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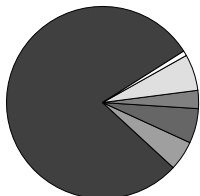
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A Message from the Editor

Greetings Alumni and Friends of NSAC!

To all of you regular readers, you might note that I am a new face at NSAC and have been filling the role of Coordinator of Alumni & Public Relations and Editor of *Agricola News* for this issue. And what a role it has been to fill!

I am a city girl at heart, growing up in Halifax and recently graduating from a city university. So, heading off to NSAC was met with a little bit of trepidation on my part.

While I knew the basics about NSAC—its focus on applied science, its dedication to research and hands-on learning—I did not anticipate the huge learning curve I would encounter becoming familiar enough with NSAC and its involvement and influence to create this issue of *Agricola News*.

I am truly inspired by the impact that NSAC is having, not only on its students and surrounding community, but also across the country and throughout the world.

As human's interactions with nature continue to create environmental challenges of immense proportions and complexity, researchers and students at NSAC are engaged in seeking answers to the big questions both here at home and around the globe. Involved in environmental management, agri-business, plant and animal genetics, soil chemistry, animal welfare, and dozens of other areas, their commitment is enriching our home campus, increasing overseas enrollments and helping continue to establish NSAC as a centre of excellence in defining challenges and creating solutions on a global scale. It will be no surprise to many that NSAC now ranks first in research intensity among the 16 Atlantic Canadian universities.

As a newly minted university graduate, I was struck not only by NSAC's broad range of degree options and technical diploma courses but also the unique combination of academic and applied knowledge that gives graduates a definite competitive edge in the job market. These days

this is extremely significant. With tuition fees rising, it is a great satisfaction knowing your years of study will lead you quickly into an interesting career right after you graduate. Not every university offers so solid a path for its graduates.

Further, the campus is beautiful, the student/professor ratios are small, morale is high and everyone seems infused with the sense of purpose that comes from knowing who you are, why you're here and where you're going.


The degree to which alumni remain attached to NSAC was another surprising thing for me. There is no question that NSAC alumni remain in touch to an extraordinary degree.

To all of you readers who are alumni, who have graduated from NSAC, taken courses at NSAC and those of you who are good friends of this university—I encourage you to continue to support our university. The education and support you carry from the NSAC community is great. Use it. Share it. And, more importantly, please continue your support of NSAC.

There are multiple reasons to give and many ways of giving to this university. Every gift is an investment in the future of our students, our research, our agricultural community and our planet.

Now, sit back, put your feet up and enjoy this issue of *Agricola News*. I hope you'll find yourself inspired, too.



For more information regarding alumni activities and supporting NSAC, please visit nsac.ca/alumni 



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A Message from the President



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Dear Alumni and Friends of NSAC,

As President of NSAC it is my great pleasure to bring greetings to all of you. It is also my pleasure to tell you that NSAC ranks number one in research intensity among all 16 Atlantic Canadian universities. You know from your association with NSAC that this ranking did not occur overnight, but rather over a long period of time.

NSAC works diligently to enhance its research intensity and we have achieved this ranking through vision and hard work. Research funds committed to NSAC have gone up 250 percent in less than ten years. The construction of NSAC Atlantic Canadian Centre for Poultry Research is well underway. This facility promises to be a major asset to the poultry industry. I am also encouraging the development of a PhD program at the university so that we can continue to move into the future to better fulfill our potential to create a rich research environment.

NSAC's competitive advantage is our focus on applied science. This goes back to the beginning of this institution. The story of NSAC is interwoven with the history and development of the agriculture industry of Nova Scotia and the Atlantic provinces. The focus on applied science began when real agricultural problems were taken into the classroom to be solved and then solutions were returned to the industry.

This university has a unique mix between theoretical and hands-on learning. Employers tell us that NSAC students rise above science students from other institutions because ours have the theoretical knowledge and require less training. Dr. Vasantha Rupasinghe, one of our many researchers and professors, guides the curriculum for his students by solving problems that have been identified by the tree-fruit industry.

NSAC students benefit from the experience and knowledge of these researchers who are not always in the field or the lab, but are also present, lecturing in the classrooms. This adds value to the education students receive at NSAC.

Alumni and friends, you should be proud of the research taking place at NSAC. We are educating and training the next generation of the agriculture industry. I ask that you remain in touch with NSAC and stay engaged with the Development and Alumni Relations Office. Visit us and keep in touch with the changes taking place on campus through our website, which we update regularly—your support is vital to NSAC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Philip Hicks". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Dr. T. Philip Hicks
President

NSAC Ranks #1

for Research Intensity

Written by Carla Shaw and Laurel Walker

Creation of new knowledge through research is a core mission of NSAC and one in which we take pride. Our strengths are in agriculture and its related sciences - we work with industry, government, and academic and research institutions nationally and internationally to carry out innovative research.

A recently released national survey ranks NSAC as number one among Atlantic Canadian universities in terms of attracting research dollars per faculty member (Research Infosource Inc., 2004). The professors who lead all of our research projects are the same professors that are in the classroom interacting with students, everyday. These professors have been instrumental in allowing us to be the number one university in Atlantic Canada for research intensity.



Algae Research



As part of an extensive research project to enrich milk with omega-3, growth trials are being conducted to maximize omega-3 production in various algal species.

Over 30 different species of marine algae are being cultured at NSAC's aquaculture center, not only to provide a continual food source for the shellfish housed at the university but also to provide some insight on growth dynamics.

A specialized algal culture laboratory at the aquaculture center is the site of these colorful algae kalwall tubes (chambers) (pictured on the cover of *Agricola News*). The aquaculture center also houses a sterile work environment for algal transfers, growth trials and programmable growth chambers for culture research.

It takes approximately one month before the cultures can be harvested. The cultures grow through cell division and start from a concentrated volume, the algae is first transferred into 50 mL flasks and nutrients are added to the culture and diluted with sterile salt water. After an incubation period of approximately one week, these flasks are then diluted with larger volumes of salt water and they will eventually reach large kalwall tubes after a few weeks. Every second day carbon dioxide and condensed air are continually being pumped into the chambers. Growth trials are being conducted to maximize productivity by finding the optimal light, temperature, salinity and nutrients.

The different species account for the different colors that you see on the photo. As well, a higher concentration of algae can be seen in kalwall tubes which vary in color. Some of these species are native to the Atlantic Provinces, while others were isolated in countries like Tahiti and Japan.

As part of an extensive research project to enrich milk with omega-3, growth trials are being conducted to maximize omega-3 production in various algal species. The algae from these growth chambers are placed into a separator to remove excess water and then freeze-dried into a powder. The powder is then added into cattle feed with the hope of incorporating omega-3 into the cow's milk. This process is a natural way of enriching milk without having to rely on fish oil additives.

An Apple a Day

Dr. Vasantha Rupasinghe, NSAC professor and tree fruit bio-product research chair is looking to revitalize the tree fruit industry with the identification of alternative and commercially exploitable bio-products for fresh fruits and their traditional processing products.

Dr. Rupasinghe has extensive background and experience in plant biochemistry and applied fruit processing research and is currently working on a Tree Fruit Bio-Products Research Initiative at NSAC. The research program seeks to identify innovative value-added products and processes for tree fruits, their processing by-products and orchard waste. Bio-products, by definition are manufactured products using renew-

"People are looking to find healthier, and bioactive rich compounds and foods that are convenient and able to be consumed in a timely manner."

able feedstock and include: food and feed ingredients and additives; natural health, cosmetic, and industrial products; bio-pesticides, etc.

container of dried apple peel powder that could be added to various foods in the future that would offer consumers natural antioxidants and dietary fibre. He continues, "People are looking to find healthier, and bioactive compounds rich, foods that are convenient and able to be consumed in a timely manner."

In recent years there has been a significant decline in the market value of apples due to a variety of factors including global over-production and a drastic increase in the amount of imported apples.

Local growers have been impacted by this global shift with a loss of profits that have forced some to quit production. In addition to the apple surplus, an estimated 12 million pounds of apple by-products are wasted annually in Nova Scotia. Dr. Rupasinghe says, "Three million pounds of apple peels,

which is the nutritionally richest part of the fruit, are wasted without any use. This is something that we should start to take advantage of." These

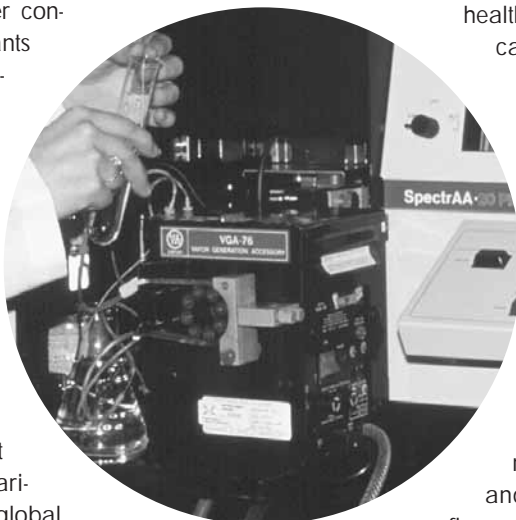
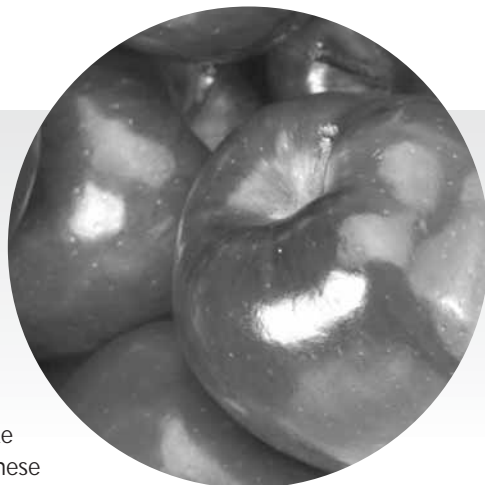
facts have created a great concern for the apple industry

and as a result the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association with support from Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and the federal government, have hired Dr. Rupasinghe to explore new market opportunities for the tree fruit industry.

The long-term goal of the program, which has been awarded funding for the establishment of new laboratory infrastructure from the Canada Foundation for Innovation, the Nova Scotia Research Innovation Trust, and Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, is to enhance the economic value of apples and increase the sustainability of the apple industry with the introduction of alternative apple-based products.

Research has shown that with the increase in chronic disease and a growing interest in natural health products, there is real potential for the development of alternative health products or nutraceuticals derived from apples. Dr. Rupasinghe says, "Our recent findings show that antioxidants are not just found in the apple fruit, but in the leaves and branches of apple trees and they are up to 20-folds higher than in the fruit itself." Apples contain many health-enhancing nutrients such as dietary fiber and are highly concentrated in

flavonoids (naturally occurring chemical compounds), which in recent studies have shown potential to act as therapeutic agents helping to alleviate chronic health ailments. The short-term goals of Dr. Rupasinghe's research program are to create new knowledge for manufacturing a series of antioxidant-rich, apple-based value-added food products. The program supports creating economic development in rural communities such as the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, where tree fruit production and processing occur.



Obesity in Women



Most of us know an unhealthy diet can lead to weight gains, often time to the point of obesity. In Canada, obesity is overtaking smoking as the primary risk factor for chronic disease. This is particularly evident in Canadian children and adolescents where it has reached an all time high. In Atlantic Canada, approximately 31 percent of women are obese.

To combat these weight problems and the health effects they introduce, Dr. Steven Dukeshire, a new professor at NSAC, is attempting to discover why women choose to eat what they eat.

According to Statistics Canada, over the last quarter century, North Americans have dramatically shifted to diets that are higher in fat and calorie content. Additionally, diet has been linked to a number of diseases and chronic illnesses including type two diabetes, hypertension, stroke and cardiovascular disease. In Nova Scotia alone, it is estimated that \$120 million a year is required to provide treatment to combat health effects attributed to obesity.

“We are trying to determine the factors that affect dietary behaviour and if they are different during the different stages of a woman’s life. How women make dietary decisions determines what food they eat.”

Dr. Dukeshire joined the NSAC staff in 2005 with a doctorate degree in Social Psychology from the University of Waterloo, focusing on human decision making and health behaviour. Prior to joining NSAC, he worked as a program evaluation and research consultant on a wide variety of local, provincial and

national projects. Currently, he is examining different age groups of young women to better understand factors that influence their nutritional decisions. He indicates, “We are trying to determine the factors that affect dietary behaviour and if they are different during different stages of a woman’s life. How women make dietary decisions determines what food they eat.” A key reason for focusing on women is that they are usually the decision makers in charge of purchasing and preparing the majority of the food that they and their families eat.

“Not only is Dr. Dukeshire’s research critical to improving the overall health of women in Atlantic Canada, it will also benefit the general Canadian population,” says NSAC President, Dr. Philip Hicks. Dr. Dukeshire will combine his research in the Business and Social Sciences Department with various health organizations, governmental departments and the agriculture and agri-food industry. Dr. Hicks explains, “Our goal at NSAC is to create a diverse learning community by taking an interdisciplinary approach to research.”


The initial focus of Dr. Dukeshire’s program will be to identify the factors that have the greatest influence on the dietary behaviour of women at the four life stages: adolescence, young adult, living with a significant other and parenthood. Dukeshire says,

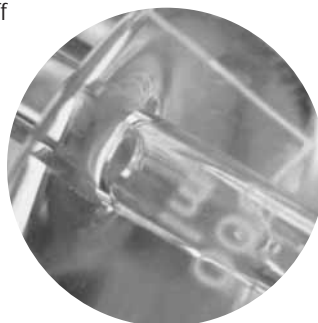
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“As you move through the different life stages, the factors that influence your dietary behaviours are likely going to change. When you leave one stage and enter another, your beliefs and attitudes towards food may be more open to change. Therefore these transitions from one stage to the next may be the best times to try to convince people to change their dietary behaviour.”

The results from his research may be used to improve policies and programs designed to address the poor dietary choices made by women. The long-term goal of the program is aimed at improving the overall dietary behaviour of

Nova Scotians. Results can aid in developing different intervention plans designed to improve dietary behaviour, such as public information sessions on nutritional labeling.

Alongside colleagues in the Business and Social Sciences department at NSAC, Dukeshire is also part of a bigger project which is looking at women’s health in rural communities, focusing on mental health, leisure and community, nutritional decision making and farm health and safety. Dr. Dukeshire’s research efforts will hopefully help the promotion of ‘healthy living’ and ‘healthy eating’ to fellow Atlantic Canadians. 





Open House, '06

The annual NSAC Open House took place on Thursday July 27th. It was a day filled with sun, garden tours, aquaculture demonstrations, quilting and hand-crafts, wagon rides, Red Cross demonstration on water and summer safety, variety show with music and dancing, Barbecue and much more!



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Beginning September 2006

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Starting in the Fall of 2006 Nova Scotia Agricultural College will be offering a brand new two year Technology Diploma in Enterprise Management with five specialities: dairy farm, equine, companion animal, food retail and farming. This business program will help prepare you for a career in marketing, sales, or service. Or you can obtain the skills and knowledge you need to operate your own business or farm operation

Choose to obtain a background in business education that allows you mobility and freedom in your career.

It's all about choice. Choose to study dairy animal genetics, to develop a plan for a pet-related business, to consider the forage needs of your horses, or to understand the production of food from soil to shelf. Choose to obtain a background in business education that allows you mobility and freedom in your career. Check out www.nsac.ca for more information

What does this new program look like?

The Diploma in Enterprise Management will provide you with a foundation of business management skills in combination with specific management skills related to your speciality. The core curriculum includes courses in Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Accounting, Financial Management, Communications, Economics, Business Law, Human Resource Management, Writing for Business, and Business Math.

And then depending on the speciality you select, you will study the following topics:

Equine

Animal biology, soil management, animal feed and nutrient management, animal behavior, equine health and nutrition, equine reproduction, genetics, and equine facilities management.

Dairy Farming

Animal biology and nutrition, soil management, herd health, reproduction and genetic performance, milking systems and facilities management, environmental management and record keeping.



Companion Animal

Animal growth and development, animal behavior, health, genetics and reproduction, facilities management, and the biology and care of reptiles, birds, small animals and aquarium species.

Food Retail

Nutrition and the human, food preparation and selection, customer relations, advertising and promotion food safety and quality management, plus animal and crop production courses

Farming

Soil management, environmental management, cropping systems, and then mix and match selections from plant and animal courses.

What are your career choices?

Dairy Farm - Are you interested in a career in the dairy industry whether it is operating your own dairy farm, working as a herdsman or employed in sales or service for the dairy industry?

Equine - The equine industry in Atlantic Canada has limited employment opportunities. That is why this program is designed specifically for those interested in someday owning or managing an equine related business. Prior to entering the program you will be expected to be experienced in equine handling and care.

Farming - This is a great program if you are interested in operating/managing a farm or wish to work in the agricultural industry in sales or service.

Companion Animal - Are you interested in working in the pet industry as either a owner or a manager of a pet-related business? Sales and service are other areas of employment e.g. managing the pet section of a department store or selling pet care products to other businesses

Food Retail - A program is designed for those people who are interested in a career in the food industry and who want a thorough understanding of how food is produced. Some of the types of careers include: produce and meat manager or owner/manager of agri-food operation. (P)

by Lauranne Sanderson

In the Spotlight

Emily Fraser, Class of '05

Name: Emily Fraser

Age: 22

Hometown: Dartmouth, NS

Sport: Soccer

Undergrad degree: High Honours
in Animal Science

Next Stop: University of Ottawa,
Medical School



When asked why she chose to attend NSAC four years ago, Emily Fraser replies, "I chose NSAC because after looking at the brochures for this university, it seemed warm and friendly. I could actually see myself walking the paths to class." Looking back, Emily has had no regrets on the university she decided to attend to complete her undergrad degree in animal science.

"Everyone saw me at a much bigger university, but NSAC gave me a whole new perspective on life, my studies and what I want to do in the future."

Since then Emily has been spreading the word about NSAC everywhere she goes. "I'm always encouraging people I meet to check out NSAC," she says with a smile, "anyone can easily fit in at this university; it's the greatest school. The people on campus, from faculty to administration, add to the amazing experience and everyone is so supportive, friendly and willing to go out of their way to help."


Growing up in an urban area and entering NSAC directly following high school, Emily surprised herself when choosing her field and institution at which to study. "Everyone saw me at a much bigger university, but NSAC gave me a whole new perspective on life, my studies and what I want to do in the future. Going from an urban community to a rural community, allowed me to experience so much more than I would have had I stayed in the city. I can now relate to a new community of people."

Emily believes she not only received her degree in science, but much more during her time at NSAC. With academics being at the top of her list, Emily lived in residence for three years and played on the soccer team.

At the May 2006 Convocation, Emily walked across the stage to receive her degree with high honours and a Silver Governor-General's Medal. Throughout her years at NSAC, Emily also received The Marchant Award, NSAC All-Academic Athlete, ACAA All-Conference Award, CCAA Academic All-Canadian.

Emily's hard work has certainly paid off. She was accepted to Ottawa, Dalhousie and McMaster Universities for Medical School. Emily has chosen to continue her studies at Ottawa while pursuing some of her life goals. "I chose Ottawa just like I chose NSAC," adds Emily, "other than loving the city, I could actually see myself at the university."

"I am certain I will look back in ten years and have no regrets about the choices I've made and I'm glad that NSAC was one of them," says

Emily. In the future, this out-going, well-rounded and bright young woman hopes to have a family and return to the Maritimes while working in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology. 

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NSAC's Ampitheatre



Peter Hamilton, Ken Siddall and Clara Galway—members from the class of '44 attending the Ampitheatre Dedication Ceremony.

NSAC alumni, students, faculty and staff attended the Dedication Ceremony of the NSAC Amphitheatre in late June.

Members from the class of '44 who attended included Peter Hamilton, Ken Siddall and Clara Galway.

The Amphitheatre project was made possible through major sponsorship by the Class of 1944 with support from: MacRae Library Staff, Teaching Associate Group, Shaw Brick, Wallace Sandstone Quarry, United Rentals and individual contributors. 



Homecoming
Class of 1966, October 20, 22, 2006



Spotlight on Continuing and Distance Education:

The Master Gardener Training Program



Students enrolled in the Continuing and Distance Education Master Gardener Training Program were on campus recently for the program's second annual Level One summer school.



Twelve Master Gardener students took part in the summer school's five and a half days of workshops and lectures in the classrooms and gardens of NSAC. The Program consists of four independent study courses offered by distance and a one-week, on-site summer school at NSAC. Students from across Atlantic Canada are enrolled in the program.

The on-campus summer school is a key component of the Master Gardener Training Program. Because the courses are offered through distance education, this was the first opportunity for students and instructors to meet face to face.

Master Gardener student Bill Thoms from Noel, NS, reflects on how the program has helped to develop his skills. "The applied workshop was excellent. Interacting with a professional horticulturalist really brought my gardening abilities to a whole new level. The technical skills that I have acquired from the workshop will help me in my future gardening." Bill also discussed the advantages of tak-

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ing a course through distance education. "The online course is practically perfect. It was really easy to navigate, and therefore made it easier to learn."

Level Two summer school was held for the first time for eleven returning Master Gardener students. The Level Two school focuses on specific gardening topics and professional aspects of becoming a Master Gardener. This year's theme was rock gardens and alpine plants. The featured presenter was Dr. Bernard Jackson, coordinator of the Friends of the Garden volunteer program and creator of the exceptional NSAC Rock Garden. When sharing his feelings on the benefits of the Master Gardener Program and the summer school, Dr. Jackson stated, "We can all learn from each other. No one knows it all, and this really helps everyone to share their independent ideas."

Anita Sulley is a busy entrepreneur from Halifax, NS. Anita loves to garden, but admits that it can be difficult to find the time.

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Master Gardener Students get their hands dirty at NSAC.

"Having the [Master Gardener] program online made it more accessible to me. It was the reason that I was able to take it. We are all more confident when speaking to gardening groups and the community because of this program."

The Master Gardener Program has a volunteer component that requires participants to volunteer their talents each year.

Emily Miller from Lower Sackville had heard of Master Gardening Programs that were offered in other provinces, but had yet to be developed in Nova Scotia. When NSAC's CDE came forward with their program, she was delighted. "I had been waiting for someone to develop it [the Master Gardener Program]. When the NSAC developed it, we were so excited! It is the communication with other gardeners that allows us to share our ideas." The Master Gardener Program has a vol-



Master Gardener students get hands-on learning experience.

unteer component that requires participants to volunteer their talents each year. Emily has been involved with a group who volunteers their time at a public cemetery to plant flowers in the spring. What an excellent idea!

Faculty and staff from NSAC are working closely with CDE to develop and deliver this program. Contributors include Sherry Chaisson, Stuart Gibb, Lloyd Mapplebeck, Gord Brewster, Lauranne Sanderson, Glen Sampson and Carol Goodwin, who is the Faculty Coordinator for the program.

For more information programs and courses offered through Continuing and Distance Education at NSAC, please call:

(902) 893-6666 or visit our website at: www.nzac.ca/cde ☎



Lifelong Learning

the Key to Achieving Professional and Personal Goals

NSAC's Centre for Continuing and Distance Education (CDE) is dedicated to providing relevant and accessible education to lifelong learners.

In today's market, recent and applicable knowledge and skills are necessary to succeed whether you own your business or are gaining a strategic advantage in your career.

CDE at NSAC has also developed programs and courses that explore a general interest. The Master Gardener Training Program is one of two targeted programs designed by CDE and offered through a flexible and interactive delivery program on the internet. Students can communicate with the professor and other students enrolled in the program through convenient discussion boards and chat rooms within the course.

A multitude of courses are available through the NSAC that are taught both on campus and through Distance Education. The courses are well organized, and are perfect for those who face time, travel, or work constraints when assessing educational needs. Interested learners can visit the Continuing and Distance Education website directly at nsac.ca/cde and click on courses and programs for more information on credit and non-credit courses. ☎

NSAC's Rock Garden



NSAC's Rock Garden has become one of the University's most valued features on campus and is arguably the largest and most diverse Rock Garden in the Maritimes.

Extending over a half-acre (0.2 hectares) of hillside, it brings a unique sense of diversity to the campus grounds and a natural 'green' space that can be enjoyed by all. NSAC alumni, students, faculty and staff attended the Dedication Ceremony of the Rock Garden on July 21, 2006. The Rock Garden was dedicated to Dr. Bernard Jackson, whose effortless work has impacted NSAC by adding to the beauty of the campus. Dr. Jackson led a team of wonderful hard-working individuals to create such a beautiful space. ☎



OACC is Five and Counting

by Ralph C. Martin, Ph.D., P.Ag.

Five years ago, in Baddeck, Nova Scotia, the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Minister Lyle Vanclief, announced a \$1 million grant for the founding of the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada (OACC).

OACC has been based at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and links organic knowledge, across Canada, between farmers, students, consumers, university and AAFC agricultural researchers and extension specialists. An Advisory Board with members from all Canadian regions has guided OACC.

Today, the OACC website (www.oacc.info) receives five million hits per year and many are from dial-up computers, an indication that rural Canadians, associated with many agricultural practices, are finding the site useful. Organic research results from Canada and abroad that are considered helpful to Canadians are posted under the Research button. Others are under the Extension button for those who prefer to read less specialized language and numerous reports are available in French.

There are many organic organizations in Canada and OACC complements them with its unique focus on research and education at the university level, pertaining to organic agriculture. Organic research provides an opportunity for scientists to investigate unmasked systems (no synthetic pesticides and fertilizers) under biological and climatic variability and to develop methods that will benefit conventional farmers as well as organic farmers. For example, the rates and timing of harrowing weeds in cereal crops, without herbicides, provides useful information for conventional farmers who want to reduce pesticide levels and costs.

In efforts to link key people addressing questions in organic agriculture, OACC has been instrumental in initiating discussions between those in production with others at the processing, distribution and marketing levels. An OACC goal is foster research within the context of supplying products characterized by well-balanced nutritional content linked to healthy soil. Organic researchers are less inclined to apply or insert compounds to 'enhance' products and more inclined to understand holistic systems thus providing value-added food and fibre that does not require further enhancement and does not contribute to a cumulative pesticide load in humans. Within this context, OACC is coordinating research to help farmers provide organic products to meet consumer requests while gaining market share and premium prices.

OACC research projects have been conducted, with collaboration, in all provinces. OACC has sponsored specific organic research symposia on potatoes and apples and several others which were more general.

Since 2001, 13 OACC web courses have been developed in

English and French. Those interested in improving their knowledge of organic production, markets and impacts tend to be thinly spread across our large land mass of Canada and the internet provides an opportunity to link students, regardless of location. The courses are offered for credit in agricultural schools at universities from British Columbia to Nova Scotia and are also available on a non-credit basis for farmers and others, if they prefer that option. University students gain insights from the practical questions farmers toss to the instructor. Farmers on average use the internet more than other Canadians even though they are often limited by slow speeds of dial-up. Many farmers prefer to study conveniently in their homes rather than driving distances and possibly paying for accommodation for two weeks or more. There is no doubt that face to face courses, seminars, mentoring and workshops are also beneficial. With internet courses, OACC is meeting a niche educational opportunity.

The OACC vision, 'to strengthen the science and practice of organic agriculture in Canada', has been the guiding light for all activities of our unique educational and research organization. Today Canadians are spending over \$1.3 billion annually on organic food and yet only 15 percent is Canadian. Why can't our farmers and processors provide this food for us? Many Canadian agriculturalists agree that we can provide our own organic food. OACC will continue to conduct, coordinate and disseminate producer-oriented research and education to achieve this goal, thus contributing to sustainable communities.

The work of OACC is intended to enhance respect for soil, plants, animals, air and water, thereby contributing to respect for people and the planet. In partnership with many individual and organizations, OACC expects many more birthdays to celebrate research and educational support to the organic sector in Canada. ©

Ralph C. Martin, Ph.D., P.Ag is the Founding Director of OACC.

Noted Kentville Research Scientist Dr. Lewis Aalders Dies

Although he was not a graduate of NSAC, many in agriculture circles will have known Dr. Lewis Aalders who died in November 2005. Dr. Aalders was a research scientist who worked for many years at the Kentville Research Station on fruit crops, particularly blueberries. A graduate of Acadia and Cornell, Dr. Aalders was known for his pioneering work on the genetics of wild blueberries, identifying productivity traits of many types.

Bob Murray (NSAC Class of '52), long time Berrycrop Specialist with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture writes; "I worked with Dr. Lewis Aalders in the 60's and 70's when we as a team (Province of Nova Scotia & Agriculture Canada) would select superior wild lowbush blueberry clones throughout Nova Scotia to be bred at the Kentville Research Station. The progeny of these clones would be evaluated at Kentville, then set out in grower fields to be evaluated again under different climatic and soil conditions. Dr. Aalders and his associate Dr. Ivan Hall were two exceptional brilliant individuals dedicated to this aspect of the lowbush blueberry industry." ©



NSAC Development & Alumni Relations

Report to Donors 2005-06

Fundraising at NSAC reached a new level in 2005-06 as donations to the NSAC Foundation continued to make significant gains.

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Our donor information system allows us to analyze the information in a more comprehensive way than ever before. We have designated the various methods that donations come to us under a series of campaigns including: annual mail appeal, scholarship appeal, research funding, special events and memorials. The phone-a-thon was included as part of the Second Century Endowment campaign for the second year in 2005-06. Transfers include money deposited with the Foundation for investment that will be used for NSAC programs. A summary of the various campaigns is shown in Table 1.

Donations to research programs were greatly influenced by large capital donations for the construction of the Atlantic Poultry Research Centre.

NSAC appreciates donations of all types. However, the priority is to increase the endowed portion of the fund as it offers stability for investment and disbursement. This year, 34 percent of the donations went into endowed funds adding \$464,130 to the total long term portfolio.

The endowment portion of the fund held by the Foundation has grown over the past four years. This is the result of both fund raising efforts and the transfer of money that was held by the NSAC Alumni Association. The amount reported in Table 2 is based on the calendar year end.

Figure 1: Campaign Sources 2005-6

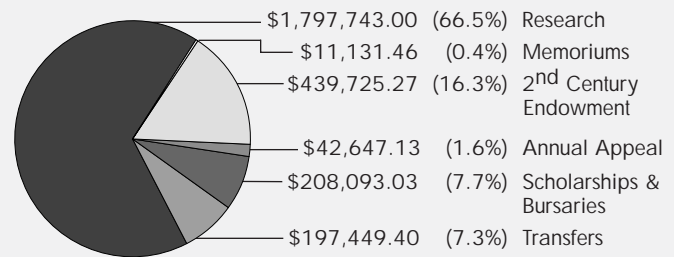


Table 1: History of Donation Growth

Year	Donations	Total	Fund Balance	Disbursements
2005-06	1009	\$2,703,971	\$5,557,006	\$225,792
2004-05	744	\$733,965	\$2,212,894	\$273,563
2003-04	377	\$258,262	\$1,672,116	\$215,259
2002-03	350	\$204,671	\$1,457,315	\$158,425
2001-02	78	\$43,105	\$1,363,455	\$67,649

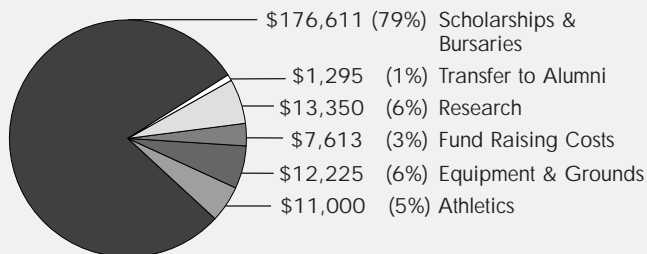
Table 2: Endowment Totals

Year	Endowment Total
2005	\$2,991,000.00
2004	\$1,934,000.00
2003	\$1,230,000.00
2002	\$1,100,000.00

Total Disbursements

As important as donations are to NSAC, the real measure of the impact of the fund raising efforts is the amount of support that the Foundation can provide each year. Total disbursements for the year were \$225,792. The breakdown of the disbursements from the various funds appears in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Disbursements 2005-6



A total of \$176,611 was spent in support of scholarships, bursaries and prizes which is 79 percent of the total disbursements from the fund. Several new scholarships and bursaries were initiated during the year increasing the support that will be offered to the students into the future.

Athletics expenditures were made in support of Woodsman activities from the newly established Rick Russell Memorial Woodsman Fund. The \$10,000 contributed toward new equipment for the Woodsman teams means they are better able to compete in their sport.

Other significant expenditures were made in support of renovations and equipment for the Student Union space. The Student Union is an important part of student life on the NSAC campus. The \$5000 spent on new furniture and equipment will make it more comfortable and convenient for students using the facilities.

In addition to expenditures toward completing the Centennial Amphitheatre, \$3,000 was contributed toward equipping two more classrooms with multimedia presentation systems. These small projects help make NSAC not only a better place to learn but a more beautiful place to visit.

Donations at Work



Class of '44 members Peter Hamilton, Ken Siddall and Clara Galway admire the plaque recognising contributions to the Centennial Amphitheatre



NSAC student Matt Vair uses equipment in the Student Union Centre. Financial support provided by alumni and friends through the NSAC Foundation helped the students improve their facility, making it more useful and comfortable for the entire student body.



The NSAC Woodsman team are now better equipped because of financial support from the Rick Russell Memorial Woodsman fund.

NSAC Donor Summary

As in past years we have listed all those who have donated to NSAC between April 1, 2005 and March 31, 2006 arranged alphabetically by donation size range. We do our best to ensure accuracy in the information, however, we apologize for any errors or omissions that may have occurred.

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Homecoming Class of 1966



October 20-22, 2006

Forty years ago the class of '66 left NSAC with plans for their future. Most went on to complete their degree at Macdonald College of McGill University. Many have kept in contact with each other over the years, but for some, it has been 40 years since we have talked.

We know of three classmates who have passed away. Many have worked for the forty years and are now retired. This is a great opportunity to renew acquaintances with classmates who influenced our lives for a few key years.

Plans have been made to bring everyone back to NSAC and Truro for Homecoming Weekend, October 20-22. A block of rooms has been reserved at Stonehouse Motel, 165 Willow St. Truro. Toll free reservations: 1-877-660-6638. Ask for the NSAC Class of 1966 special deal of \$69.00 for a double room. The block of rooms will be held until Sept. 23rd.

There is a bluegrass festival in Truro that weekend so other hotels are already booked, so book early. The class will have a hospitality suite at the Stonehouse Motel from Friday afternoon through until checkout on Sunday. The university is hosting a reception on Friday evening and breakfast Saturday morning in the library on campus. On Saturday, a class photo will be taken; a special NSAC tour for our class will be given, followed by an awards luncheon at noon.

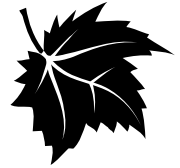
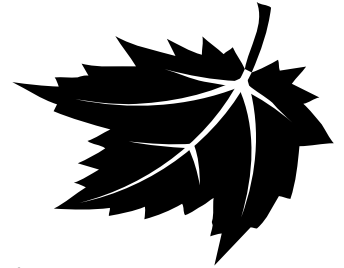
Arrangements are being made for the class to get together in the afternoon for a tour of the local area.

Dinner that evening, just for the class of '66, will be held in the Riverview Room at NSAC. If you plan to attend the reunion, please send a deposit of \$25 per person as soon as possible to Janet Lousley, RR#2 Oxford Station, ON K0G 1T0.

For questions or comments, and to let classmates know you are coming, contact:

Stephen Casselman at:
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or Doug Lousley at:
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Keep in Touch!



As you know, these days most communication depends on email and the internet.

The Development and External Alumni Relations Office maintains a database with contact information for all its alumni and friends. In order to keep it up to date and accurate, we need to know where to find you.

Please let us know when you have a change of address, phone number, family status and email address. The easiest way to do this is to visit our website at: nsac.ca/alumni/alumni_update.asp or you can contact Jo-Anne at (902) 893-6721.

Let us know where you are! We look forward to hearing from you. ☺

A Good Friend of NSAC Passes On

We are sad to note that Dr. Charles Albert Eaves, Wolfville Nursing Home, formerly of Upper Canard, Kings Co., passed away July 2, 2006. On October 25, 2000, he received an Honorary Doctorate from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in recognition of his over 40 years of fruit storage research with the Canada Department of Agriculture. He was a pioneer in research on Controlled Atmosphere Storage and the effect of mineral nutrition on post-harvest quality. Dr. Eaves was a major contributor to the NSAC and had set up the Canard Conservation Trust Fund to provide a graduate and an undergraduate scholarship each year for students of Kings County focusing on environmental studies related to agricultural practices. ☺

Homecoming Alumni Games

Due to scheduling difficulties within the ACAA, there will not be alumni soccer games this year during Homecoming Weekend. The schedule for that weekend is:

Oct. 21

- 10 am 5K Race
- 1 pm Womens Basketball vs Alumni
- 3 pm Men's Basketball vs Alumni
- 5 pm Volleyball (men and women) vs Alumni (Court 1 & Court 2)

Refreshments and snacks for both teams to follow each Homecoming Alumni Game.

Oct. 21

- ACAA Soccer
- 3 pm STU at NSAC (w)
- 5 pm STU at NSAC (m)

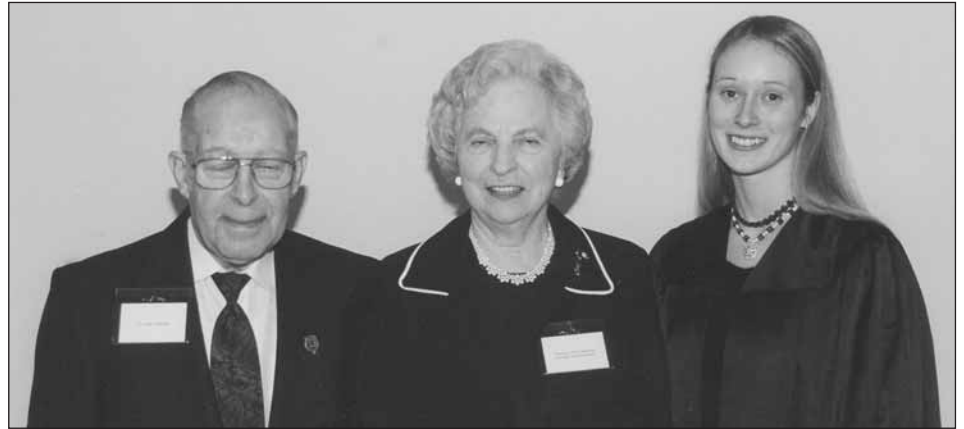


In Memorium

Mr. Gerald E. Townsend	1941
Mr. Norman C. Smith	1938
Mr. Ralph Morehouse	1948
Mr. James L. Horsfall	1949
Mr. James K. Chahassol	1962
Mr. Joseph E. Comeau	1950
Mr. Bastiaan A. DenHollander	1950
Mr. Keith D. Cameron	1976
Mr. John H. Morris	1951
Mr. Gerald R. Cox	1968
Dr. Robert W. Perry, DVM	1962
Mr. Ross C. MacDonald	1948
Mr. Arthur L. Davidson	1932
Ms. Sylvia Brookhouse	1990
Mr. Thomas M. MacIntyre	1938
Mr. Christopher H. Winters	1972
Mr. Laurie I. Ells	1949
Mr. Richard E. Melanson	1941
Mr. George M. Major	1964
Mr. Fraser R. MacLean	1952

The in-memorial list since January 1, 2006

The Dr. Allan & Barbara MacKay Scholarship Presented to Tracy Collins.



NSAC's Autumn Assembly 2005 marked the first presentation of the \$1,000 Dr. Allan & Barbara MacKay Scholarship. Dr. & Mrs. MacKay are shown with Tracy Collins, Kippens, NL, an NSAC student who is now attending the Atlantic Veterinarian College at UPEI.

According to my Mom, I'm not the only one in the Universe. So what would another life form look like? Would it wear my size? Find out at nsac.ca/life

NSAC. Science applied to life.

Nova Scotia Agricultural College

*See website for contest rules and details.

NSAC Wins Silver Prix d'Excellence

The Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAIE) recently awarded NSAC with a silver at their Prix D'Excellence awards. The award was presented in the category of Best Program-Student Recruitment.

This category recognizes successful marketing strategies and techniques in an ongoing program. Judges looked for an understanding of NSAC's mission, strengths and unique qualities and how well our campaign communicated to prospective students.

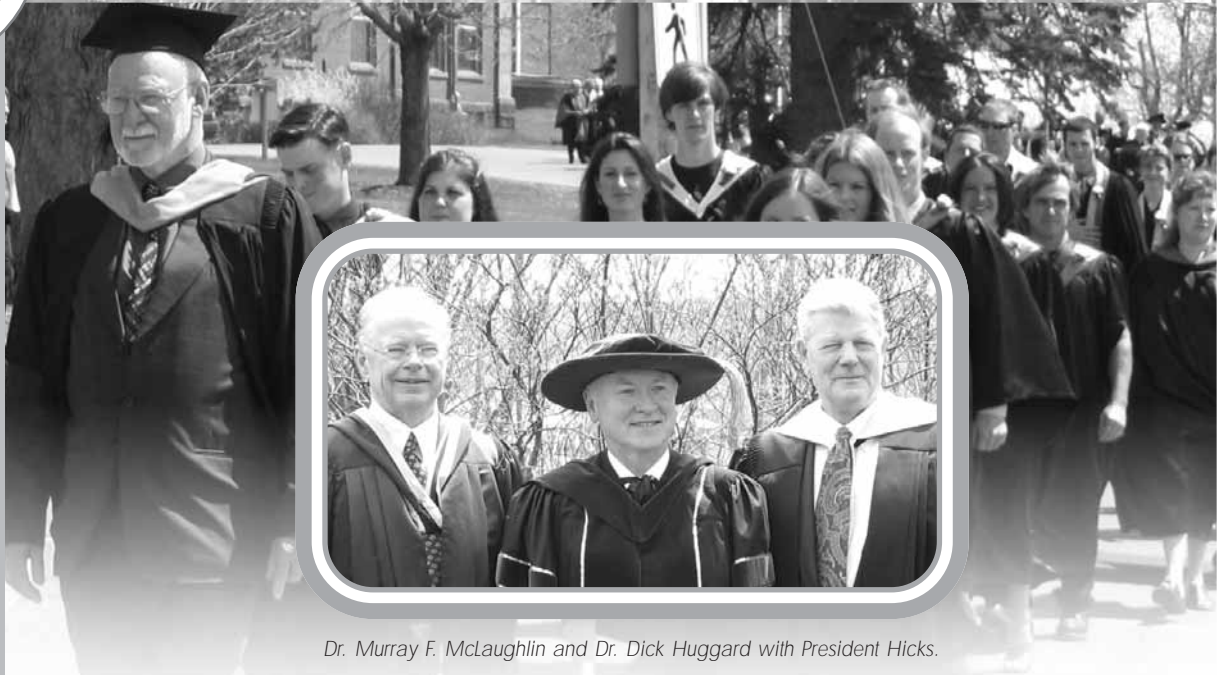
Led by Sarah Morris, Marketing Manager, the "NSAC. Science applied to life." Campaign, and its

integration with Recruitment's activities, achieved some weighty results for our university and exceeded all of the objectives set for the campaign. Application numbers have increased by nine percent over last year. In addition, our prospective student list more than doubled over last year's list, and we reached our target audience 117 times more often than last year. Overall web traffic rates have increased by 60 percent and there was a 12 percent increase in prospective student visitors to campus over last year. All of these goals were exceeded by spending marketing dollars more efficiently than ever before.

NSAC has secured last year's marketing agency, Allura Communications & Marketing, for a three-year marketing services contract to continue our current strategy. Jim Goit proudly accepted the award presented at the Gala Dinner for CCAIE's annual conference in Ottawa in June. (P)



Honourary Doctorates



Dr. Murray F. McLaughlin and Dr. Dick Huggard with President Hicks.

NSAC honoured two men who have spent their careers putting science into the hands of everyday Canadians and kept their hands dirty in the agricultural industry. Dr. Dick Huggard and Dr. Murray F. McLaughlin were presented with Honourary Doctorates at NSAC's 101st Convocation.

Dr. Murray McLaughlin has spent his career impacting many Canadians with science. After attending NSAC, McLaughlin continued his education and finished with a M.Sc. and Ph.D from Cornell University. McLaughlin's work established Saskatchewan as a world leader in biotechnology and led Saskatoon to become a centre of excellence in biotechnology. In six years he created a multi-million dollar industry which evolved from the concept of a new agricultural biotechnology development organization.

"Research intensity was always central to my career, and that's something that NSAC really drives home," says Dr. McLaughlin. "Along with their hands-on approach to education and focus on applied science, NSAC is an excellent university that opens many doors for their students. I've been able to apply my NSAC education throughout my career."

Dick Huggard also continued his education after graduating from NSAC and always favoured a hands-on approach to learning. "I thrived with NSAC's hands-


on approach to learning," comments Huggard. "That's how I learn best and that's how I taught. Throughout my years I was always promoting and recommending NSAC to anyone who had science in mind."

"Along with their hands-on approach to education and focus on applied science, NSAC is an excellent university that opens many doors for their students."

Dr. Murray F. McLaughlin

After completing his education, Huggard returned to NSAC where he lectured in Animal Science. He spent 36 years with the Department of Agricultural and Marketing and also worked his way up to Deputy Minister. Huggard has become an icon and inspiration for many generations of agriculturalists. Throughout his career and in retirement, Huggard has been active in many organiza-

tions and received many awards for his contributions to the agricultural industry.

McLaughlin and Huggard were chosen for Honourary Doctorates because they have influenced many Canadians and have made immeasurable contributions that continue to benefit agriculture across Canada. 



ATHLETICS

2005-2006 VARSITY REPORT

42nd Annual Athletic Awards Banquet, March 31, 2006

Highlighted by a recap and slide show of the 2006 Winter Olympics by Team Canada Physician Dr. Linda Ferguson, the banquet was the venue where the top student-athletes were recognized for their sport results and team leadership.

The newest group at the event was the NSAC Equestrian Club Team. A group of 10 riders were selected from the Equestrian Club to compete in the IHSA - one meet in each semester. A growing sport in both US and Canadian post secondary institutions, the opportunities should increase for the NSAC team in the next few years.



Kayla Ekkel, Dr. Bernie MacDonald, Nicolas Juurlink



NSAC's MVPs



Nic Roy, Corenna Taylor, Jeff Kay

Winners in the various categories are listed below:

HUSTLE Award

Basketball (m)	Brad Weatherbee
Basketball (w)	Sarah Blackie
Rugby (m)	Steve Harvey
Rugby (w)	Marissa Lynch
Soccer (m)	Kyle Dacey
Soccer (w)	Emily Fraser
Volleyball (m)	Matt Settle
Volleyball (w)	Amanda Clark
Woodsmen (m)	Justin Beck
Woodsmen (w)	Melanie Sykes

MIP Award

Basketball (m)	Billy McNutt
Basketball (w)	Ashley Baird
Rugby (m)	Dave Hill
Rugby (w)	Margaret Graves
Soccer (m)	Kyle MacRae
Soccer (w)	Jessica Nielsen
Volleyball (m)	Brad Forbes
Volleyball (w)	Sara Butt
Woodsmen (m)	Josh Redden
Woodsmen (w)	Ame Forman
Equestrian Club	Kaila Watters

ROOKIE Award

Basketball (m)	Tom Visser
Basketball (w)	Kaili Van Vulpen
Rugby (m)	Mark Robinson
Rugby (w)	Sara MacPhail
Soccer (m)	Dane Henderson
Soccer (w)	Mandy Vandenberg
Volleyball (m)	Niels Langelaan
Volleyball (w)	Shauna Berkvens
Woodsmen (m)	Corey MacDonald
Woodsmen (w)	Kyley Cole

NSAC All Academic Athletes

Athletes who have demonstrated excellence in academics and athletics, achieving the required average of 75 or above for "Honors" and a position on a Varsity Team

Basketball (m)

Josh Uhlman
Adrien Van Dyk

Basketball (w)

Ashley Baird
Sarah Blackie
Hanae Higa
Jessica Mitchell
Holly Munroe
Samantha Welsh
Justine White

Volleyball (w)

Shauna Berkvens
Amy Bezanson
Sara Butt
Amanda Clark
Kayla Ekkel
Corrina Phillips
Mavis Poirier

Volleyball (m)

Richard Benson
Niels Langelaan
Matt Vair

Woodsmen

Justin Beck
Craig Edwards
Nathan Greeno
Brent Jackson
Nicole Kaiser
Nathan Roberts
Beth Trueman
Jason Van der Linden
Janet Walker

Rugby (w)

Meredith Leier
Erin Rowlands
Sara MacPhail
Sally Wilson
Virginia Tupper
Nicole MacHattie
Margaret Graves
Crystal Whitney

Rugby (m)

Niels Langelaan
Mark Bernard
Colin Brown
Dan Gillis
Dave Brennan
Andrew MacIsaac

Soccer (w)

Emily Fraser
Kristen Joudrey
Tara Lewis
Megan MacLellan

Jaelyn Mosher
Melissa Purcell
Annelies Schuurmans
Nikia Stewart
Carley Thomas
Mandy Vandenberg
Kim Van Geest

Soccer (m)

Keelan Black
Nathan Carson
Blair Cameron
Dominic Clements
Marcus Fiddes
Richard Jacobs

ACAA All-Conference

Soccer

Nikia Stewart
Megan MacLellan
Elliot Levy

Volleyball

Kayla Ekkel

Basketball

Billy McNutt
Kaili van Vulpen

N.S. Rugby Union Div II (Men)

MVP -
Will Shaw

All-Stars -
Kyle Kersten
David Jordan
Will Shaw
Niels Langelaan
Colin Brown

University/College Women's Rugby League - All-Stars

Holly MacLean
Amy Higgins
Allison Denman

Equestrian Club Team

Rolling Hills
Intercollegiate Equestrian
Team Challenge
Champion: NSAC (Team B)

Sportsmanship Award

Rachael Gielen

Most Improved

Kaila Watters



CCAA Academic All-Canadians, Nikia Stewart, Kayla Ekkel, Megan MacLellan



Hustle Award Winners



Homecoming NSAC Students Top 3 Females: Megan MacLellan, Emily Fraser, Kristen Joudrey

CCAA Awards

Academic All Canadians
The Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) announced the SIRC-CCAA Academic All Canadian Award recipients for the 2004-2005 season. From the 100 member institutions in the CCAA, 79 students have achieved combined excellence in College athletics and academics. To achieve this honour, a student-athlete must achieve 80% and/or honours standings, and be named to a conference All-Star Team in a CCAA Sport.

To achieve excellence in both sport and academics requires tremendous skill, dedication and perseverance. SIRC is honoured to recognize those outstanding college athletes who are also passionate about excelling in their education, expressed Debra Gassewitz, President and CEO of SIRC.

Winners from NSAC are:

Kayla Ekkel — Volleyball
Nikia Stewart — Soccer
Megan MacLellan — Soccer

CCAA Athlete of the Month

February— Billy McNutt,
Basketball

CCAA Fair Play Award - 2006
Mazda CCAA Women's
Volleyball Championships

Kayla Ekkel

Canadian Intercollegiate
Lumberjacking Association (CILA)
2005-06 CILA MVP

Beth Trueman

2005-06 CILA All-Canadians

Beth Trueman , Brent Jackson

2006 STIHL Challenge Winner

(for the 2nd Year) Mario Bourque.
(45 points)

MVP Award

Basketball (m)

Darren Marlborough

Basketball (w)

Jillian Isenor

Rugby (m)

Will Shaw



Mr. and Mrs. Reg Dillman receive a Bachelor of Sport from Dr. Bernie MacDonald in recognition of supporting five of their children in NSAC Varsity Sport over 19 years



Rookies of the Year

Rugby (w)

Meghan Miller

Soccer (m)

Elliot Levy

Soccer (w)

Megan MacLellan

Volleyball (m)

Matt Vair

Volleyball (w)

Kayla Ekkel

Woodsmen (m)

Nick Juurlink

Woodsmen (w)

Sarah MacPherson

Contribution Awards:

Jeff Kay

Truro

Nic Roy

Port Williams

Corinna Taylor

Dartmouth

Outstanding Athlete Awards

KS Marchant Award

Technical: Virginia Tupper,

Aylesford

Degree: Emily Fraser, Dartmouth

Athletes of the Year

Female: Kayla Ekkel, Lacombe,

Alberta

Male: Nick Juurlink, Shubenacadie

Basketball

A constantly improving women's team, competed well within league play before losing in the quarter-finals of the ACAA's. Rookies stole the show on many occasions and with strong recruits expected for the fall - 2006, the Rams will be in the title hunt in 2006-07. The men's team also made the play-offs before losing in the semi. The team had some of their best games in the later part of the schedule, but "ran out of gas" on several occasions. Recruits are looking good for the fall and with the 2007 CCAA Men's Basketball Championships being hosted by NSAC in March, the team will be working hard to secure a spot in the 8 team tournament.

Volleyball

The highlight of the season at the Langille Athletic Centre was the 2006 Mazda CCAA Women's Volleyball Championships. The NSAC Rams competed against the top teams in the country and played extremely well; rising to the challenge on every point. Rookies led the team throughout the season and Kayla Ekkel was also recognized and awarded the Fair Play Award for the tournament. The men's team had lots of close contests, but struggled to win matches through league play. In ACAA Finals play, both the men's and the women's team lost in semi-final action at the ACAA Championships in Saint John NB.

Woodsmen

The NSAC Rams were led this year by the Woodsmen Team and their 1st place finishes in 3 of 4 meets. With lots of experience on the "A Teams" both the men and the women saw great results through the year. With both teams capturing the final CILA competition at NSAC, the women were also successful in earning the title of CILA Champions, while the guys ended up in second place overall for the year. 🏆



Highlights for 2006-07

Homecoming 5 Km Race

Oct. 21, 2006

Homecoming Alumni
Games

Oct. 21, 2006

NSAC Festive Craft
Market

Nov. 18-19, 2006

ACAA Volleyball
Championships

Feb. 23-25, 2007

(hosted by NSAC)

CCAA Men's Basketball
National Championships

March 12-14, 2007



Class of 1976

MACDONALD, Carroll — Hello to all those people from my past at AC. Some of my happiest memories!

Class of 1978

HAMILTON, James — On the move again! I have accepted a long-term posting as Field Manager for the CIDA-funded BETV-SAM Project in Bangladesh.

Class of 1986

MARKS (PYE), Joann — I'm trying to locate David Weatherhead, from the class of 1986, 1987. He was good friends and roommates with Rick Russell. If anyone knows his whereabouts could you let me know his email, etc. I am an old friend who has not heard from or seen him in 15 years.

Class of 1989

MUNDLE, Neal — Moved back to Moncton, from Saskatchewan(brrrr!), in October 2004 working as Account Manager with Farm Credit.

Class of 1990

CORKUM, Jane — I'm currently working part time in Halifax as a veterinarian. My husband and I have 3 children. I hope to hear from old friends.

Class of 1992

DELONG, Kelly — Would love to hear from old friends from AC - AHT class of 1992 or 1989 Pre-tech - where is everyone now?

Class of 1993

BONNER, Kim — Hi to All! What's my fellow AHT grads of '93 up to? And how about the AHT grads of '92?? If anyone talks to Joan (MacLaurin) Gardiner, ask her where the chocolate chips are! Take care.

Class of 1994

FINLEY, Chris — Chau Class of 94! Been living in Cowtown since 95' working in the energy industry; If you ever visit the Red Mile, look me up!

Class of 1995

SHINNERS-CARNELLEY, Tracy — My husband Trevor and I are living in Carman MB. I am the Provincial Potato Pest Specialist, but I am currently on maternity leave. Griffin James (Feb 06) is a little brother for Nicholas (Mar 03).

BYRNE (HOOPER), Laura — Married Mike Byrne in 2002 and we are expecting a child in May. Living in Sooke, BC and working for NRCAN - Canadian Forest Service protecting species at risk. In our spare time we run a bed and breakfast www.quailsroostbnb.com.

Class of 1996

CAIRNS, Chad — Hi all. Natasha and I became the proud parents of a baby boy (Jacob) on the 12th of December 2005. Love to hear from friends and former classmates.

Class of 1997

LEBLANC, Marianne — Hello everyone - Janet this message is for you - congratulations on your twins!!!! I just had a baby girl on April 1, 2006 - Ella Marie - 8lbs, 9oz. I would love to hear from you!!

SCHULTZ (PLUME), Diane — I was married in Grand Cayman Island February 2005 and just had a baby girl, Sophia Diane Schultz on January 31, 2006.

We live in High River, AB and I am still employed at TERA Environmental Consultants as an Environmental Planner in Calgary, AB

Class of 1998

SWEETLAND, Greg — Jackie and I are still in Fredericton, NB. Busy working and raising children- Jackson (3) and Avelyn (10 months). Wishing everyone well.

COLPITTS (MURRAY), Janet — Hello Class of 95 and 98! My husband Shawn and I are pleased announce the birth of our twins- Logan Shawn Kenneth and Morgan Julia Grace on December 14, 2005. Things are busy but we're enjoying every minute!

HAGERMAN, Brynne — Hi to all from the AHT program!! I moved to BC right after graduation, worked as a tech in a vet hospital for 4 years, and have been the BC rep for Petplan Insurance for almost 4 years. Not married yet, no kids, but my boyfriend (from NB!!) and I are making plans for the near future. Hope all is well with everyone - drop me a line to say hi!!

GREEN (MILLER), Melinda — Hope everyone had a great New Year! We had a new addition to our family on Halloween 2005. a baby boy Dana Isaac was born. Big brother Gavin is very proud!

Class of 1999

WOOD (DOYLE), Kelly — Hello fellow aggies. Rob and I have 2 girls Cailey 5 and Olivia 2. I am currently a nurse in Summerside PEI and loving it! Hope to hear from some of you. Drop a line some time. Go aggies!!!!

TREMBLETT, Krista — Trying to locate Cheala Emmett and Kate de Geus. I lost touch with them over the past few years and would like to know how they

are doing. Please email me at ksdt2005@yahoo.ca Cheers from Edmonton!

PERRY, Jason — hey aggies. hope y'all are doin well. shout out to land hort grads '99. i'd love to hear from some of you. shoot me an email at jasonperry@frontiernet.net I'm down here in west virginia, working in Virginia. Even though i miss home sometimes i love it down here. I've gotten quite a big family now and probably gonna get bigger. Take care you guys.

Class of 2000

MEGHAN — Hey there just wanting to say hi and wish y'all a great summer. Hope to be going back home next month for a high school reunion!! 10yrs goes by too fast :) Miss farming like crazy but I get to boss some people around as I'm a supervisor for good ole Timmies!! :P Hope to hear from some fellow ani. sci. techs of 99 and 00 Take care.

Class of 2001

CANTLE, Sandra — Just a quick update: I have been in Ottawa for almost two years and am working for the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in the biotechnology division. The job is great and living in Ottawa is fantastic! Our most exciting news is that Jo (Babin) and I are getting married in June 2006 in Truro! We both would love to hear from old friends at NSAC.

Class of 2002

DONCASTER, Kristin — Hi to Class of 2002 and 2001, I hope everyone is doing well! Kenny & I were in the Valley for a few years, but are back in the Truro area now. I'm working at the NSAC and would love to hear from old friends.

Continued on next page

NSAC's Atlantic Canadian Centre for Poultry Research

With the walls now raised, construction for NSAC's Atlantic Canadian Centre for Poultry Research is well underway. Contractors are running on schedule and expect the facility, which is estimated to cost 11 million dollars, will be complete by Christmas 2006.



Class of 2003

HARRIGAN, Kirstie — Just wanted to say hi class of '03. I moved back to truro to do the aht program and will graduate next year. I'm currently working at Dartmouth Veterinary Hospital and love it. I'm getting married to Les next year and would love to hear from anyone from the class of 02 or 03. Miss the good ol'AC days. Still love it here but its not the same without everyone here.

DEVANEY, Michael — I want to wish NSAC all the best as it turns toward its 2nd century.

Class of 2004

STONE, Peter — Just wanted to say hi to the class of 2004. I've now attended 3 universities including the AC and the AC is the best by far!! Anyway, I'm in Fort Kent Maine now becoming a high school biology teacher. I miss the animals and especially Orphan Gary the Lamb!!

DOVE, Stephen — Hi! Hope everyone is well seems like yesterday I was getting up for those 8am classes. I now studying Nuclear Medicine.

Class of 2005

RICARDO, Donny — Hello all! The fella from Indonesia here. I'm currently working as a Staff Research & Development for JAPFA Comfeed Indonesia and just enjoying life. One question: why can't we alumni access the MLER resources? It'd be very helpful to my field of work. Thanks, I hope you're all doing well.

WINN, Andrew — Hello fellow aggies! Yes it is me, I moved on from the NSAC to Cavendish Farms to do a special inventory project, and in January 2006 was relocated to St John to work for Source Atlantic (www.sourceatlantic.ca). Best of luck to everyone and if you make it to St John, look me up. ☺

Lost Trails



Names and years of individuals who have had mail return or with whom we have otherwise lost touch since January 1, 2006. We would appreciate it very much if any of these graduates or anyone knowing their whereabouts would contact us at (902) 893-6721.

George Anderson	1943	Miranda Cox	1996	Catherine Hole-Smith	1992	Thoren Pelly	1998
Everett Armour	1920	Matthew Crooker	1995	Shauneen Hood	1982	Petra Petru	2001
Richard Atkinson	2000	Harold Curry	1946	Michelle Hornbrook	1993	Heather Pitman	1991
Darah Atkinson	1996	Timothy Davis	1998	Jan Hunter	1996	Lloyd Powell	1936
Percy Bamford	1966	Shawna Dawe	1999	Arthur Huskins	1983 & 1985	William Pratt	1961
Arnd Barczyk	1988	Jason Dean	1997	James Johnson	1971	Heather Purves	2004
Jason Barnhill	1996	Mark Delorey	1998	Chawki Jreige	1992	Paula Putnam	1999 & 2002
Crystal Batt	1993	Ruth DeMone	1982	Doug Kohout	1999	Joseph Reaman	1982
Peter Batt	1997	Julie Desrosiers	2003	Patrick Larder	1963	Christine Reaman	1978
Catherine Bennie	1985	Alexandra Dickie	2005	Trevor Lawson	1998	Cindy Reid	1997
Derrick Benvie	1999	Mark Dill	1997	Melanie Leclerc	2005	Donald Ross	1965
Glen Bigney	1999	Joseph Donahoe	1970	Blois Lockhart	1964	Levis Roy	1974
Leah Blois	1995	Dianna Dort	1996	Fleming Lulu	1993	Erin Rutherford	1999
Antonia Bouchie	2000	Lisa Doucette	1998	Troy Lyons	1995 & 2006	Pamela Sandeson	1997 & 2001
Karen Boulay	1999	Urban Driscoll	1964	Dwayne MacAulay	1984	Edith Sanford	1989
Nicole Bourque	1971	Alphonse Dwyer	1984	Jennifer MacDonald	1999	Beverly Sarty	1975
Andrea Bourque	1992	Seth Farnsworth	1998	Ian MacDonald	1978	Stephen Saunders	1973
Tracey Boutilier	1998	Jason Fillion	2004 & 2005	John MacDonald	1985	Deanna Schofield	1996
Wendy Brenton	1995	Terry Flemming	1959	Gerard MacDonell	1979	Tara Scott	1996
Emmanuel Bridgewater	1965	Eric Frank	1955	Roderick MacDowell	1962	Wayne Steeves	1971
Gordon Brookhouse	1993 & 1995	Peter Fraser	1973	Terence MacIntyre	1994 & 1999	Peter Stewart	1946
Shannon Bruhm	1992	Paul Gallant	1982	Meredith MacKinnon	1994	Carolyn Thorne	1989
Dylan Buchanan	2001	Angela Garnett	2005	Katriona MacNeil	2001	Christopher Uy	1987
Maria Cahill	2005	Lynn Gomes	2000	Ronald MacSween	2005	Karen Van Buskirk	1982
Julia Campbell	2002	Mark Gourley	1971	Verena Matthew	1978	Scott Veitch	2003 & 2005
Luis Carrillo	1962	Janel Gourley	1971	Allison Maynard	1976	Natalie Veltmeyer	1992
Philip Chase	1999	Peter Gourley	1982	John Mayo	1980	Lacey Walke	1955
Rika Cheverie	1976	Catherine Grant	1999	Samantha McCullough	2005	Brent Wallace	1985
Donald Chisholm	1966	Donald Grant	1946	Shawna Melanson	1991	Larry Wamboldt	1969
Ralph Clark	1964	Elaine Guy	2004	Roger Miller	1964	Joann Whalen	1993
Deirdre Clyburn	1998	Anthony Habraken	1979	Robert Murray	1980	Alana Williams	2000
Debra Cochrane	1982	Lindsay Hainstock	2002	Paula Mutch	1982	Keith Williams	1996
Joanne Coleman	1993	Kenrick Hamilton	1955	Hafed Nabbus	1995	Robert Wilson	1956
Lisanne Comeau	2002	Daniel Hawley	1957	Brian Nichols	1977	Robert Wilson	1964
Karen Connolly	1998	Karen Henley	1993	Laura Nickerson	1997	Fenwick Wood	1931
Wendy Coolen	1983	Brian Hicks	1973	Lisa Partridge	1997	Bryan Woodland	1969
Shannon Corey	2005	Nedessa Hirtle	1999 & 2001	Malcolm Pelley	1995		

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