "we do good work" – whether it's on campus or in the community, it all matters. We need to show ourselves to the community and be proud. By doing this, we'll be able to help create a more positive change experience.

Do you think the people attracted to NSAC, to work and to be educated, all have something in common?

In its 107 year history, NSAC has gone beyond just the "farm school", to becoming known as a worldwide institution of higher education. That being said, people still have the work ethic and attitudes of that "old world". Campus is technology advanced and offers a variety of programs, yet has the ability to make change close by and a world away. Everyone at NSAC sees the value in what they do, from new research, providing the best plant science course, maintaining the most beautiful grounds, to offering the best services to students and alumni. At

no time in our history has food production been more important to society. NSAC has shown leadership in this for over 100 years and that leadership must continue for the betterment of all.

For me personally, the base education I earned at NSAC many years ago, before continuing at the University of Guelph and Saskatchewan, stood me well. It helped prepare me for my career in agriculture. From what I can tell, that's still the case today. NSAC grads take pride in what they do and where they came from, just ask them.

Stay tuned, we are in for an interesting ride!

For updated information on NSAC's governance transition visit nsac.ca/governance

To share your opinions on the governance transition, or if you have any questions, contact alumni@nsac.ca or 902-893-6022.

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Class of '65

Henderson, Alex... Was inducted into the New Brunswick Dairy Hall of Fame in recognition for his dedication to New Brunswick's dairy industry. This was highlighted by the leadership Alex brought to Dairytown Products Ltd.'s board of directors, serving as director for 26 years and chairman for 17 of those years. Alex remained steadfast through turbulent times and took every opportunity to encourage the region's dairy stakeholders to collaborate in hopes of creating a viable and sustainable dairy sector within the Atlantic region.

Class of '79

Post, Gerald... Appointed director of the Resource Stewardship Division with the Nova Scotia Agriculture Services Branch. Gerald had been acting in the position for the past two years. Prior to joining the Resource Stewardship Division, Gerald was CEO of the Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission and manager and farm management specialist with the Business Development Branch. In his new role, Gerald is responsible for providing leadership and administration for the division's field services, environmental and land protection activities.

Class of '93

DeHaan, Jeff... Along with wife, Arda, Jeff has begun a two-year assignment with the Mennonite Central Committee in Beijing, China. Jeff will work as an agriculture project officer in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The couple are accompanied by their children Lynn and Ian.

Class of '94 & '99

Tibbetts, Sean...Now has two children with wife, Shannon Scott-Tibbetts. Alexander was born in Halifax on September 16, 2010, a little brother for Eryn (born November 30, 2006). Sean would love to hear from old NSAC friends: Sean.Tibbetts@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca

Class of '03

Fulton, Heather...Living in Stewiacke, Heather has replaced NSAC alum, Justin Beck (Class of '08) as the NS/NFLD director on the Canadian Young Farmers Forum.

Class of '08

Beck, Justin...The new chairman of the Canadian Young Farmers Forum. Beck, who received the Canadian Federation of Agriculture's Youth Leadership Award several months ago, has been involved in the NS Young Farmers Forum (NSYFF) for many years and represented NS/NFLD on the national board since 2007. Beck works fulltime at Lyndhurst Farms in Canning and helps with the family's 650-sow farrow-to-weaner hog farm. He also raises corn, soybeans and cereal crops on his own 60-acre operation.

Fisher, Rhea...Graduated from Mount Saint Vincent University, in Halifax, in late May, with a Bachelor of Arts and Certificate of Proficiency in French (Major French, Minor history). Rhea works as a lab technician at Lafarge in Brookfield, NS.

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- Mr. Owen Craig 1956
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- Mr. Ralph W. Shaw 1957
- Mr. John M. Gates 1960
- Mr. Louis F. McKenna 1960
- Mr. Lyman Marney 1962
- Mr. Daniel Walker 1980



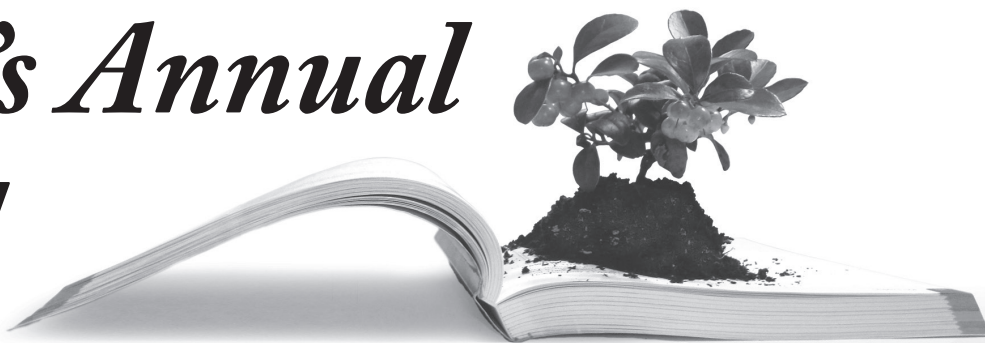
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