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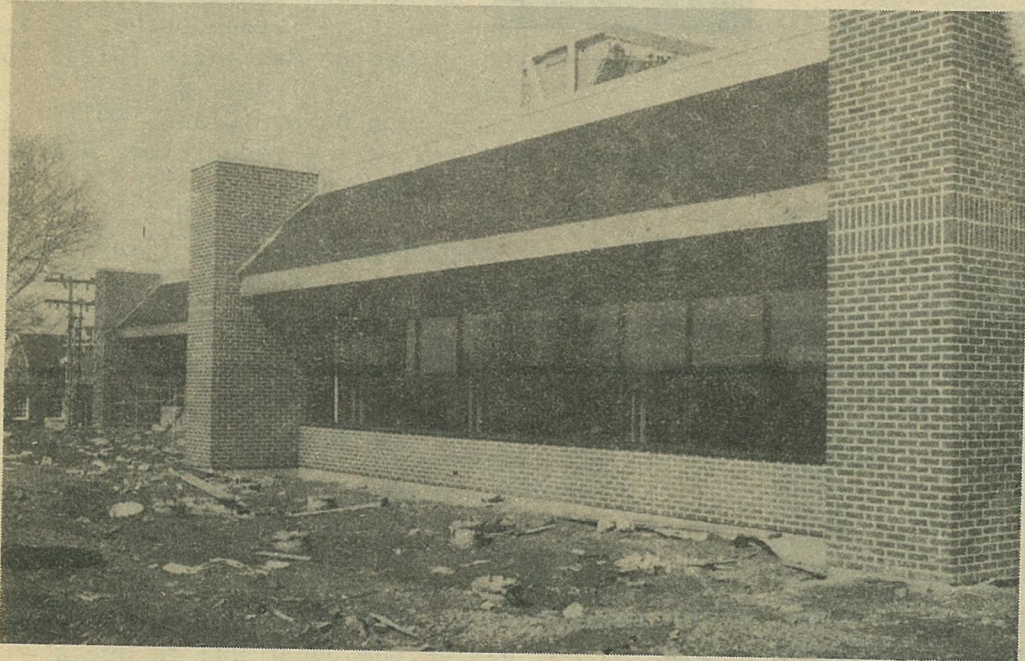
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Activities reported by the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Alumni Association.

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TRURO, N.S.

APRIL 1979



The new dining hall is located so the back windows (above) provide a view of the river interval from the top of the bank. A flat grass and deck area will be adjacent to the building.

Dining Hall on Schedule

The Hon. Gerald Sheehy, N. S. Minister of Agriculture and Marketing will lay the corner stone for the dining hall on Graduation Day, May 2nd. The building will contain seating for 450 people, a lounge, campus store, and student offices. The layout of space enables the main floor area to be divided and used for two functions at one time. The front of the building will relate in style to the front of the residences. It is possible that all work will be completed and the hall in use by mid-summer.



Greetings from the Principal

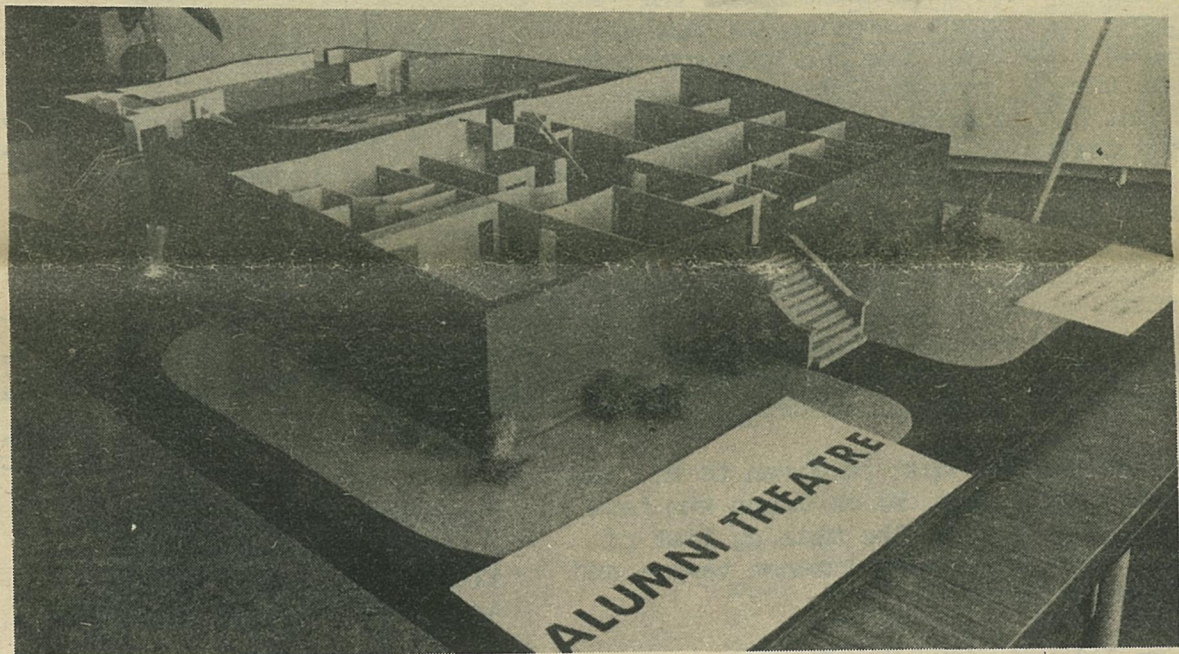
H.F. MacRae

I am pleased once again to have the opportunity to send greetings to N.S.A.C. Alumni and friends through the medium of this edition of Alumni News.

We are unfortunately living in a time when the general public and hence governments do not give the same kind of priority to higher education that typified the past two decades. Because of this attitude and the expected decrease in the number of students entering our universities into the 1980's, educational institutions will experience serious financial cutbacks to the point where the operation of the institutions and the quality of programs offered will be seriously threatened.

In spite of these factors, the demand for student places at N.S.A.C. remains at the high level experienced over the past number of years and we anticipate that all available places will be

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Tenders Awarded

The contract for the renovations and alterations to Cumming Hall and the construction of Alumni Theatre facilities was awarded on April 11th to J. Whalley Construction Limited, of Elderbank. Construction is expected to start immediately. This main contract provides for all the structural changes to Cumming Hall and the fixed furnishings like seating and stage fixtures. The plans were prepared by Robert Cassidy, a Truro Architect, and regular consultations were held with the Alumni Building Committee and the Dept. of Public Works. The renovations will be more extensive than planned earlier. The roof trusses will be strengthened and in some cases replaced. A new roof will be completely installed. The south extension wall will be completely rebricked. New exits and ramps will be built into the east and west sides of the building. In all of this, the style of architecture is

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This model shows a cross section of Cumming Hall and allowing one to see now Alumni Theatre will be arranged in relation to the rest of the building.

Open House - July 28

The annual N.S.A.C. Open House and Alumni Weekend will be held on the weekend of July 28th. The special classes this year are those who graduated in years ending with 4 and 9, for example 1954 and 1969. Permanent class representatives should take immediate steps to make arrangements for these get-togethers. The Alumni office can supply you with up-to-date lists of names and addresses. All you have to do is ask. We will also assist with mailings if required. To date years '39, '54, and '59 have requested lists. How about the rest getting going on this.

The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association will be held at 8:00 p.m. following the banquet. This is open to all graduates. Plan now to attend.

MEMBERSHIPS

The Alumni Association depends on what you as members contribute by way of yearly memberships. In the November newsletter it was reported that the letter was being mailed to 3,200 graduates of which 130 had supported the Association with their contributions. Since that letter another 100 graduates have sent in their contributions for a total of 230 paid up members. Where are the other 3,000? Your five dollar cheque will be gratefully received.

Just remove this panel, check the address label to see that it is correct and return it with your contribution to:

N.S.A.C. Alumni Office,
P. O. Box 550,
TRURO, N. S.
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J.E. Shuh

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Truro, N.S.

UPDATE

This letter is full of positive news! We are pleased to announce that the Campus Enrichment Campaign has now exceeded \$100,000. One can only conclude that the paying membership among the Alumni has increased tremendously. Many thanks to everyone!

In addition to the Enrichment Fund, money or furnishings may be donated to Alumni Hall, e.g., occasional tables, chairs, grand piano. Perhaps "YOUR" class could donate a painting with its own descriptive plaque "Donated to Alumni Hall by the Class of ____".

Special mention must be given to Mr. Shuh and his secretary, Wilma Green who have completely revised the mailing list of the 3,500 Alumni - an immense task - and we are grateful!

Co-op Atlantic has very generously given the Class Trophies for best attendance at the Class Reunion. These trophies will be awarded at the Annual Meeting July 29.

Cumming Hall renovations have provided the Alumni Association with a new office, our stenographer is Wilma Green. Principal Herb MacRae '52 made all this possible.

This year's reunion will honour those whose graduation year ends in "4" or "9". We hope the new cafeteria will be available for an Alumni dance during that weekend. Other activities are being planned by the program committee. Classes should plan their own get together on Friday evening, July 28. If you would like assistance with such a plan, please contact us.

Degree Status for the college is being actively promoted by staff members and some progress is being made.

The Board is open to suggestions and ideas from all Alumni members.

Sincerely,

Fred Pierce '58
President, Alumni Association

Comparative Statement of Income and Expenditures - N.S.A.C. Alumni Association, up to December 31, 1978

Income

Dues	\$1,329.17
Bar, Dinner & Dance	1,079.50
Campus Enrichment Fund and Alumni News Refund	142.50
N.S. Liquor Commission refund	265.63
Interest	17.94
Total Income	2,834.74
Bal. Jan. 1/78	1,157.60
	<u>3,992.34</u>

Expenditures

Alumni News	284.50
Advance for Annual Meeting expenses	600.00
Supplies	23.57
Postage	416.18
Dinner	400.00
Trays	40.49
Printing Nov. Newsletter	246.25
Meeting Expenses	71.00
	<u>2,081.99</u>
Balance in Bank Jan. 1/78	1,157.60
Balance of year	752.75
	<u>1,910.35</u>

Balance in Bank as per Dec. 31/78 Statement	2,219.06
Outstanding cheque	387.18
	<u>1,831.88</u>
Add error debit charge	78.47
	<u>1,910.35</u>

Net worth Dec. 31/78

The Editorial Committee for this issue of Alumni News was Dale Ellis, Fred Pierce and Ed Shuh

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To the Class of 79

From the President of NSAC Alumni

As a member of the Class of '79, you are a member of the N.S.A.C. Alumni Association. Each year you will receive information about AC and its activities. We invite you to become an active member of this association and to participate in its activities - especially in the reunion of each year.

Contact your Professor of Alumni Office in Cumming Hall.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Each year the Alumni offers three scholarship funds and prizes. Two \$400. Alumni Scholarships and a \$100. Roy H. Stevenson Math prize are offered each year.

These funds are administered by the Alumni Trustees Walter Grant, Charlie Douglas and Fred Pierce and are reported in the Alumni News and the annual meeting.

Consider making a tax free contribution to these funds by mailing your contributions to the Secretary of the N.S.A.C. Alumni Association, Box 550, Truro, N.S. B2N 5E3.

NOTICE OF MOTION

It will be proposed as special resolutions at the Annual Meeting of the N.S.A.C. Alumni Association to amend the by-laws to (1) permit "associate members" and "honorary members" in the association and (2) provide for a life membership fee.

Submitted by
Sherry Porter, class '75
By-laws Committee

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filled when a new term begins in September 1979. We are confident therefore, that we will receive the support that will be required to maintain all our programs.

Because of the keen interest in the agricultural sciences by Atlantic Provinces students and the projected needs for an increasing number of trained people for agriculture, we have been giving top priority to the development of our full B.Sc. (Agr.) program. In 1975, we made a formal proposal to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) to add the last two years to the degree program so that Atlantic Provinces students would be able to complete their degrees at N.S.A.C. The proposal provides for majors in Animal Science, Plant Science, Plant Protection, Agricultural Chemistry and Agricultural Economics while continuing our present program leading to a B.Eng. degree in Agricultural Engineering. This proposal is still under consideration by the MPHEC and we are confident that in due time progress will be made. Professional bodies such as the N.B. and N.S. Institutes of Agrology, and the N.S. Federation of Agriculture have strongly supported this proposal.

Again, I want to express on behalf of the College, our deep appreciation to N.S.A.C. Alumni and friends for the fine support they have given to the Alumni Theatre project which should be under construction in the very near future. We look forward to meeting a large number of alumni at the 1979 Alumni Weekend, July 28th. Hopefully, you will see first-hand your project on the road to realization.

H.F. MacRae
H. F. MacRae
Principal

Personals

Scottie Fair, (Class '48) is now President of The Canadian Society of Agronomy.

Dick Huggard, (Class '56) is serving as President of The Agricultural Institute of Canada for 1979.

Don Palfrey, (Class '47) is President of The Canadian Pest Management Society.

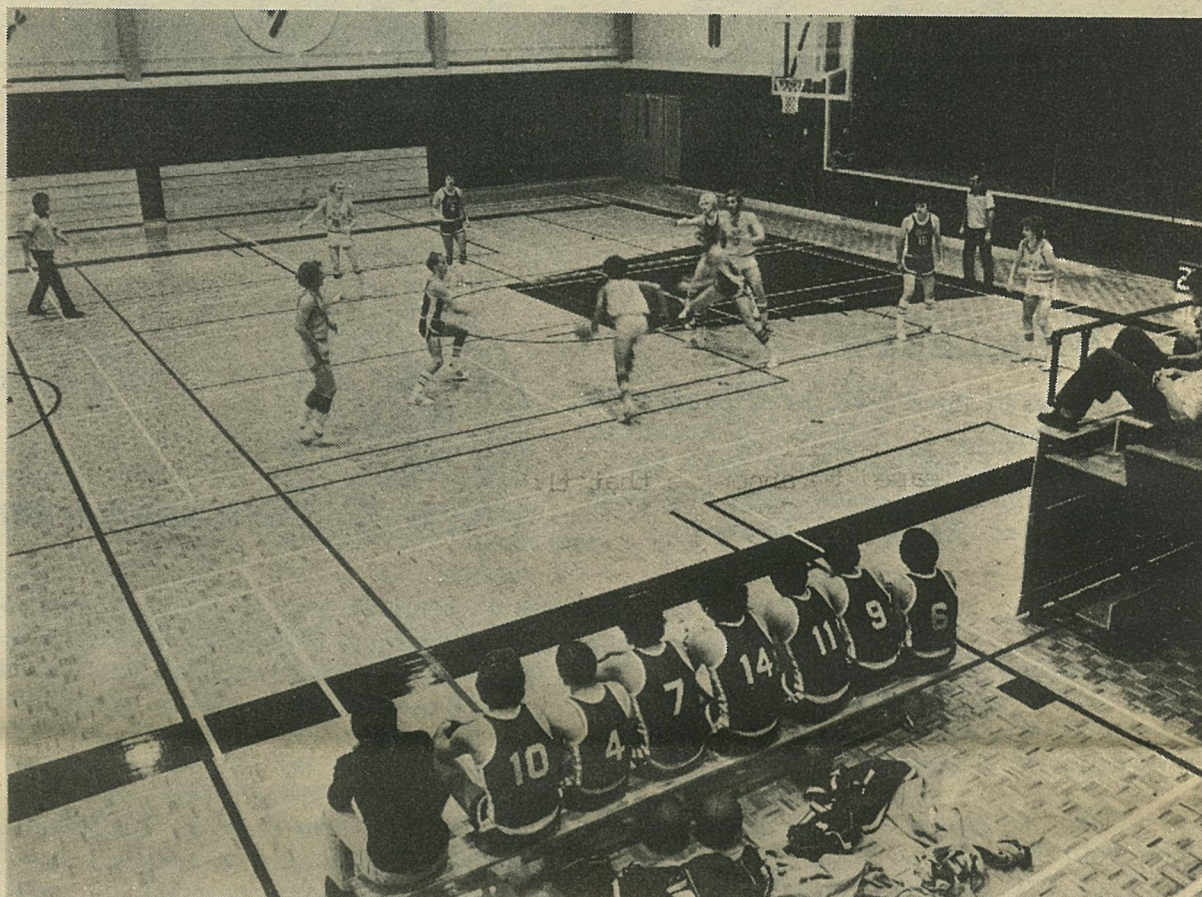
Lorne Cock (Class '52) is President of the Canadian Society of Animal Science.

Dave Adams (farm staff member at N.S.A.C.) is now with the Meat Packers Council, and is serving as President of The Canadian Council on 4-H clubs.

In Memoriam

Mr. Charles A. Brown - Aug. 15, 1978	Class 1912
Dr. Blake Burgess Coldwell - Aug. 1978	Degree Class 1940
Mrs. Pearl C. Saint Pierre (Stanford) - Sept. 1978	Class 1915
Mr. L. F. Fitzrandolph - Dec. in Florida 1977)	Class 1909
Mr. A. Bruce Langille - Nov. 1978	Class 1946
Mr. Benoit J. d'Entremont - Jan. 20, 1979	Class 1941
Mr. Fred Strong - Feb. 8, 1979	Class 1912
Mr. Stan Colpitts - Feb. 19, 1979	Class 1949

This is the list of the deceased Alumni since the last publication, that has been received by the Alumni Office.



MEN'S VOLLYBALL GOES TO NATIONALS

The N.S.A.C. men's Vollyball team represented the Atlantic Region at the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Championships in Montreal March 22 - 24th. Although, not winning the conference championship, a play-off between N.S.A.C. and N.S.T.C. was necessary. The Rams outlasted their cross-town rivals 11-15, 15-13, 0-15, 15-13, 15-7. Team members are: Brian Patterson, Peter Archibald, Roger Russell, Nelson Edge, Andy DeCoste, Paul Read, Jeff Morton and Harold McNiven.

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1980

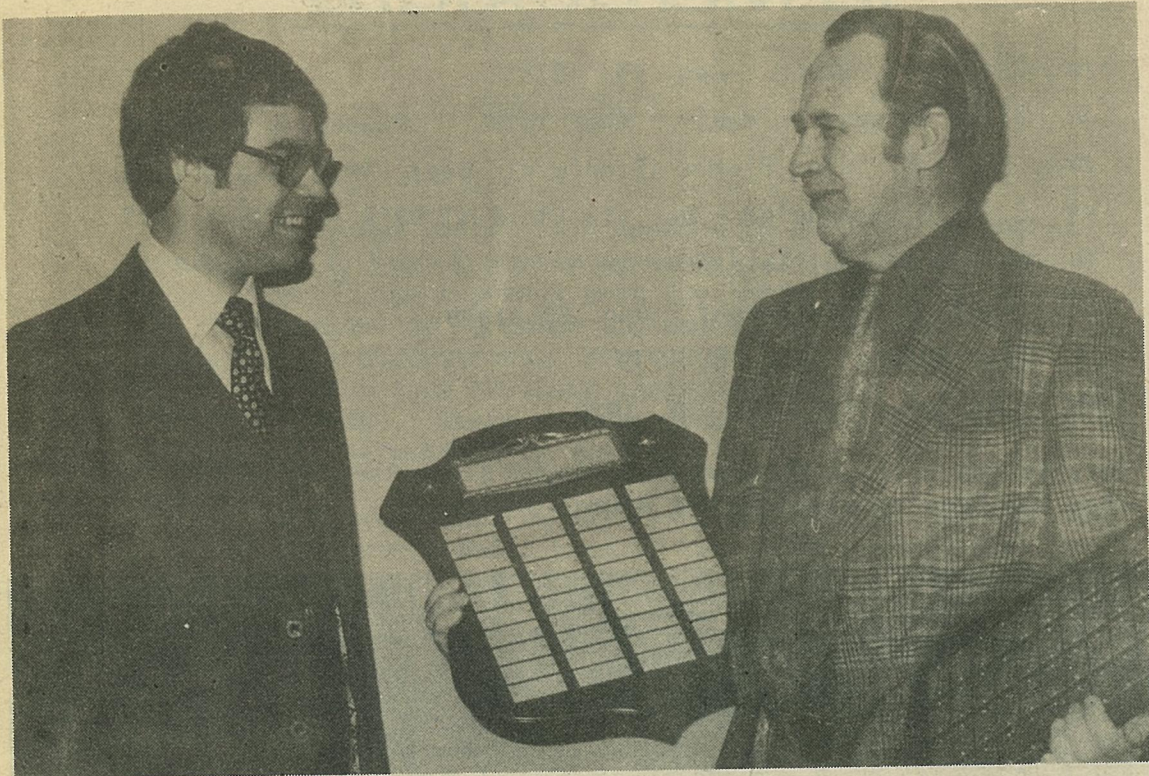
The Nova Scotia Agricultural College will host the 1980 Canadian Colleges Athletic Association basketball championships. The competition will include both womens and mens division with eight teams in each division. The competition, which will be held March 19-22, will have preliminary competition with both C.E.C. and N.S.A.C. with the semi-finals to be held at N.S.A.C. Preliminary planning has already started. The competition will be part of the 75th anniversary festivities of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.



K.S. Marchant

Focus on athletics

Another year of competitive athletics at N.S.A.C. has come to an end. In Nova Scotia College Conference play N.S.A.C. can only claim one championship, and that in women's field hockey. The women's team had a record of five wins and one tie in league and won both games in championship play with a 6-0 win over Kings and a 2-1 victory over Cape Breton in the final. In exhibition play the blue and gold squad had a 4-2 won-lost record and won the college of Cape Breton Invitational Tournament. Top scorers in league play were Patti Porter and Wendy Harris, both with five goals each. Players named to the Conference team were: Marlene Campbell, Goalkeeper, Lisa Ackerman - Back, Patti Porter - Halfback, Wendy Harris - Forward, Lynda Nicholls - Forward.



Co-op Atlantic Trophies

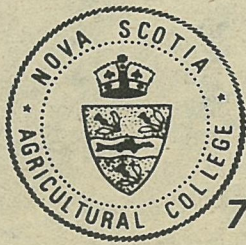
Pictured with President Fred Pierce '58 is Keith Russell '46 of Co-op Atlantic with the two trophies which will be presented to the classes with the best attendance at the Alumni Reunion.

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maintained. Cumming Hall remains a focal point in its new role and continues to serve as "The Main Building" on campus.

The theatre, when completed, will seat four hundred and thirty-one people. The stage measures 57 ft. by 21 ft. with 23 ft. of clear space above the stage floor for flying scenery. The percenium opening is 30 ft. wide. The seating chosen by your committee is by Irwin Seating Co. Each seat is upholstered in nylon pile. The centre front rows are designed with thicker padding, and have upholstered arms and end panels as well. These are the seats with plaques acknowledging the memorials and designated gifts. Several of these seats have not yet been designated.

The basic decorations in the Green Room has been carried out. This includes finishing walls, ceiling, lighting, carpet, and draperies. So far, a memorial board room type of table, in honor of Dr. Cumming the first Principal, has been received as a gift from his family. The memorial table given to the college in 1957 in memory of J. P. Landry by his family is also placed in this room. Paintings of the Tantramar Marshes from the Trueman family were received and hung as a tribute to Dr. Trueman, a former principal. The Agricultural Hall of Fame pictures are being reframed for display in this room. A few other individuals and groups are considering some gifts for this room as well.



75th anniversary

The A.C. will be 75 years old on February 14, 1980. Principal MacRae has appointed an Anniversary Committee to plan celebrations to mark this important milestone in the life of the college. The Committee will consider events throughout the year to focus on our heritage and our ability to best serve the future because of this history.

New Gifts Suggestions

The Board of the Alumni Association has authorized the Trustees of the Campus Enrichment Fund to accept and pay out new donations that are designated for specific projects even though they be over the \$100,000. planned as a commitment to the theatre project. Therefore, individuals and groups could still make gifts to the theatre project. If new donations are not designated for this project then they will remain in the fund for future campus enrichment projects.

The Building Committee has responsibilities for carry out the wishes of the Alumni and donors with respect to the Cumming Hall renovation and Alumni Theatre. The allocation of the \$100,000. has gone mainly for basic decoration, fixed seating and stage facilities. The sum is not adequate to purchase very many of the more portable furnishings to complete the theatre and green room for all of the foreseeable uses. We draw to your attention some gift ideas in case you want to help make this project more complete.

MEMORIAL AWARD

The N. S. Agricultural Technical Association (N.S.A.T.A) has set up a Memorial Fund in memory of Klaas de Geus, who was a charter member, and a life member of the association. The fund is known as "K. de Geus Memorial Prize for Plant Science" and is to be awarded annually at graduation to a Technician or Technologist student in the Plant Science or Ornamental Horticulture option.

Donations to the fund, from both within and outside the campus community have exceeded \$1,000.00 to date. Money received is placed in a trust account and the interest earned is used to purchase a prize annually. The fund is registered with Revenue Canada-Taxation and any person (or group) wishing to make donations will be issued tax deductible receipts.

The first prize will be awarded to a graduate of the Class of '79.

Professor Peter Sanger of the Humanities Department has agreed to accept the Chairmanship of the Committee. Other members are: Ralph Morehouse, Gordon Kinsman, Peter Hamilton, Dale Ells, and Ken Marchant.

Graduates are by far the most important part of the college history, hence the Alumni Association becomes an important part of the celebrations. Individuals with ideas are urged to share them with this committee or your executive.

For the Theatre

- a grand piano
- more designated seats
- a lecturne
- funds for additional lighting and acoustical effects

For the Green Room

- side tables
- art objects such as paintings and sculptures

The Building Committee would like to co-ordinate and assist all who are interested in making such gifts. You may discuss your interest with any members of the committee.

We will endeavour to carry out our task in a careful manner and still achieve a quality facility of which you will be proud.

Dale Ells, (Class '59)
Chairman

Other members are: Rollie Hayman (Class '64), Peter Hamilton, (Class '44) and Herb MacRae, (Class '52)

Campus Enrichment Fund Donations - 1978

from individuals

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Cyanamid of Canada
Bill Lynch Shows Ltd.



Mrs. Johnson, President of the Association of Nova Scotia Garden Clubs is shown presenting a cheque for \$1000. to Mr. Douglas, Associated National Chairman of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Alumni Campus Enrichment Fund. This presentation was made at an executive meeting of the association in Truro.

JANUARY, 1979

Faculty Changes

In 1978, Dr. Dermot Lynch, of the Plant Science Department accepted a position with the Research Branch of Agriculture Canada as a research scientist with special responsibilities for potato breeding. He is now working in Lethbridge, Alberta. His position on faculty was filled through the appointment of Tom Haliburton (Class of '50) who had served Nova Scotia as an extension horticulturalist in advising on Vegetable and Potato production.

John Morley, Department of Plant Science, accepted a new role with the city of Edmonton, Alberta, and has been succeeded on faculty by John Higgins, who was formerly on the staff of Niagara Parks Commission's School of Horticulture.

More personals

Roger MacLellan (Class '48) has retired from the Research Branch of Agriculture Canada where he served as an insect ecologist.

Born on Christmas day to Professor and Mrs. John Tait, (Class '66) a daughter Christa.

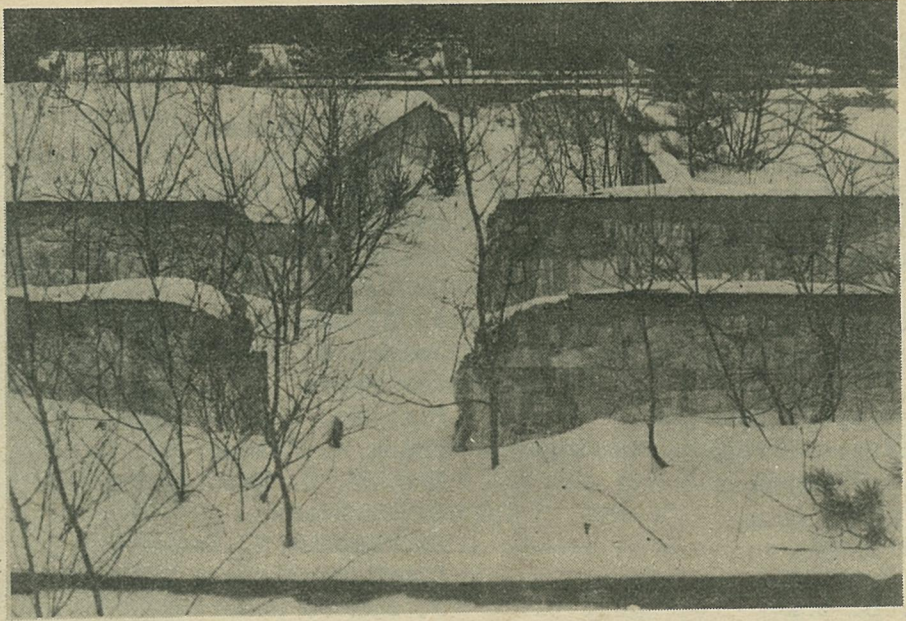


What's up with Doc?

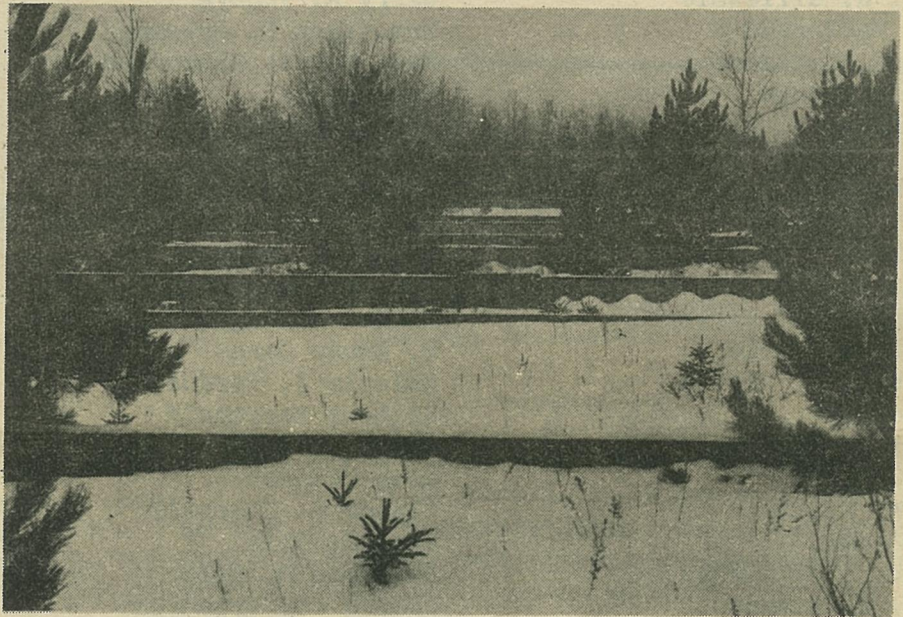
Dr. Albert Roland, Professor, Emeritus Biology Department, continues his busy schedule in Cox Institute working on his Physiography of Nova Scotia, which has turned out to be a review of our geological history. Yes, after spending 40 years on the biological study of plants, he has decided to abandon them for a physical subject relating to the origin of Nova Scotia and the development of its topography, tides, shorelines, salt marshes, hills, inland villages, streams and rivers. The second revision is now complete except for a part about the completed landscape of Cape Breton. "Doc" makes no predictions about its eventual disposition, but one can sense his interest in the subject when he relates how the Province has been carved out of sedimentary, plutonic and granite rocks which have been moved into place by continental drift over the past billion years. By the way, Albert and Ella have collected over 400 specimens and identified nearly 100 species of lichens these past few months which tells us that his switch to a physical science is only temporary.

P.S. "Doc" gave up smoking on January 12, 1978.

Debert Campus Today



Senior end of residence at Debert. Did you sleep?



The "Old Hospital" at Debert. Can you identify the location of the Assembly hall, Chemistry Lab, Biology Lab, Offices and Classrooms?

TO CLASS '39

Forty years since our graduation seems almost unbelievable! It would seem imperative, if we are to have another class reunion, that this must be the year. I have contacted Ed Shuh, of the Alumni, and hopefully this message will reach most of you through the Alumni Newsletter.

- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----|-----|
| 1. Would you attend a class reunion in mid-july of this year? | () | () |
| 2. Would you prefer an organized get-together? | () | () |
| 3. Or an informal meeting at A. C. in July? | () | () |
| 4. Would you be accompanied by a guest? | () | () |

How about completing the above questionnaire and forwarding it to:

Percy Archibald
87 Hawthorne Street
Antigonish, N.S.
B2G 1A6.

Hope to see you in July! -

Percy Archibald
Class President

Letter

5215 Clinton St., Rd.,
Batavia, New York,
U.S.A.

Mr. J. E. Shuh,
32 Edward Avenue,
Truro, N. S.

Dear Mr. Shuh:

I am writing to you as a former student of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College ... a graduate from the Animal Science Technician's Course. I thought I would let the Alumni Association of the college know of my activities after graduation. I was supplied with your name by Mr. Mathewson whom I visited recently.

I have worked on two farms over the summer in the Brockport area of New York. (Between Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y.). One farm was a 100 - cow dairy and the other a 2,000 acre crop farm.

I applied for various farm-related jobs over the summer and in December I was hired as a DHIA (Dairy Herd Improvement Association) tester. I am training now and will go to Cornell University for three days of training next week. After I get my license I will work into a circuit of my own and try to promote the industry and get new farms on test. I am working in the six countries surrounding Batavia now. There are 4,000 cows in one county alone, so there should be no lack of work.

I plan to work at this for a year or more and then to apply for the government health inspector (dairy) in this area.

Going to N.S.A.C. sure was a good way to get started. I'd like to thank the staff and professors at N.S.A.C. for the help they gave me.

Yours truly,

Nell Gardner (Class '78)

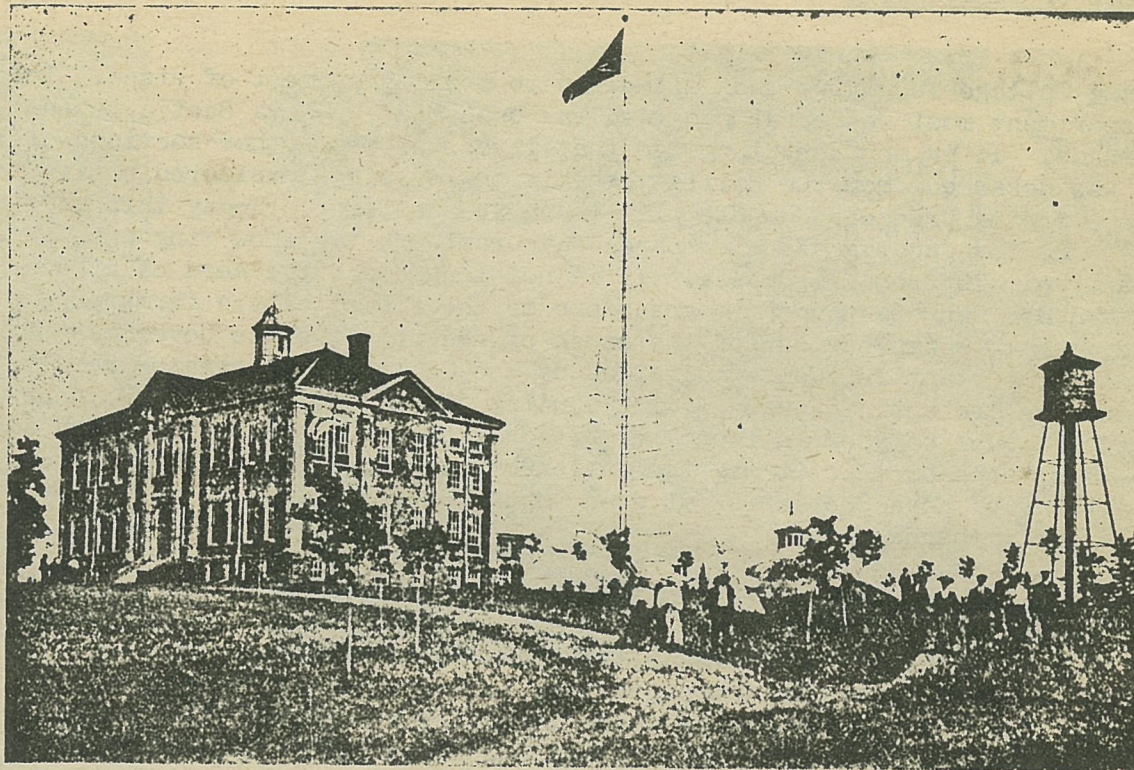
More personals

The Hon. Donald Cameron, (Class '66) is serving his province as Provincial Minister of Fisheries and Minister of Recreation.

Donald McInnis (Class '55) was elected to the N. S. Legislature for Pictou West in the last Provincial election.

Donald Gunn (Class '47) has joined his two sons on a full-time basis to assist in the further development of Stonehame Farm in Scotsburn, N. S.

Ted Van Lunen (Class '76) has joined the staff of the Napan Experimental Farm as a Swine Researcher.



SCENE AT THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, TRURO, N.S.



A COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE.

(Reprinted from an article which appeared in the Dominion
Exhibition Number of the Halifax Morning Chronicle - 1906)

Notwithstanding the extent and variety of Nova Scotia's industries, Agriculture affords a means of employment and a livelihood to the larger part of the population of the Province. It is really our most important industry, though so widespread that its premier position is overlooked by many. Not so however the Government, whose first move in the direction of technical education has been in connection with this industry which is to be the life profession of a major number of our young men. It was in 1864 that the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture was established with the late Professor Lawson at its head, who for a number of years did good service in the encouragement and improvement of agricultural interests. The work thus presented by his successor the late B. W. Chipman, on a larger and more comprehensive scale.

An example of the forward movement under Secretary Chipman's regime is the college of Agriculture at Truro. This institution though only in its second year is doing a fine work and gives promise of a long record of usefulness. That it has twenty-three students studying for its diploma, awarded after a two years course, and that one hundred students should have taken its short term is more than the most sanguine could expect. Fifteen years after the establishment of the Agricultural College at Guelph it was considered a failure while that of Nova Scotia has proved a success from the start. The College of Agriculture is the consummation of a government enterprise that has been growing for the past fifteen years from the date of the purchase of the Government Farm, since under the management of Mr. F. L. Fuller. When the point of the establishment of the College had been reached the province was fortunate in being able to lay hands upon a Nova Scotian, a graduate of Dalhousie, then occupying a position on the staff at Guelph. In Mr. Cummings as principal of the College was secured a man possessed of rare qualifications for teaching and administrative work. Not only in its principal is the College fortunate for its entire faculty is composed of capable instructors in the several departments allotted them to teach. The College building which cost \$28,000. is located on Bible Hill, Truro, on one of the best flats of ground in the province and is a handsome structure of brick and stone. The farm consists of 160 acres. The work of the College is not all done at Truro for the members of the faculty go out on extensive work. Farmers all over the province have been interested in co-operative work similar to that carried on at the College. At the present time fifty farmers are engaged on their own farms in nitro cultures and comparing the results with those attained at the College. Seventy-five farmers are at work at experiments in connection with the College. Professor Sears is actively engaged establishing model orchards in different parts of the province outside the regular apple districts. In these and other ways public attention is being turned to farming as a profession, the statutes of the occupation is being elenated, farmers are being led to greater study of conditions, methods are being improved upon, farm life is being made more attractive to ambitious young men and better financial results generally are assured.

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The College is giving much attention to the improvement of stock. In this department most wonderful progress has been made by Nova Scotia in the last decade. It is not very long ago that livestock from other sections of Canada was debarred from the Halifax exhibition it being considered unfair to make Nova Scotia breeders compete with those from outside. Today this is reversed and Nova Scotia stock compares favourable in the show ring with the herds and animals from all Canada. It is not long since the herd of a Nova Scotia breeder was drawn upon to grace one of the finest cattle farms of New England. In this improvement of the stock of the province the Government farm has had an important influence and aided by the College much greater results in the future are anticipated. In its poultry department the farm has done an immense amount of good in improving breeds throughout the province and as to the importance of this it may be mentioned that according to the census the poultry yield of Nova Scotia is put down as \$21,000., greater annually than the yield of our orchards.

Four breeds of cattle are kept; Holsteins and Jerseys in the dairy class and Shorthorns and Herefords in the beef breeds. The latest acquisition is a Jersey bull which came from Thomas W. Lawson's, "Dreamwald" last spring. In horses attention is given to thoroughbreds, hackneys and Clydes and the finest strains of blood is represented in these lines. The stock on the farm has become an important attraction to visitors and directly and indirectly has been an agent of great importance in raising the standard of the livestock of the province.

What has been done only an earnest of what is to follow when the College equipment is more complete. The agricultural industry of the province is susceptible of great development what better way of accomplishing this than by sending out to the farms a class of young men having a thorough knowledge of the underlying principles of Agriculture and an enlarged idea of the dignity and importance of their calling.



THE CLASS OF 1933 ---- 45 YEARS LATER

BACK ROW: Left to Right: A.T. McNabb, 9470 Independence Road, Miami 33157; Mrs. N. R. Archibald, 59 Roosevelt Avenue, Truro; Dr. C. M. Harlow, 5965 Campbell Drive, Halifax; Albert R. Anderson, R.R. #3, Sackville, N.B.

FRONT ROW: Left to Right. C.A. Douglas, 25 Pattillo Avenue, Truro; R. D. Gilbert, 41 Avondale Court, Fredericton, N.B.; Stan Wilmshurst, Brooklyn, Hants County, N.S.

Dear Mr. Shuh:

I thought I would drop you a few lines in regards to the activities of some of the recent graduates of N.S.A.C.

You quite possibly have a lot of this information but, then again, perhaps you don't. Fraser Nicholson and Ted Van Lunen are both working with the Livestock Division here in Truro, Fraser with Beef and Ted with Poultry. Anne Fillmore is back at N.S.A.C. taking some courses and doing some project work in co-ordination with completing a masters in Crop Science at the University of Guelph. Dave Sweeney is back on the home farm in Chegoggin, Yarmouth Co. Liz MacDonald is working for Farm Credit out of Moncton and Jim Marr is doing the same thing out of Charlottetown. John Eikelenboom is back on the home farm and has been very active in showing cattle, auctioneering and local Holstein Association activities. Brian Casey is also kept busy with dairy cows on his Hants Co. farm. John Dillman has a sizeable dairy operation at Elderbank, Halifax Co. Mike Vermeer is currently working on the farm of Casey VandeSande, Antigonish. Harry Van der Linden has returned to the home farm at Heather-ton, Antigonish, and may soon have some permanent company from the Eastern Townships of Quebec. Barry Russell is working with the small farms development project in New Brunswick. Barb McLaughlin is working with Statistics Canada in Truro. Rika Dunnewold is at the Research Farm at Charlottetown and is sharing a house with Karen Hardy who works at the Research Station.

Jim Profit spent the summer in Kenya on a Crossroads Project and toured Europe in the fall and is now back on P.E.I. Stan Wentzell is presently in Australia and New Zealand and will spend some time in Europe before returning to Nova Scotia sometime in May. Tom O'Neill is presently working on a cash crop farm near Milton, Ontario. Pat Ross is working on a Masters of Science in Animal Science at the Univ. of Guelph. Becky Hughes is doing the same thing in the Horticulture Department there. Steve Swan and Anne Jeremy are also in Guelph where Steve is completing his B.Sc. (Agr. - An. Sci. Major) Jim Neary is the Assistant Ag. Rep. in Halifax County and can periodically be heard giving a report on the noon-time CKCL Farm Show.

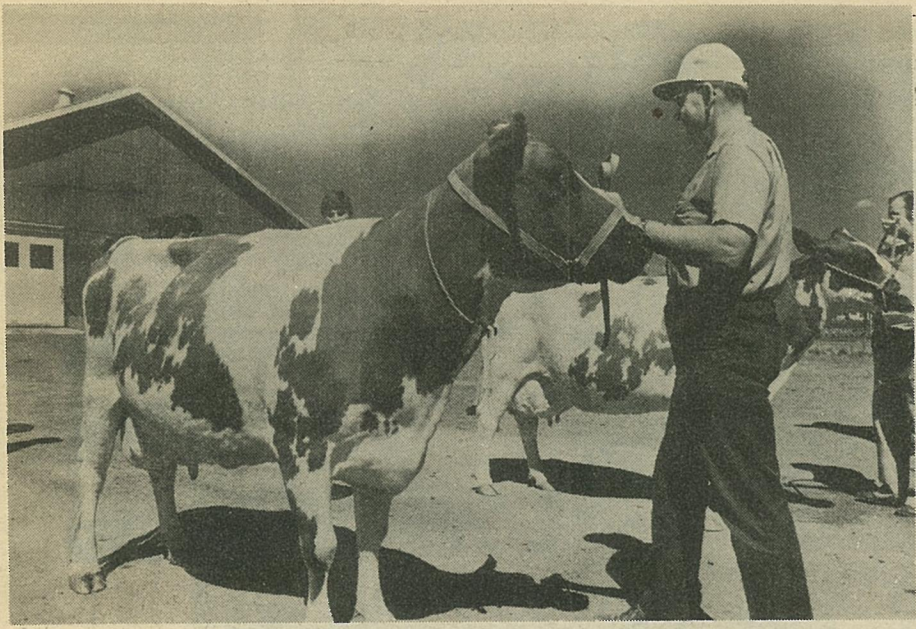
Claredon Robicheau is at Dalhousie working on a course that will qualify him to be an accountant.

Shirley Melvin is now Shirley Wilson, having married a N.S.A.C. graduate a few years earlier than the class of '76, in October.

Elaine Clark is back on P.E.I. and will be working in N.B. this fall.

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Gorden Crowe (class '46) assisted with the livestock judging class for the alumni.



Harry Brown (class '08) on the right and R. H. Doane (class '11) were the most senior members to attend last year.

A hot and cold buffet supper was enjoyed by many graduates



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Steve Russell is employed with the Marketing Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture & Marketing in Truro.

There are obviously many other people in the Class of '76 who have not been included due to time constraints and the fact that I haven't had contact with a lot of people in the class. Hopefully this letter will spur some more people to report on their activities and addresses to the Alumni office. I will also apologize for any inaccuracies in this report, hopefully they are "Few and Far between".

It is interesting to note that some of the N.S.A.C. '78 graduates are involved in many varied agricultural pursuits. I would mention in particular Nell Gardner who is working as a DHI cow tester in New York State, Boyd Crouse who is the Swine Herdsman at N.S.A.C., and Michael Sandeson who is back on the home farm at Lower Truro and who was recently (Dec. 29th.) elected as President of the N. S. Guernsey Breeders Association.

As for myself, I am putting away with some of the Animal Science short courses at N.S.A.C. and also doing a little instructing in some of the regular college courses. I also try to promote those magnificent Ayshire cattle at each and every chance I get.

Yours very truly,

Russell Gammon
Honorary Class President
N.S.A.C. 1976

Personals

Hon. Ken Stretch, (Class '62) is now serving the Province of Nova Scotia as Minister of Public Works and Minister of Labour.

George W. A. Fraser (Class '68) of New Glasgow, and Jerry Ivany (Class '64) of Charlottetown, are among those being sponsored by the Rotary Foundation on a study exchange in Australia. This is a six-week tour which began in March.

Elliott R. Keizer (Class '67) has been appointed executive-director of the Marketing and Co-operatives division of the N. B. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

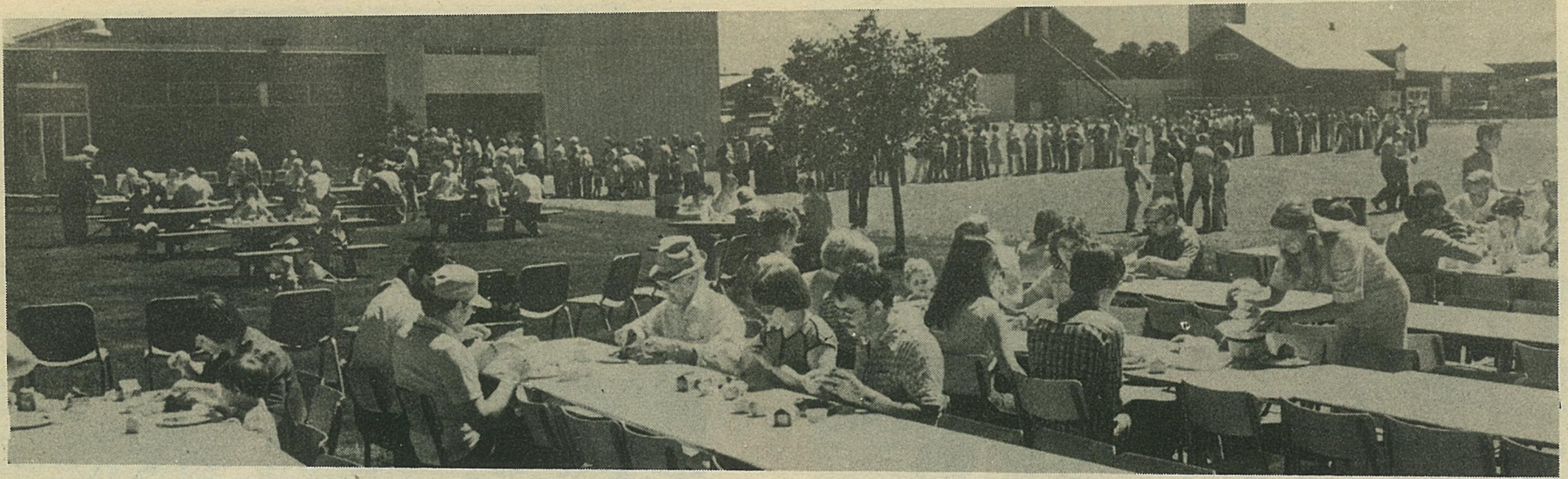
Rhia Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davidson (Class '52) is one of four Canadians chosen by the National Duke of Edinburg Award Committee to attend the International expedition in Australia in September.

Dr. W. A. Jenkins (Class '38) has accepted an assignment in Pakistan under the auspices of the World Bank. He will be assessing some aspects of Agricultural education and will commence his duties in late April.

Gilbert MacDonald (Class '60) is farming and operating a machinery business in Marion Bridge, Cape Breton.

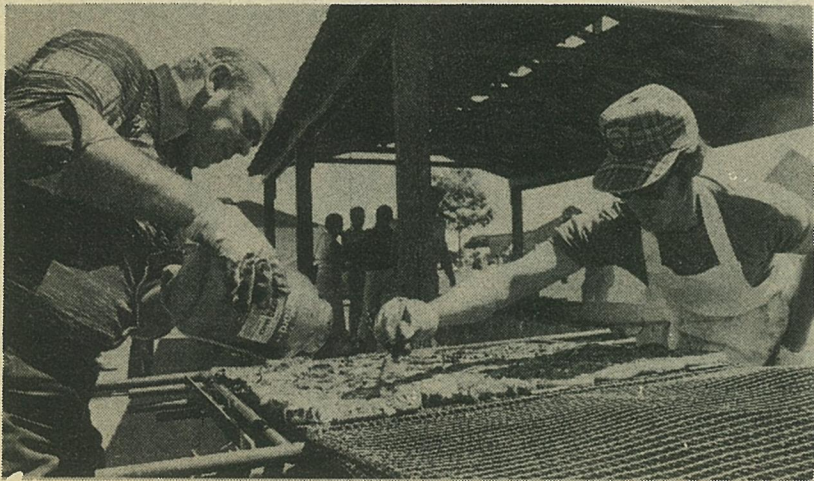
Ted Henry (Class '47) has now retired as Director of the N. S. Farm Loan Board. Arnold Rovers (Class '65) has been named Director of Agricultural Development & Rural Credit.

Frank Scammell (Class '48) retired from the N.S. Dept. of Agriculture & Marketing where he served as Director of Administration and Marketing. Gordon Kinsman (Class '47) has been named Director of Economics & Market Development with the Department. Charlie Embree (Class '61) has been made the Director of Horticulture and Biology Services in Nova Scotia.

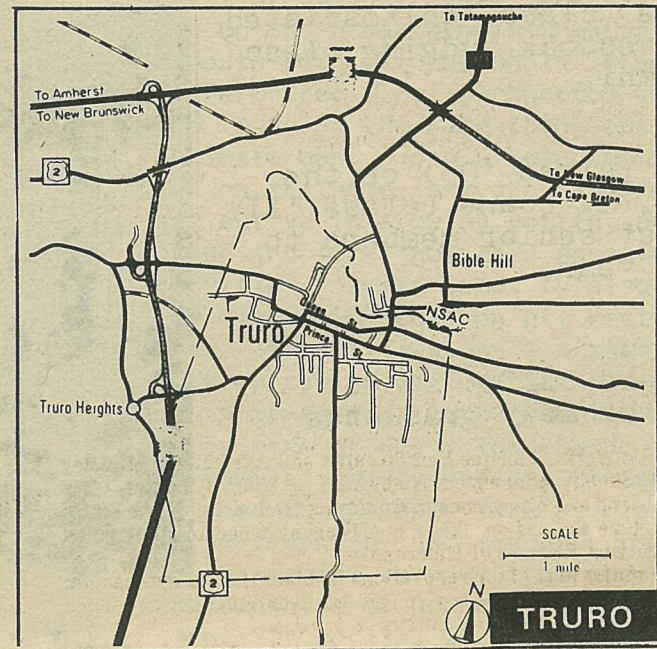


Nearly 1000 people enjoyed the barbeque meal at noon on Open House day at the farm grounds near the Boulden Building.

PLAN AHEAD!



Rollie Hayman (Class of '64) and Roy MacKenzie (Class of '73) were two of the Chefs who carefully applied the sauce and made sure the cooking was of the highest standard.



BE SURE TO ATTEND

Alumni Events for Open House Day

- 10:00 a.m. Alumni Livestock Judging Class
- 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. Bar B-Q and entertainment
- 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Tours - Displays - Hay rides - Kitty Farm Demonstrations
- 5:00 p.m. Reception
- 6:00 p.m. Alumni Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting
- 9:00 p.m. Alumni Dance

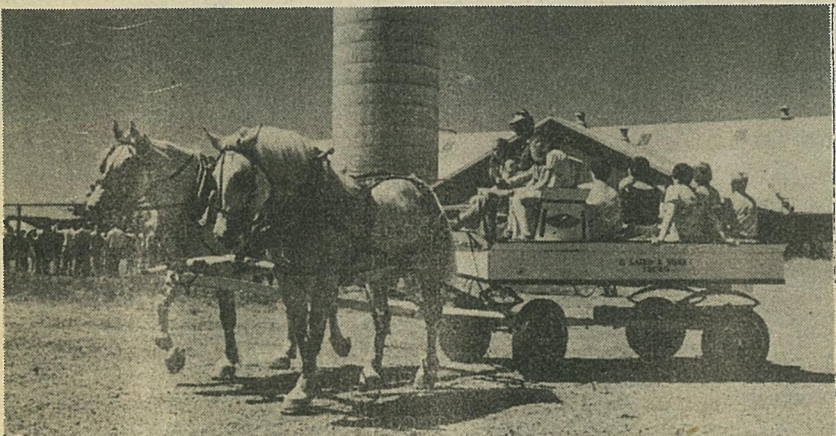
Residence space is available. You may reserve rooms in advance by calling the residence office at (902-895-1571) Local 268 or 195, or writing Rev. D. I. MacEachern at The Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Box 550, Truro, N.S. B2N 5E3.

Lodging in Trueman House will cost \$7.00 per person per night (2 to a room), \$10.00 for single room.

Meals:	Adults	Children & Students
breakfast	\$1.50	\$1.50
dinner	3.00	2.50
supper	2.75	2.25



Earnest Eaton (Class of '18) enters his answer in the contest. A big cheese was awarded to the one who guessed most accurately the live weight of the short horn heifer.



Exploring the campus with genuine horse power on Open House day is popular with graduates and their families



Dean Read (standing) chaired the annual meeting in 1978

The Daly News, Thursday, April 12, 1978

NSAC contract awarded

Public Works Minister Ken Streach and Agriculture Minister Gerald Sheehy announced Wednesday a \$668,550 contract for renovations and alterations in Cumming Hall at the Nova Scotia Agriculture College in Truro has been awarded to J. Whalley Construction Limited of Elderbank.

The major part of the renovations involves the old gymnasium which is being converted to an air conditioned combined assembly-lecture theatre, seating 425 persons.

The Alumnae Association of the college is contributing \$83,000 towards the cost of the alterations.

\$83,000 of the total contract for \$668,550. will be from the Alumni Campus Enrichment fund. \$17,000 from the Campus Enrichment fund have been allocated towards expenses in connection with the Green room, dressing rooms and some portable furnishings not provided in the basic contract with Whalley Construction Limited.

More personals

Dr. Jim Wright, (Class '37) retired in December as Director of the Research Station, Kentville, N. S.

Gerry Smeltzer, (Class '40) retired in December 1978, as a Research Officer at the Research Station in Kentville, N. S.

Robert J. Hilton, Class 33 is retired from the University of Guelph and has been honoured with the status of Professor Emeritus.

As of December 1, 1978, James E. Bordon (Class '50) has resumed farming on his own farm in Lower Canard, after having been employed for 9 years as Farm Manager with Lynhurst Farms Ltd. of Canning, N. S. Jim will be specializing in the production of certified forage seeds.

Dave ward (Class '56) is now employed as District Agricultural-ist for the County of Strathcona, near the city of Edmonton, Alberta.

John Brennan, (Class '73) has been appointed field representative for the Atlantic Region for Canfarm Co-operative Services. His headquarters will be at N.S.A.C.

Leslie A. Somerville, (Class '71), has been appointed District Supervisor for Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia for The Farm Credit Corporation.

Eric Meek, (Class of '54), and a farmer in Canning, Nova Scotia, has been appointed the first Chairman of the new National Chicken Marketing Agency.

Models Restored

Mr. Fred Fuller who worked with the college as a farm superintendent, constructed some models of the buildings on the AC campus at that time. These models have now been touched up and installed on a contour display board to represent the campus of the 1920's. This work was done with some of the students at the Agricultural Engineering Department during the past semester. This campus layout showing Mr. Fuller's models will be on display at Open House time in July. It is hoped that these models will remind people of memorable moments associated with the old Science Building, the horse barn, judging pavilion, original dairy, beef and hog barns, old Principal's residence and the poultry buildings, all of which have now disappeared.

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LETTER

15 Avenida "A"
No. 24-22
Casa 3, Zona 13,
Guatemala,
Guatemala.

Dear Ed:

It was certainly great to recently receive via Fredericton the "mini-newsletter" and to learn about some of the recent happenings on campus. It was especially appreciated by this little alumnus who has strayed a long way from those old familiar surroundings.

I particularly missed being in Truro for Assembly last fall and attending the Vocational Council meeting. Over the past few years I have enjoyed those twice yearly visits to the college and partaking of Principal Herb's kind hospitality.

As you may know, last July I resigned my position with N. B. Agriculture to accept a two-year assignment with Centre D'Etudes in Economie Cooperative (CEDEC), Université de Shebrooke as a Co-operative Development Specialist (?). I am attached to a six-member OAS (Organization of American States) team working on an Intergral Rural-Urban Reconstruction and Development Project in the State of Baja Verapag, Guatemala.

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This very interesting project is an exercise in rural-urban planning and co-ordination of various government agencies. There are 17 such agencies working in this area. From my point of view the project to date has been very theoretical, however, we are fast approaching the time for action and practical application.

The OAS team itself is a most interesting aspect of the program since it is composed of a rural-urban development specialist from Peru who also serves as team co-ordinator, a sociologist from Bolivia, a soils specialist from Peru, and irrigation engineer from Israel and two Canadians with CEDEC, and architect from Montreal, Bernard Lefebvre and myself.

From my standpoint, I will be advising principally on the development of co-operatives, local organization, and agricultural marketing. However, because there is a need to develop a more effective Extension program I am presently concentrating on this aspect. This is essential if the agricultural potential is to be realized and the desires and aspirations of the small farmers attained.

We (Mike, Marg and 14 year old daughter Nancy) arrived here in September via Cuernavaca, Mexico after spending five weeks at language school there. Our older daughter, Cheryl 16 stayed back to complete Grade 12 at Fredericton High School. She spent three weeks here at Christmas and will join us in the summer for our second year.



We are fascinated by this beautiful land of eternal spring and enjoy living in Guatemala City with its 1.2 million people. We have done some travelling within the country and look forward to becoming better acquainted with it over the next couple of years.

Somehow, I overlooked making a contribution to the Campus Enrichment Fund, so please find a small cheque attached. Also sending cheque for dues.

Would love to hear from any members who are interested in this part of the world. This is also an open invitation to drop in for a visit.

Looking forward to receiving the March newsletter.

Sincerely,

Mike Routledge (Class '50)

Fred Pierce, Alumni President, meets the two 1978-79 winners of the N.S.A.C. Alumni Scholarships. Rhoda MacKay, Stellarton, N. S. and Allyson Belyea, Dartmouth, N. S., have progressed very well in their studies this year. Both were honored in March by being named to the Principal's List.



International Year
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The Peter Prediction

ENROLMENT PREDICTION FOR 1979-80

The first day of April is the time at N.S.A.C. when we take the first serious look at our new student situation for the up-coming year. By this date (April 1), if we use the past three years as a guide, we can expect to have the applications from more than 75% of those who will make up the first year classes in September 1979.

This year the April 1 count indicates we can expect another "full house". We have already offered final or conditional acceptance to 94 applicants for the first year degree courses. The maximum number of new students we can accommodate in these programs is about 125.

For the five technician courses offered at N.S.A.C., we have more than 150 applicants with at least the minimum academic requirements. All these students will be interviewed before a final decision is made on their acceptance. Many will be placed on the waiting lists. Some will be rejected. The maximum enrolment in the first year of these two programs at N.S.A.C. is 120.

In the more specialized laboratory technology and Ornamental Horticulture Technology courses that have the highest entrance requirements, only 10 or 12 students are accepted into first year. We already have 42 applications with satisfactory academic requirements for 32 places in these courses. These applicants will also be interviewed before a decision is made on their acceptance.

Before September, we are likely to process many more applications. Apparently, we will have waiting lists for a number of courses, and some acceptable students who unfortunately will not be admitted.

There is no indication at this time of any downward trend in applicants at N.S.A.C. At the April 1 count, applicants are up by 8 to 10% from last year.