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NSAC goes international.*

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A Message from the Principal



Garth Coffin, Class of '60
Principal, NSAC

Fellow Alumni,

In keeping with the increasingly globalized world in which we find ourselves these days, we have embarked on a course of increasing the international character of our alma mater. Those who attended the alumni breakfast in the MacRae Library last October may recall that our theme on 'internationalization' was addressed by guest speaker Paul Brennan of the Association of Community Colleges of Canada (ACCC). In commenting on our initiatives, Mr. Brennan mentioned that, to the best of his knowledge, we were the first post-secondary educational institution in Canada to appoint a 'Dean of Internationalization.' This is the title assigned to Professor Mike Whalen, when he was appointed last summer, along with the role of spearheading the further development of our international dimension. This thrust includes attracting more international students to campus, increasing the participation of faculty and staff in international projects, increasing the international content of our programs and providing more opportunities for our students to gain international experience.

With that background, it is fitting that this edition of the *Agricola News* puts the focus on internationalization, particularly from a student perspective. We would like all of our students to have an enriched awareness and appreciation of international issues and opportunities in order to better perform their role in a global society. We know that many of our alumni are also involved in international work and we would welcome your stories about your own experience.

As we indulge in a major strategic planning exercise, now underway, we will be exploring other avenues to increase the value and attractiveness of the NSAC as a centre for research and a place of higher learning. It is our aim to have a draft plan complete by the end of the summer after which we will invite response from external stakeholders, including representatives of the alumni.

One of the major challenges facing us right now, as is the case with most other faculties of agriculture, is that of declining enrolment. Across Canada last fall, there were at least 13 per cent fewer students in university-level agricultural programs than was the case five years earlier. At the same time, employment opportunities continue to grow.

As I pointed out in my Convocation remarks this year, job postings through our Career Services Office numbered 622 in the past 12 months, a 15 per cent increase over the previous year. We owe it to our young people to communicate that information.

As you may have noticed, we have stepped up our recruitment programs in an effort to attract more students from across the region and beyond Atlantic Canada. We have done this through newspaper ads and brochures distributed through the leading newspapers and through our new web site. We are now considering some TV work.

We believe the most effective way to attract students is knowing someone who came here. In other words, a well-timed word of encouragement from a member of the alumni to prospective students could be very helpful. If you would like to participate in spreading the word, please get in touch with our recruitment officer, Amy Sangster (902-893-6304) in the Registrar's Office or Stephanie Rogers (902-893-7247) for the latest information on programs. You may also wish to check out our new Web site, (www.nsac.ns.ca).

One of the programs which has been most helpful in introducing young people to career opportunities in agriculture as well as developing their skills is the 4-H movement. Many of us can claim the 4-H experience and I'm sure you would agree that it is always the people who lead the movement that brings out the best in us. As you will see elsewhere in the newsletter, two of our alumni, Dick Huggard and Liz Crouse, received well-deserved national recognition for their work with 4-H when the Canadian 4-H Council met in Halifax this year. Congratulations to both! I am also proud to say that the NSAC has been recognized as 'A Friend of 4-H' by the Nova Scotia 4-H Council and the NS Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Speaking of leadership, youth and alumni, I want to salute the leadership of two of the younger members of the Association, namely Trish Bishop ('99) and Bradley Briggs ('99), for their initiative to establish the Annapolis Valley Chapter of the Association. Both had served as president of the Student Union during their time at the NSAC and both are members of the Board of Directors. Bravo to Bishop and Briggs!

On a less happy note, our Principal Emeritus, friend and colleague Herb MacRae, is contending with health challenges this year. Having just undergone surgery for an aneurysm, Herb is now undergoing radiation treatment for cancer in the neck. I know you will want to join me in wishing him a complete recovery.

In closing, I wish you all an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing those who will be attending the reunion events this October. ☺

A Message from the President



Clint McLean

Clint McLean, Class of '79
President, NSAC Alumni Association

I hope this finds Alumni of the NSAC enjoying the summer. We are pleased to bring you another issue of the Agricola News and trust you will find it of interest.

The NSACAA was pleased to have the opportunity to support the hiring of a student project assistant this year. We are fortunate to have acquired the services of Teri Kennedy of Truro, who will be entering her fourth year at the College this fall, majoring in Agricultural Economics.

Teri has been a great asset to the Association and has kept us well-informed of her busy schedule. She has been part of the team involved in planning the Homecoming weekend, contacting Honour Year members and assisting in developing the Open House display. We are particularly pleased that Teri has been able to contact several "lost sheep". Thanks to the efforts of Wayne Bhola, in organizing an engineering reunion this summer, addresses for nearly 130 lost grads have been found. Teri has also initiated E-Mail contact with several alumni who had "undeliverable" status in our database. Teri reports that she received replies from several members, who were happy to once again have contact with the Association.

Updating the Alumni database remains a top priority. Given that NSAC graduates are in demand world-wide these days, it is not surprising that we are frequently faced with address changes. While it may be difficult to track you down, please remember that you can always find us, simply by logging on to our website (www.nsic.ns.ca/alumni) and dropping us a line. We are always glad to hear from alumni, so please avail yourselves of this tool to keep in touch with your friends in the College community.

I was very pleased to have the privilege of attending the Graduation Banquet and Convocation in May. I know this year's class will make its mark as the newest members of the Alumni family embark on new careers and endeavours. Best wishes to the Class of 2001!

Several committees of the Board have been working on specific priorities for the coming months. Board member Trish Bishop, '99, has been leading the Chapter Development initiative. A Chapter has been established in the Annapolis Valley and Trish

reports that an "Annapolis Valley Garden Party" will be held on Sunday, August 26, at 110 Greenwich Road (across from Noggins Corner Farm). The Chapter will be hosting a student send-off, providing students who have applied and/or been accepted to the College, an opportunity to meet alumni and learn more about the NSAC and Alumni Association. Further details can be had by contacting Trish at 902-542-0293, or via email at ouulton.bishop@ns.sympatico.ca.

Plans are progressing well for the Homecoming Weekend, to be held October 19-20. This marks the second year we will be holding this event in the Fall and we are building on last year's success to organize an enjoyable weekend for all. This will be an excellent opportunity to renew acquaintances and to see what is new at the College. Further details are provided elsewhere in this

issue. One event I would like to make special mention of is the Silent Auction planned for Saturday evening. Last year, the Association was able to raise \$2000 for the Student Emergency Fund. We are hoping for an additional \$3000 this year to reach our goal of \$5000. We would encourage anyone interested in donating items to contact

Stephanie Rogers at (902) 893-7247 or by E-Mail at srogers@nsac.ns.ca and of course we look forward to active bidding by all alumni in attendance.

As always, your Alumni Board of Directors welcomes any ideas you may have as we move along in our term. I look forward to meeting many of you in the Fall. ☺

Around & About.....



Gary Skogberg, President, Canadian 4-H Council awards Dick Huggard Honourary 4-H Membership status.

*Dick Huggard
Class of '56* _____

Honourary Member of the Canadian 4-H Council

On an annual basis the Canadian 4-H Council reviews nominations for Honourary Membership. Status of an Honourary Member of the Canadian 4-H Council recognizes outstanding contributions and dedication to the 4-

H program. Dick Huggard, Class of 1956 received this award on Saturday, May 25, 2001

Dick Huggard has served both the agriculture industry and 4-H above and beyond the call of duty. He dedicated thirty-eight years to the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing, retiring as Deputy Minister in 1994. During this time he maintained close ties with 4-H, both on and off the job. From his days with the Norton Calf Club in New Brunswick in 1943, to his service on Canadian 4-H Foundation, Dick Huggard has always found time to give of himself. Dick always makes people feel special - in fact, he has the amazing ability to greet each person by name at conferences and meetings. A 1997 note from Dick which is on file at Canadian Council sums up his attitude toward 4-H. It says: "Thanks for the opportunity to help."



Elizabeth Crouse

Elizabeth Crouse, Class of '78
Crouse Named to Head 4-H
Council

For only the fifth time, the president of the Canadian 4-H Council will be a Nova Scotian. Liz Crouse, a Valley resident who has been involved with 4-H since she was a child is poised to become the council president. Crouse became president elect at the

70th annual meeting in May. Crouse will begin her work as

Rick Delbridge, Class of '67 _____

Distinguished Agrologist

The NSIA Distinguished Agrologist joined the NS Department of Agriculture & Marketing in 1969 after completing his degree in Plant Pathology at Macdonald College. He was responsible for providing plant disease management to the province's various agricultural sectors.

During his 31 year tenure, he was involved in numerous projects and initiatives-he was instrumental in designing and implementing the Strawberry Integrated Pest Management program



Derrick Jamieson presents Rick Delbridge with the Distinguished Agrologist Award. Rick is shown with his family.

which improved pest and disease control; implemented or evaluated preventative plant disease forecasting systems for potato late blight, onion blight, onion downy mildew and Monilinia and Botrytis blight of blueberry; worked with Agriculture Canada plant pathologists on research and demonstration projects for diseases such as white mold and root rot of beans, late blight, clubroot, blueberry blight, strawberry fruit rot, red leaf, green petal, and red stele. He also provided the plant pathology expertise to the NS Strawberry and Raspberry Nursery Certification Program.

Mr. Delbridge is a member of a number of professional associations including: Canadian Phytopathological Society, American Phytopathological Society and was recently made an Honorary member of Horticulture Nova Scotia.

He and his wife Shelly live in Kentville and have two children, Christine and David.

Acting President in May 2002 representing the council at various events worldwide. Crouse works as the manager of the 4-H and rural organizations section of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Resource Stewardship branch. The Canadian 4-H Council co-ordinates programs which include national and international conferences as well as exchanges and scholarships

Ellen Ruddick Class of '80

AC Grad first certified Landscape Designer in Canada



Ellen Ruddick

The first certified designer in Canada is Ellen Ruddick of Grand-Digue, N.B. and a graduate of NSAC in 1980. Ellen has worked in the landscape industry since graduation and specifically as a landscape designer with Price Contractors Ltd. in Moncton, N.B. since 1987. Ellen is currently president of the Association of Atlantic Landscape Designers, active in the New Brunswick Horticulture

Certification with the Association of Landscape Designers requires education in design theory, landscape graphics, design process, circulation, construction, landscape plant studies and design-maintenance relationships. A design portfolio exhibiting proper stages of the design process as well as comprehensive documentation of design work experience are also required.

The Association of Landscape Designers, its officers and a membership of approximately 20 was formed on November 25, 1995, to recognize the professionalism of landscape designers and to implement a certification program.

The Association has grown to 40 members and a certification program was developed and implemented on September 15, 1999. Applications for certification are evaluated by a three member jury currently consisting of John Higgins (chair), retired landscape horticulture faculty at NSAC, Tracey MacKenzie, current horticulture faculty at NSAC and Anita Jackson, horticulture and communications faculty at the Nova Scotia Community College.

The Association of Landscape Designers executive and members congratulate Ellen on her achievement.

Charles and Doris Keddy, Class of '73

The Keddys, Farm Family of the Year

The Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists' Farm Family of the Year award was presented in April to Charles and Doris Keddy and family of Lakeville.

The Keddys started small, three acres of certified strawberry nursery stock, some vegetables and a few cattle. By 1985, they'd



outgrown the farm and purchased their present operation in Lakeville. Today they produce 80 acres of certified strawberry and raspberry nursery stock. The nursery currently sells 11-12 million strawberry plants, 250,000 raspberry canes, 25,000 asparagus crowns, 50,000 rhubarb crowns, 10,000 highbush blueberry bushes and 4,000 blackberry canes per year. In addition to the nursery, the Keddys have a herd of 90 beef cattle. Grain and corn are grown as rotational and feed crops. As part of the farm's nursery program, they operate a commercial micro propagation tissue lab. It produces grape, apple, blackberry, raspberry, rhubarb and strawberry plantlets for their farm and other producers.

Doris and Charles have three children: Treasure aged 18, Philip, 16, and Amber, 8.

Rob and Pam Corey, Class of '94

'Pioneering Spirit' in a Farm Store New Business Fills 'Missing Link' in Maritime Organic Industry

Scarcely a year after establishing Pioneer Organics, Rob and Pam Corey have vastly expanded the scope of their organic farm supply business. Pioneer Organics, based in Waterville, Nova Scotia, has entered into a partnership with the Masterfeeds grain mill in Kensington Prince Edward Island becoming the first certified organic livestock feed processor in the Atlantic region. Their first batch of poultry mash was expected to come down the pipe in mid-May.

'We saw this as a missing link in the organic industry,' says Rob. 'There needs to be a local Maritime processor before people are going to grow it. The feed mill being available stimulates

growth in organic grain production and also stimulates organized livestock production.'

Pioneer Organics currently carries a line of certified organic feeds from Ontario. These products will gradually be replaced by locally-produced house brands. From the start, Pioneer Organics has incorporated two enterprises, with greenhouse vegetable production increasing along side farm supply sales. There are now four greenhouses in operation and a fifth will soon follow. The retail outlet carries fresh produce as well as supplies such as seeds, soil amendments and natural pest control products.

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Carl Gourley Class of '47, Albert MacPhee Class of '38, Scotty Fair Class of '50

Distinguished Life Members

Albert MacPhee, Scotty Fair and Carl Gourley were recognized in May as they received the NS Institute of Agrologists Distinguished Life Membership Award.

Born and raised on a dairy farm in Stewiacke, N.S., **Carl Gourley** attended the NS Agricultural College and Macdonald College, graduating in 1949 with a degree in Plant Pathology. He then joined Agriculture Canada as a research scientist in plant

pathology. For over three decades Mr. Gourley studied stone fruit and berry diseases. His work had a significant impact on the agricultural industry as he was the first to show that black knot (common to plums) can also affect peaches. He later concentrated on the strawberry root rot disease red stele and was involved in breeding resistant varieties.

One of Mr. Gourley's outstanding contributions was an annotated index of the 2895 species of fungi found in NS. Published by the NS Institute of Science in 1983, it contained several new provincial and North American reports. Mr. Gourley retired in 1982. He and his wife Doris (Fulton) have eight children and 13 grandchildren.

Albert MacPhee began his career with Agriculture Canada in an Annapolis Royal entomology lab. But he also joined the Royal Canadian Air Force where he worked with radar technology until his release in 1945.

His research on the ecology and cold hardiness of the European red mite—a major apple pest—earned him a doctorate in 1959. His work demonstrated that he could successfully select for cold hardiness in that species. Dr. MacPhee's career in entomological research extended from 1940/1945 to 1982. His earlier work was on the biology of the main parasite of oyster shell scale, predator thrips and the impact of pesticides on beneficial predators and parasites. Dr. MacPhee also studied the population biology of lecanium scale, winter moth and apple leaf curling midge and investigated the blueberry maggot and blueberry thrips.



(left to right): Distinguished Life Members Scotty Fair, Carl Gourley and Albert MacPhee

Following A.D. Pickett, in 1963, he was made Entomology Section Head and held that position through retirement in 1982. He and his first wife, Doris, had six children. He lost her in 1984 and married Vivian in 1993. Four of his children still live in NS.

Robert 'Scotty' Fair left Scotland when he was 16, immigrating to Canada in 1930. During that decade, 'Scotty' worked on farms and in the woods around Jemseg and Chipman, New Brunswick. But every fall he spent a month picking apples in the Berwick area of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Fair joined the Canadian Army in 1940 and served at Aldershot before shipping out to Italy. He returned to his adopted country as a Lieutenant in 1944. After the war, 'Scotty' went back to school. He attended both the NS Agricultural College and Macdonald College, completing his degree in 1952.

His career with the NS Department of Agriculture & Marketing began in the Soils, Chemistry & Fertilizer Branch. He was responsible for Soil Fertility Research under Edgar Milligan. Colleagues describe 'Scotty' as a dedicated conscientious professional who worked hard to improve his life, the agricultural industry and the NSIA.

'Scotty' became the provincial tobacco specialist and spent 12 years working with growers in Annapolis and Pictou. When he retired in 1978, NS had 15 growers who averaged 2000 lbs/acre on 500 acres. Mr. Fair and his wife, Chris, were married in 1940. They have three children, five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

'Pioneering Spirit', continued from page 5

The couple met at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College where they both obtained degrees in animal science. Pam grew up on a dairy farm in Rawdon. Rob was raised in Florenceville New Brunswick, not on a farm, though he worked on a number of farms

before setting out on career as a feed sales man in that province. The young family moved to Nova Scotia two and a half years ago.

(The above is a portion of an article originally published in Rural Delivery in June 2001 and written by David Lindsay.)

Robert Murray, Class of '52

Nova Scotia Cranberry History Published

A History book on the 130-year old cranberry industry in Nova Scotia was launched on March 13th, 2001 by author and well-known horticulturalist Bob Murray at the NSAC in Truro.

The 200-page research book entitled *Nova Scotia Cranberry History and Development 1872 - 2000* traces the first commercial planting of cranberries in Canada by William McNeil of Melverne Square in Annapolis County in 1872, to today's industry.

When *Nova Scotia Cranberry History and Development 1872-2000* was launched at the NSAC, representatives of three of the four Cranberry Bogs in the province were on hand. Among them was Canada's oldest, the Indian Garden Bog in Hebbville, Lunenburg County which was started in 1892.

The financing of his industry history was shared by the Federal Canada Millennium Partnership Program, the NS Department of

Agriculture and Fisheries and the NS Cranberry Growers Association.

Just 300 copies of the book were printed and some are now available through the cranberry association. Bob Murray says others have been placed in libraries, museums

and historical societies across NS where there are, or were, bogs.



Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries Ernest Fage with Bob Murray and a copy of the Nova Scotia Cranberry History and Development 1872 - 2000

Supporting Agriculture through Recognition of Accomplishment

The Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame

In 1968 the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame was established by the Atlantic Livestock Council as a means of honouring individuals in Atlantic Canada for their contribution to the development of the livestock industry in the regions. Over the years, the scope of the organization has expanded and now includes all segments of the farm community throughout Atlantic Canada.

Each year, based on nominations received from farm and rural organizations, one person from each of the four Atlantic Provinces is honoured at an induction ceremony and reception held at the NSAC. This year the date is October 24, 2001. Portraits of the Hall inductees and their citations are placed on public display in the vestibule of the C.A. Douglas room in Cumming Hall at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro. To date, 124 individuals have received this recognition from their peers, many of whom are NSAC alumni. A newly developed web site provides greater access to these inductees. www.nsac.ns.ca/halloffame

A Board of Directors consisting of two representatives from each Atlantic Province administers the affairs of the Hall of Fame. The annual meeting is held at the time of the induction ceremony



Members of the C. A. Douglas family at the re-dedication of the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame.

and is open to all members.

Induction into the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame is a way of recognizing the contribution of an individual to the development of a specific commodity, a farm organization, the farm community, or to the enhancement of the agricultural industry in

Atlantic Canada. Farmers, those people involved in farm and rural organizations, business persons, agrologists and scientists are all eligible for induction.

To be considered, an individual must be nominated by a rural or agricultural organization. Using the forms available from the Secretary/Treasurer, nominations will be accepted until June 1st of each year. A selection committee, established in each province, reviews the nominations and selects an individual to be honored in that province each year. The remaining nominations will be carried forward for consideration in each of the subsequent two years. The sponsoring organization is responsible for part of the cost of the recognition and a fee of \$200 is applied.

The Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame operates as a result of the support given by agricultural organizations, public agencies and private individuals. Individuals and organizations wishing to

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Internationalization at the NSAC



The Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC) seeks to be a leader in providing education, research and public service in the agricultural and food industries and related disciplines. In the globalized food system of 2001, a significant component of providing such leadership is ensuring that students, faculty and staff become active participants in the international arena.



Mike Whalen is the NSAC Dean of Internationalization.

In the university context, internationalization can be defined as the incorporation of an international dimension into the academic and

organizational system and structure of a university.

The climate for internationalization at the College must be set in the context of the competitive environment in which it operates. The NSAC is one of 11 universities in the province of Nova Scotia, one of approximately 50 universities in Canada and part of a global network that includes several thousand institutions. Through its

technical and technology programs, the NSAC is also part of the worldwide community college network whose members, again, number in the thousands. This is the globalized industry in which the College competes for domestic and international students, faculty and staff, government funding, research funding and international project work. The competition in each of these areas is intense and will increase dramatically over the next ten years.

Internationalization of the College is also a direct response to dramatic changes in the Canadian economy and society over the last decade. Canadians live in a profoundly changed nation that houses a multinational citizenry and an economy where one in two jobs depend on export markets. Globalization and internationalization are universal and the result of four major socio-economic changes¹:

1. The emergence of a global political economy and a new international division of labour;
2. The greater global interdependency with regards to political, environmental and social issues and problems;
3. The reconfiguring of international relations and new definitions of global security that have developed with the end of the Cold War; and
4. The substantial demographic change in Canada and other western industrialized societies resulting from changing patterns of immigration.

While some wish globalization would simply go away, a better approach is to take a proactive role in managing its impacts. To do this, students and faculty require a full appreciation of the global context in which we live.

At the College, NSAC International is the focal point for internationalization. Through a combination of international projects, student, faculty and staff mobility,

¹ Whalley, Langley and Villarreal, *Best Guidelines for Internationalizing the Curriculum*, Province of British Columbia, 1997

internationalized curriculum, increased numbers of international students, cross border research activity and on-campus information dissemination, NSAC International seeks to ensure that students and staff are provided with the tools they need to become leaders in a globalized food system. Each of these areas is important to the

success of the internationalization process and ultimately, a successful future for our College.

The road to an internationalized NSAC will be a long one with the odd pot hole along the way. We have made a good start at the College, however and look forward to working with the College

community, alumni and the industry to help ensure a bright future for Atlantic Canada in the agri-food sector.



How was China?



James Ferguson, an NSAC graduate, recently returned from China as a Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) intern and writes about his experiences in China.



The Great Wall – not the part I climbed but I camped in a similar square tower.

This is the question I am faced with as I meet various people who know I have just returned from China. The answer to that question is a hard one to form. How can you explain six months in a foreign country with experiences that have assaulted every one of your senses? Awesome, amazing, fantastic, unbelievable....a few words that I have used but certainly they do



Terraced rice fields

not do the experience justice. It is a difficult task to sum up the experience in a few minutes without losing the interest of the listener.

I am not sure where to start when sharing this experience. Last summer, I was presented the opportunity to travel to China on a Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) internship

program through Saint Mary's University. The internship was a component of a larger project that NSAC was involved with and would involve conducting environmental research at the Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University for six months. It was a tough decision to make but was well worth it in the end.

I left for China the day after my twenty-second birthday and after a gruelling three day trip to get to the city I was posted in, I had arrived. I had to overnight in Hong Kong, but fortunately I had a friend there. The descent into Hong Kong was an experience that is still fresh in my mind. It was 6:30 a.m. and the sun was beginning to rise, I could see palm trees, skyscrapers and little islands dotting the ocean. Smog from the city made the sunrise even better as the colours were carried through the sky. After landing, I noticed the skyscrapers that were under construction were supported with bamboo scaffolding and that the workers were climbing all over them. Temperatures in Hong Kong were in the 30s and the humidity was in the 90s, which made the transition to Asia even harder. Acclimatizing was possibly one of the hardest things of the trip.

The next morning I headed back to the airport to catch my flight to Fuzhou, which was the city I was to live in for the next six months. The capital of Fujian province, Fuzhou is located on the east coast of China. It has a population of 1.5 million people and is described by Lonely Planet as a city choked with smog, pollution, concrete and industry. It also mentioned that this was not a city that tourists were apt to visit. This was evident in my first week when I met all the other 'foreigners' in town. There were only 30 of us, but this turned out to make the environment ideal for learning Chinese. The old adage 'sink or swim' held true and I managed to learn a bit of Mandarin. As I was boarding the aircraft to Fuzhou, I noticed that I was the only white person on the plane and for the first



Xing Shihe and I at a Student Environmental Club meeting where I spoke on environmental protection.

time I realized that I was in the minority. Being stared at, not hearing English and sticking out like a sore thumb was a humbling experience and certainly one that I will not forget.

I landed in Fuzhou, got through customs and was met by a few of the students from the university. They helped me load my baggage into the car and then we headed out on a one hour drive to the university. It was potentially the most frighten-

ing and exciting car ride that anyone could go on. The whole time we were driving, I could not figure out any rules of the road. When I asked my travelling companions about the rules of the road, they told me that there was basically only one rule: pay attention to what's in front of you and do not worry about what is beside you or behind you.



Caution, water buffalo crossing!

My first week of work consisted of meeting people and getting acquainted with the campus. My apartment was at the west end of the campus and was situated overlooking the river and the beach and it also caught the sunset in the evenings. There were numerous ponds on the campus as well as tree-lined streets. The heat and humidity got to me though, as well as the 12 hour time change and flight, so I spent the majority of my first week sleeping with my air conditioner on full blast. After two weeks, I was fully adjusted to the time change and was beginning to get acclimatized. The only thing I had to get used to was the giant sized tarantulas living in my apartment.

My work consisted of sampling soil, water and food (rice, fish and vegetables) and preparing the samples for analysis for heavy metal residues and pesticide contamination. Most of the people I worked with had been to Canada as part of the project so communication with them was not too difficult. The lab work was often done by undergraduate students using the data as part of their thesis and communicating with them proved to be more of a challenge. Another challenge was that they did not seem to want me to actually work but just to

watch. I soon learned that you just had to get in there and do something, so I started washing glassware and they then began to involve me more in the actual work of the lab.

I also managed to get some travelling in during my stay in China. I made it to Beijing for a week in October over the National Holiday. I got to see the Forbidden City, where the movie *The Last Emperor* was filmed, the Summer Palace, a few Buddhist temples, but the most impressive was the Great Wall. I was travelling with three other friends from Fuzhou and we decided to head up to the Wall on an afternoon and camp out over night and continue to climb it the next day. We went to a section that has not yet been developed for tourism and was three bus rides away from Beijing. It took us longer to get there than planned and we had to buy flashlights in



Crossing the Chinese/Burmese border. Note the fellow doing his laundry upstream.

the next town in order to see. We managed to get a drive to the town, Huang Hua, where we wanted to climb the Wall, but on the way it started raining. The man driving us asked if we wanted to turn around and go back, but we decided that we would continue since we were this far. He seemed pretty impressed and excited that we still wanted to go. He dropped us off at the base of the wall, it was pitch black

but the raining had stopped. There were people from the town sitting around playing cards and drinking and they directed us to the Wall and told us a few tips. We had to cross a water reservoir and then the Wall emerged from the darkness in front of us. We climbed for about an hour and then

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camped out in one of the watch towers. After a feast of Nutella that we had found in one of the supermarkets, we camped down for the night under the stars. We woke up at 5:30am in order to climb a bit further and see the sunrise. As the sun was rising, the fog was burn-

ing off below us and we could see the Wall crawling along the mountains all around us. We could not see the end of it and it all seemed surreal and timeless. We finished that part of the wall and were heading back into town when we saw a sign posted on a tree. An enterprising Chinese had painted a sign that said 'cheap cold beer 5 yuan.' So we sat down under a tree and contemplated our day over a beer.

Over the Chinese New Year, I got to do a bit more travelling in Yunnan province in Southern China. It is a unique province that has a lot of ethnic minorities living in it and was heavily influenced by the neighbouring countries. I got to visit towns that were influenced by Tibetan culture, Burmese culture, Thai culture and a few other of the Asian countries. I also managed to do a bit of border hopping, accidentally, into Burma. I was travelling with a friend and we went to check out the border checkpoint between China and Burma. The guards talked to us and then we went for a walk around the town. It had a sleepy, laid back feeling to it and was nice to be in. It was quite hot and there was a river running through the town. We decided to hike along the river, thinking it would be a bit cooler. We saw numerous people crossing the river and we decided to cross over. The town on the other side looked pretty interesting and we wanted to check it out. We were walking around for twenty minutes when we walked by this green

building that had Burmese writing on it. We both looked at each other and sort of wondered if we had crossed the border. This older man came out of the building and was talking to us. We asked him where we were and he told us we were in Burma. We then asked where China was and he replied that it was on the other side of the river. So we decided that it would be best if we headed back to China. But first, we took pictures of us in Burma and re-enacted the river crossing while drawing a crowd of on-lookers.

The opportunity to work in China for six months has changed my perspective on many things. Life in China, especially in the bigger cities, is quite similar to life in Canada. There were McDonalds, KFC, and Pizza Hut restaurants and a newly opened Wal-Mart. People still like to have fun in the same ways, they enjoy friendship, laughter and good food and worry about the same things. University students are faced with the stress of exams and the 'real world' that awaits them after graduation. This entire experience has made me realize

that people have different ways of doing things or looking at situations and no one is right or wrong. It has taught me to be less judgemental of people and to have a little more patience and understanding. It has taught me valuable life lessons that will stick with me for years to come. But in the end, it has provided me with friendships and memories to last a lifetime.



Learning About Mexico



Dr. Deborah Stiles is an Assistant Professor, Humanities in the Department of Business and Social Sciences at the NSAC

The taxi driver's name was not senior Lopez. But to preserve a respectful anonymity in this essay that will be his name. This is so that I can share some of what I gained recently during a research project team meeting in Mexico - not about my project, per se, but rather about Mexican culture. What I hope to do is not take from, but rather give to that culture, in the form of a written tribute to this diverse land and its peoples and to this taxi driver who took me from Texcoco, the municipality in which is located the Colegio de Postgraduados, the institution I was visiting, to the Mexico City airport.

Texcoco is a city of around 90,000, located about two hours from Mexico City, in the state of Mexico. Texcoco is urban, in the numbers sense, but the city itself has grown exponentially in the last decade, becoming a 'hub' of Mexico's capital city, in some ways. This growth has brought with it a set of problems for what is still a very rural area; problems of persistently

snarled traffic, the uneasy social mix of rurality and urbanity (different lifestyles, attitudes) and pollution. Surrounding the city, divided by the highway, are large fields in which maize is the principal crop. The educational institutions in the municipality, but not the city, of Texcoco, are also focused primarily on agriculture, but that is changing. The Colegio de Postgraduados, where my research partners are based, is a strictly graduate institution, awarding degrees in rural development, forestry and agricultural sciences. As a separate institution it is about 40 years old. It is connected to the state in a somewhat complex relationship,



In front of the pyramids at Teotihuacan, Mexico.

after having been separated from the much older Autonomous University of Chapingo, the undergraduate degree-granting institution situated nearby.

I was in Mexico for ten days to work out the details of a possible research collaboration with two professors of rural sociology at the Colegio, Drs. Emma Zapata Martelo and Veronica Vazquez Garcia. Included in our research collaboration, known at present as the HoBaHeK International project (HoBaHeK stands for

Home-Based Health Knowledge) is NSAC adjunct professor, Dr. Marta Chiappe, whose home institution is Uruguay University. Dr. Chiappe has spent the last year at the Colegio working with Dr. Zapata and Dr. Vazquez, who form part of a Gender Group at their institution (both have published widely in their field on the subject of rural women in development).

Senior Lopez was someone that my Mexican research partners knew and trusted. That personal acquaintance-type of referral for minor details of business, that attention and energy expended on something as minor as a drive to the airport, is typical in Mexico, I learned. One of the prevailing popular myths I think we of the 'North' have about those in the 'South' is that the warm climate and some sort of cultural predisposition makes for an easy-going, detail-free attitude summed up in the word *manana* (tomorrow). What I observed contradicts the myth absolutely. The reason things may be 'put off' until *manana* is that they have been worked on earnestly today and there simply is no more time nor opportunity to accomplish the task. Mexico, with its rich, diverse indigenous cultures (there are 62 languages spoken by the peoples making up those cultures) is nonetheless struggling with the effects of late 20th century modernization, coupled with added pressures since the advent of NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement). The personalized rather than impersonal tasks of finding reliable and safe taxi service, of getting computer parts, or having a fax go through effortlessly are things taking up disproportionate amounts

of time in a country many perceive as either wholly modernized or still quaintly rural and premodern. The truth is, the dichotomy does not do the country, or people like senior Lopez, any justice. In Mexico there appears to be a melange of modernity and a rural context that stands outside that modernity paradigm, with particular historical reasons for both.

Senior Lopez walks with a particular shuffling gait, one the result, probably, of a common and easily corrected birth defect. Easily corrected by surgery, that is. Clearly this is not an option for this man who tells me in textbook-perfect Spanish about his wife, children, and what he thinks of (President) Vicente Fox. Senior Lopez has three children, one of whom I heard crying in the background the night I telephoned to arrange transportation. He works long hours, it seems, for himself and for his family; I do not ask about this, though, or about his walk. We simply discuss our families in terms of numbers and ages and he tells me that he grew up in Texcoco and that his mother still lives here but his father is deceased. I say *lo siento*—'I'm sorry'—when he tells me this, as we drive through the valley of Texcoco, past fruit vendors and auto parts shops, past those endless fields of maize, open vistas edged in pop bottles and other plastic refuse. The litter catches my eye more than the stunning volcano that looks down from the mountains above us.

At the sides of the roads leading into the city proper of Texcoco; in the streets of the city and of course at the central market place of Texcoco, everything and anything is for sale. From serapes to snow cones, nuez (nuts) to Nintendo, frijoles to furniture, chiles to Coca-Cola, it seems all the economy can bear is tied up in goods and produce exported or huckstered to those in-country, in this municipality, at least. In Texcoco, where one of the few marked historical sites is a water fountain dating from the earliest days of the Spanish colonial period— which is a technological marvel built by those who were here long before the Spaniards, there is no tourist bureau. There are no tourists to buy the plethora of goods available. However, for a few hours during my time in Texcoco I become a tourist, along with a group of researchers

from other states of Mexico, who happen to be staying in the same hotel as me while taking a USDA-Agricultural Research Service short course. As it happens, this group is all women, all in their late thirties/early forties, like me and all with families. Although my Spanish is just past toddler-age stage in its capacity to express complex ideas, these scientists and I have in common our interest in agriculture and the shared experience of juggling career and family and these make it easier to communicate with my bit of Spanish and their bit of English.

I strike up a conversation in the hotel lobby with one of the women, after I see the USDA manual she's carrying. She then introduces me to atole, an incredibly delicious hot drink made of corn flour and sugar. Sometimes chocolate is added, too. Growing up in West Virginia, I enjoyed a



The Colegio de Postgraduados, Rural Development Dept., Mexico where Dr. Stiles visited for her research.

lot of cornmeal mush for breakfast and I still love 'mush,' 'grits,' polenta and cornbread; but I'd never even heard of atole before this trip, my first to Mexico. Its place here is well established and part of what I observed as a ritual; in the mornings, at around eight, when the street sweepers are well underway and the professionals are just beginning to pour into the business districts from the residential ones, men like senior Lopez, who have no taxi, but who do have children old enough to help and a truck to haul with, drive these trucks into the city centre. They park their trucks curbside and lift out of the truck bed huge stainless steel kettles. They set up little tables on the sidewalk and at the street's edge they, or their daughters or wives, start little fires on braziers brought to keep warm those huge

kettles full of atole con leche, atole con chocolate and sometimes, tamales. It had been 20 years exactly since I'd tasted tamales as delicious as these, a corn batter filled with mole, or chile verde and wrapped up in corn husks, neatly tied. I was amazed one morning to be buying my atole and tamales (once introduced to it, I had this for breakfast nearly every morning) from a teenaged girl. She was perhaps 14 and dressed in stylish jeans and clogs and she effortlessly lifted one kettle of atole off the little brazier in order to put the one with tamales on for a bit (these were LARGE kettles!). In alternating the kettles on and off the little hibachi-like heat source, everything is kept the right temperature; the tamales are kept steaming and the atole at just the right warmth so as to be enjoyable to drink but not scalding (of the milk in it, nor on the tongue of the drinker).

After introducing me to atole, the one researcher, who was from the state of Monterey, invited me that morning to come along with her and the rest of the group on a walking tour of the town that evening. I agreed and that night enjoyed the incredible art—murals and sculptures—at the city's culture centre, where images popular with the Maya include predominant positive symbols of women and men, the sun and moon and maize. I was able to observe the fine art of bargaining and buying, Mexican style; we went to a local popular taco stand, where two older women stood and made tacos and tostadas while a young teenaged boy (perhaps a grandson) took and delivered everyone's orders. One of the women bought us all *allegrias*—the name means 'happiness'—which are delicious treats made of amaranth, similar to the sesame seed cakes sold here, but using a grain that we don't see nearly as much as we should, perhaps, in the diets of more northern North Americans. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

I make the above geographic distinction—northern North Americans—deliberately. Some Mexicans I met are very and rightly, sensitive about the fact that a lot of Americans, if not Canadians, forget that Mexico is a part of North America. NAFTA made us all one trading bloc; being in Mexico and observing the effects of nearly

a decade of NAFTA at work, gave me the opportunity to understand a bit better the whole of the economic picture of our place here on the planet. This also made for a clearer comprehension of NAFTA as experienced on a day-to-day and socially-configured basis by people from the third partner in the mix.

Now, my research itself is looking comparatively at a specific type of health knowledge: home and herbal remedies and related biodiversity, plant management and food security issues, in the contemporary as well as historical senses. However, an enlarged understanding of the concrete

social, cultural and economic issues as they are tied up in what we often shorthand as 'modern life' / modernity / modernization / globalization is nonetheless vital to this research. In order to make the analysis of my more specific research questions applicable to problem-solving that is going on all across the globe, where rural communities are facing similar challenges and tensions, there needs to be that global, those modernity connections. I owe a debt of gratitude for a bit more understanding, courtesy of a Texcoco taxi driver and a group of plant breeders and related scientists from Chiapas, Monterey and other states of

Mexico, for the conversations we had that opened my eyes on some of these issues. I am appreciative as well, of NSAC International and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and International Development Research Centre's Canada-Latin America-Caribbean Research Exchange Grants Program, which provided this opportunity for me to learn about Mexico. ☺



A Viewpoint On Internationalization At NSAC

by Dr. Samuel K. Asiedu Department of Plant & Animal Sciences



Dr. Samuel K. Asiedu

The NSAC is a growing culturally diverse institution and has attracted students, development projects and other academic activities from over 50 countries around the globe.

The NSAC's role of human resource development in agricultural education, research and outreach not only concentrates on local needs but is also global in outlook. The international activities provide avenues for students, staff, faculty and community members to acquire the skills needed to respond to the emerging opportunities in the global economy. Internationalization is a step in the right direction and requires the support of the entire campus. The NSAC is a growing, culturally diverse institution and has attracted students, development projects and other academic activities from over 50 countries around the globe. The famous international potato technology course alone attracted participants from forty countries during its 14 years of operation. The impact of that diverse group on the entire region has been long lived. The linkages with alumni are still maintained for academic, business and social purposes. Canadian student exchanges and work/research exposure abroad, provide wide international job opportunities.

As a participant in internationalization activities, I have acquired a working experience in and knowledge of some 20 countries. It is therefore very easy to share some of the experiences in all my courses and declare them internationalized. The most challenging activities are in the courses packaged and delivered to NSAC and host students overseas. The frequent interaction with international students and visiting scholars at NSAC campus, brings an appreciation of the cultural diversity which makes the world a better place to live. The opportunity to share cultures prepares me to adapt readily when I visit new countries or return to the ones previously visited. This in turn reduces culture shock and therefore maximizes the time available for work and socializing.

Cultural sensitivity and flexibility at home and abroad are desirable for a successful internationalization. I believe that through internationalization, the institution continues to benefit from cultural and intellectual diversity which characterizes Canada. For example recognizing language differences among visiting students/scholars, will go a long way to harmonize relationships with our guests. This will also set the path for a good learning environment and to success with lasting memories at home and abroad. When I meet alumni abroad, they become facilitators, translators of culture and initiators of linkages for the benefit of NSAC. It is usually overwhelming when they acknowledge the hospitality and experiences gained during the time spent in Canada. These ambassadors are of social and economic benefit not only during their stay in Canada, but also when they return home. They promote, host and link people and businesses as well as enhance global activities. ☺

Internationalization and Teaching Excellence Recognized at NSAC Convocation

Given annually at Convocation, the 2001 Teaching and Internationalization Awards recognize and promote excellence in teaching as well as international involvement.

Spring convocation not only marked the academic achievements of NSAC graduates, but the teaching and internationalization achievements of Professor Lauranne Sanderson, Technician Laurel MacIntosh and the first recipient of the Internationalization Award, Dr. Sam Asiedu. Given annually at Convocation, the 2001 Teaching and Internationalization Awards recognize and promote excellence in teaching as well as international involvement.

The Technician recipient of the NSAC Award for Achievement in Teaching is Laurel MacIntosh of the Department of Plant and Animal Sciences for dedication to her students, long term service to teaching at NSAC and a talent for making the complicated seem obvious.

Laurel is a 'Registered Laboratory Animal Technician' with a Diploma in Animal Care Technology from St Lawrence College, Kingston, Ontario. She has taught at NSAC since 1983 and has been involved with courses in Animal Science and Biology as well as in the Animal Health Technology program where she now devotes most of her time. In addition to her instructional role, Laurel also serves as technician in charge of the Boulden Animal Centre and as Secretary of the Animal Care and Use Committee.

To Laurel, instructors are the facilitators for the transfer of information to the students and the students must participate in the learning process. Interaction and feedback is necessary to refine course material and meet the expectations of the students and the job market. 'Test often and regularly' is her credo. Be kind! Be helpful! And be available! A recent graduate of the Animal Health Technology program described Laurel as 'kind, devoted and a dedicated teacher', a person who is 'very knowledgeable and who often stays late to help students finish their clinic and obtain the marks they need'. And a colleague noted that 'She is very talented at explaining any proce-

dures the student is required to do and has never been known to lose patience even in a tense clinical situation.' In the words of a current AHT student 'I will remember and cherish Laurel when I finish the AHT program, just as many past graduates have'.

The Faculty recipient of the NSAC Award for Achievement in Teaching is Prof. Lauranne Sanderson of the Department of Business and Social Sciences for energy, enthusiasm and an unparalleled dedication to the success of her students.

Professor Sanderson readily admits that she 'loves to teach' which she has been doing at NSAC since 1982. Prior to her appointment Lauranne obtained BSc and MSc degrees from the University of Guelph specializing in the area of Extension Education. In addition to her teaching duties, Lauranne carries on an active research program, is a member of several Faculty Council committees and has coordinated the Ag-Challenge competitions at NSAC for many years. In between these activities she even manages to find a few minutes to help her husband on the farm. Lauranne's love of teaching comes through in her own words when she says 'I love getting the students all excited about some aspect of Communication to the point that they forget that class has ended!' And a student in her Leadership Development course reciprocates by saying 'We came out of that course believing that we could be the best leaders ever.', 'She taught me about myself and is a professor who has had a huge impact on my life'. What greater praise could an educator receive?

For energy, dedication and commitment to excellence in internationalizing the NSAC, the first annual Award for Internationalization was presented to Dr. Sam Asiedu of the Department of Plant and Animal Sciences.

Sam holds B.Sc. (Agr.), M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees from McGill University and has served



Lauranne Sanderson and Laurel MacIntosh

in the NSAC's professorate since 1988. Since his arrival at the NSAC, Sam has been immersed in a wide variety of international activities. As a key instructor in the International Potato Technology Program and later as co-coordinator of the program, Sam was instrumental in bringing students from over 30 countries to the NSAC and the Maritimes. Some of the graduates of this course have continued formal studies at the NSAC and many still keep in touch with Sam, a clear measure of his personal commitment to students.

Sam was co-developer of the curriculum and instructor in the Food Systems in the Tropics course delivered in Jamaica to both NSAC and Jamaican College of Agriculture, Science and Education students in 1997 and 2000. This course was one of the first attempts at the NSAC to provide ongoing opportunities to travel and study in a developing country environment. In addition, he developed and teaches tropical agriculture at the NSAC, perhaps the first truly international course offered regularly to our students. He has, as well, internationalized all his courses, utilizing his vast personal and professional experience. For many years Sam served as one of the College's International Student Advisors, a responsibility requiring a substantial commitment of time and energy to assist overseas students in adjusting to a new cultural environment.

In the area of international development activities, Sam has offered his expertise to developing country partners in such far-flung areas of the globe as Ghana, Colombia, Romania and China. His expertise in curriculum development, production systems and post harvest technology are sought after by many countries that turn to Canada as a source of the desperately needed expertise required to build developing economies. ☺



Agricultural Development Institute

ADI Evolves, Hiring Continues

The Agricultural Development Institute – The first of its kind in the Atlantic Provinces – is well on its way to being fully operational and has reached yet another milestone – the evolution of its four major service areas.

“We’re about 95 per cent established,” says Executive Director Dale Kelly. “We have offices now in Kentville and Truro, have a solid core group of specialists and have worked hard as a team over the past couple of months to determine our four broad service areas.”

ADI’s four service areas are:

• **Information and knowledge brokering** – passing on knowledge and information, finding information for clients and/or connecting them with reliable, credible contacts. Staff will produce publications, host field tours, give talks and workshops and participate in commodity and expert committees, as well as support the ADI website and contact centre.

• **Alliance building** – bringing the right people together to move initiatives forward for clients – whether it be building relationships between producers and retailers to meet both their needs, or establishing a multi-disciplinary team to investigate and make recommendations for solving an industry-wide challenge. Staff will stay informed of current trends, agri-business news and new partnerships and ensure ADI and its clients are connecting with the right people to tackle issues and opportunities.

• **Research facilitation and partnering** – partnering, facilitating and co-ordinating in developing research projects and communicating the results. Staff will help identify research needs, participate in research bodies and foundations and provide project management and research assessment.

• **Innovation and development** – encouraging and promoting creativity, innovation and development in the agri-food industry through, for example, new technologies and new perspectives. Staff will undertake investigative travel, hold brainstorming sessions and bring in leading speakers on topical issues.

According to Mr. Kelly the four service areas are broad by design, so staff have the flexibility they need to work effectively. “Our service areas are broad in the same way our staff positions have a broader scope. We don’t want our staff or our clients to feel hemmed in by rigid specialty areas or services.

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Since mid-April, ADI has announced the appointment of specialists with expertise in field crops, forage management, fruit crops and other horticultural crops, and ruminant and non-ruminant livestock. Consultative services in the areas of entomology and plant pathology have also been secured.

ADI is continuing to actively pursue exceptional people for three current openings – a Horticulturist-Edible Crops, a Ruminant Livestock Specialist and an Integrated Pest Management Co-ordinator.

“We have received applications from across Canada and the United States and I am very pleased with the calibre of candidates,” says Mr. Kelly. “We are at various stages with each position but will have the horticulture position filled shortly.”

Mr. Kelly stresses that ADI will also source unique talents and skills for clients, as needed. “We have always approached issues with the philosophy that if we don’t have a particular skill on staff we will pull in expertise for a particular project or initiative.”

Another unique characteristic of ADI will be its various service delivery options. “We don’t have all options operational right now, but will as we continue to evolve.”

A website and contact centre will be key. The contact centre will be the first east of Ontario for the agri-food sector. It will be based in Truro and will be open hours that cater to producers’ schedules. “We want it to be the industry’s first call for agri-information and assistance,” says Mr. Kelly. Both the contact centre and the website are expected to be launched in early fall.

Right now, ADI is working hard to build a comprehensive contact network to assist in communicating with its clients about workshops and technical information. To make sure you are part of the network, please see the ad on the inside back cover of this publication and send in the form.

To contact ADI staff, please call Kentville at (902) 678-7722 or Truro at (902) 896-2345.

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College Assumes Management Responsibility of AgriTECH Park



The Nova Scotia Agricultural College will assume full responsibility for day-to-day management of AgriTECH Park as it is transferred from InNOVAcorp over the next few weeks. The move will allow for a closer relationship between the NSAC and businesses at AgriTECH Park.

The governing of the park will be the responsibility of a new board of directors. There will also be an amalgamation of the AgriTECH Park business office and the NSAC Conference Office which will allow for an improved efficiency and a better range of services to be offered to clients at the Park. InNOVAcorp will continue to be a partner in the park and will play a role in helping AgriTECH Park develop the business of its clients. They will be represented on the new board of directors.

The College has been involved with the facilities at the site since it began farming the area over 30 years ago. In 1996, NSAC developed AgriTECH Park, with the help of InNOVAcorp, into a successful business incubator which has attracted 17 clients in the past five years. The newest client is the Agricultural Development Institute (ADI), an agricultural consulting agency which is expecting to grow rapidly in the next while.

AgriTECH Park is a key factor to developing a strong Life Science economy in Nova Scotia. "Since Life Sciences research is, by its nature, more business and industry-based than traditional agriculture research, there is a growing need to create stronger linkages between business and the NSAC," explained NSAC Executive Director, Development and External Relations, Jim Goit. "AgriTECH Park is the ideal vehicle to help develop, maintain and strengthen those linkages."

For additional information on AgriTECH Park and its services please visit our web site at www.agritechpark.com or contact Sharon MacKenzie at (902) 896-7270. ☎

Introductory Studies Program

The NSAC, through its Centre for Continuing & Distance Education, is launching an Introductory Studies Program, which will act as a bridge for students who would like to enter one of NSAC's programs but lack one or more requirements for admission.

In the past, the need for upgrading had been partially met by pre-university Chemistry, Pre-Calculus and pre-university Physics courses. The new program will build on these existing courses with several additional offerings, for example, a general university skills course. Admission to the program will be based on previous studies and matu-

NSAC Announces New Atlantic Entrance Scholarship and Bursary Program

The Nova Scotia Agricultural College has increased its entrance scholarships available to first year students from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland in order to attract top students from across the Atlantic region.

"We are pleased to offer these new scholarships for outstanding students from across the Atlantic region who come to the NSAC's various programs of study for sound career preparation," said NSAC Principal, Dr. Garth Coffin. "Employment demand is high for NSAC grads and these new scholarships will help to ensure the College is attracting the students the agri-food industry needs to compete successfully in the future."

The provincial governments of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland intend to support the program to encourage students to the study of agriculture. The scholarships are available to students entering any program of study at the NSAC and will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence. This scholarship program complements the existing scholarships provided by the NS Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for NS students.

The scholarships, valued at \$1500.00 will be awarded to 15 students from New Brunswick and ten students each from Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland who demonstrate academic excellence when applying to NSAC. The highest performing student, (three from New Brunswick and two each from Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland) after one-year of study, will be eligible to have their scholarship renewed.

In recognition of the rising costs of post-secondary education and the need to ensure access to students with an interest and qualifications for the programs of study at NSAC, the College is also introducing a bursary program which will make available up to 30 bursaries of \$1000 each to students with demonstrated financial need who are nominated by their school counselors. Typically students awarded a bursary would not otherwise be able to enter, or continue with their programs without financial assistance.

For more information please contact Brian Crouse, Career Services & Awards Office, (902) 893-6729, Fax: (902) 895-4547 Email: bcrouse@nsac.ns.ca ☎

ity and will be as flexible as possible. By doing so, access to NSAC for high school and mature students will improve. Wherever possible we will allow students to enrol in the necessary Introductory Studies courses, while taking some courses in the regular program. For example, if a student has every requirement for the BSc except Chemistry, then we would allow him or her to enrol in all first term BSc courses except Chemistry, while taking the pre-university Chemistry course from the Introductory Studies program.

If you would like more information about Introductory Studies, please call Brian Jones at (902) 893-6665, or Sarah Macdonald at (902) 893-4971. ☎

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The Class of 2001 Proves Its Diversity

by Brian Crouse, Career Services Office

The early employment success rate of the Class of 2001 is certainly setting standards for future classes. The high employment success rate at graduation time and the range of directions the members of the Class of 2001 are heading in once again show the College's versatility in preparing its graduates.



Nick Dillman, Scothorn Equipment

The Career Services Office this year again reports another increase in employment activity. "The one thing NSAC sure needs is more students for us to be able to match the demand for employers" says Roseanne Chapman, Coordinator, Employer Services at the Career Services Office, NSAC. Record job numbers were posted for the sixth year and for the second year, more jobs were posted than students registered at NSAC.

Statistics Canada provided the highlight of the year. Six 2001 graduates and one from 2000 are starting their careers with positions with Stats Canada in Ottawa – certainly a strong endorsement to studies at NSAC for Erik, Ryan, Shayna, Natasha, Beth, Jennifer and Derek. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency was another major employer for the year. Cheryl, Sean, Jade, in addition to a few other previous grads, were hired by CFIA this year.

Members of this year's graduating class were again successful in finding work outside the region as well as throughout Atlantic Canada. A good indication of that are AHT grads; Kenda, who is working in New York; Lynda in BC; Paula in Goose Bay/Labrador; Hetty in Fredericton and Lisa, Cynthia, Seanagh and Terri at clinics in the Halifax area. Landscape Horticulture grads showed again the diversity of their training by securing employment in the full range of sectors in the environmental horticulture industry. Michael is at Glen Arbour; David is with Asplundh; Glen is with a tree care company in the US; Ryan is working in Alberta; Erin is working at Lakeland Plant World in Dartmouth; Chad has his own business in Newfoundland; Karen is an estate gardener in Merigomish; Chris has his own grounds maintenance company in Truro; and Ryan is golf superintendent at Moose Island Golf Club; B.Tech. (Landscape Hort) grad Matthew is working at Ashburn Golf Club in Halifax and Christian has opened his own business.

Others working internationally include Billy who is a farm manager with Cherryfield Foods Inc. in Maine which he calls the largest blueberry farm in the world; Alain is working as an intern on an organic farm in Pennsylvania; and Geoff will be teaching English in Korea next year.

It's important every year to recognize the significant number of AC grads who return to their home farms following graduation, reflecting the sound preparation provided by many of the programs of study at the College. This year, Ian, Justin, Donald, James, Leith, Blair, Neil and Paul have returned to their home farms. Others working on other farms in the region include Alicia, Lauchie, Jami, Jessica, Ryan, Kerri-Lee, Lindsay, Ben, Tim and Curtis.

Several members of the Class of 2001 have accepted sales positions: Jamie with Merck Frost; Sonny with Scotian Gold Co-op; Nick at Scothorn Equipment; and Chris with Greenwich-New Holland.

A real indication of the versatility of NSAC graduates is a look at the range of companies some of the members of the Class of 2001 have accepted employment with this year: Lisa with CIBC; Amy with ADLIC; Debbie at Baxter's Dairy; Charlene with ACA Co-op; Eric is working in the lab at Scotsburn Dairy; Sandy is at Scotia Farm Services; Wendy is the receptionist with Fairview Animal Hospital; Meliza is working at Rodd's River Resort in Miramichi; Megan is working at Kent Building Supplies in Truro; and Joanne is working with Quality Control with Cavendish Foods in PEI;

Many AC grads each year find employment within the public sector and with farm organizations in the region. Michael is working as a research assistant at NSAC; Lorraine is working with Crop Insurance with the PEI Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry; Chris is working as a research facilitator with Newfoundland and Labrador Livestock Council; Cory is the Field Crops Unit Manager at the NSAC College Farm; Pam is a research assistant with the New Brunswick Dept. of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture; Marc and Erland are working for Environment Canada; Megan is working for the Greater Moncton Sewage Commission; Rob works with Quality Evaluation Services, NS Dept. of Agriculture and Fisheries; Colette is working as an aquaculture research assistant at NSAC; Janie is a research assistant with the New Brunswick Soil and Crop Improvement Association; Emily is working as a research assistant in the tissue culture lab at NSAC; and Jillian is working at the Research and Production Council in Fredericton.

A significant number of 2001 grads are planning on continuing their studies in the fall. There is an interesting range of further study plans reflected in this year's class. Jennifer, Ryan, Nedessa and Sara will be entering B.Ed. studies in September; Michael, Natasha, Nicole, Jenn, Heather and Allyson will be at AVC. Vimy is doing her Ph.D. at Guelph; Terra and Kim are continuing on in their Ph.D. studies; Autumn and Dan are both planning on attending ITI in the fall; Elspeth is starting her Masters at the University of

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Homecoming Weekend 2001

October 19th, 20th, 2001

Homecoming Events Schedule

Friday, October 19th, 2000

- 5:00 p.m. NSAC Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
(Jenkins Lounge)
- 5:30 p.m. Alumni Registration (Athletic Centre Foyer)
- 6:00p.m - 7:30p.m. BBQ Picnic (Cash Bar available, Athletic Centre Foyer)
Bring a blanket and watch the soccer matches.
- 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. BBQ available
- 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Cash Bar Available
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Conference Soccer Game (Athletic Centre)
NSAC vs University of Kings College Free
- 7:30 p.m. Alumni Association Meet & Greet Reception
(Athletic Centre) Free
- 8:30 p.m. Men's Conference Soccer Game (Athletic Centre) Free
NSAC vs University of Kings College

Saturday, October 20th, 2000

- 8:30 a.m. Library Breakfast (MacRae Library)
- 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Alumni Registration (MacRae Library)
- 9:00 a.m. 5K Run - Registration (Athletic Centre)
- 10:00 a.m. 5K Run
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch Program (Riverview Room)
Presentation of Distinguished Alumnus Award
Alumni Association AGM
- 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Alumni Athletic Competitions (Athletic Centre) Free
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Alumni Tours
Tours of various alumni farm and nursery operations
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. College Royal Livestock Show
- 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Class Photos (Cumming Hall)
Class Meetings/Class organized events
- 8:30 p.m. Alumni Reception/Silent Auction
Riverview Room Free

Note: This is a tentative schedule to date. Please keep posted to the web site for further updates and changes. A further mail-out will be sent to all alumni closer to the event in the Fall.

Class of 1950 Fund Update

The year 2000 featured a wonderful gathering of graduates from both the farm and the degree class who graduated from NSAC in 1950.

To honor our 50th anniversary we decided to raise \$50,000 over the next five years to create a bursary fund for students in need in today's times. Here's where we are:

- 1) Twenty class members have contributed so far.
(Terrific, wouldn't you say!!)
- 2) \$13,800 in cash has been received – the amounts contributed have varied (as is always the case in fundraising endeavours).
- 3) We have additional pledges of just over \$7,000 (some of this is second year installments) to be sent in by the end of this year, 2001.

Thanks for your support!!

It's been a genuine pleasure to chat with many of you who were unable to attend last fall's celebration. We are convinced we can achieve the \$50,000 target. And yes, it may take another couple of years to do so.

Another means of assisting to reach our target is to provide for a donation in our wills – which today is becoming more widely accepted. We'd welcome, as well, donations from other alumni who wish to support our fund.

Meantime, from the three of us to all of you NSAC graduates from the best school of its kind ever – all the best and we look forward to your support and your encouragement.

Cliff McIsaac, Don Young, Jack Johnson

Class of 1961

Greetings to all Alumni, especially the Class of '61!!!

This year is the 40th year of our graduation from "good old NSAC" and I am asking anyone from this class, if they would be interested in a reunion during Homecoming Weekend this year. Homecoming will be the weekend of October 19th on the NSAC campus.

Please email me at bishopb@ns.sympatico.ca if you are interested.

Thanks, Bill Bishop

Chapter News

Annapolis Valley Chapter

Once again the Annapolis Valley Chapter has pulled together another successful annual meeting. On Friday March 30, 2001 with approximately 20 in attendance, the alumni and friends enjoyed an excellent presentation by Tom Haliburton ('50). Tom spoke about his travels in Panama with CESO (Canadian Executive Service Organization).

After the presentation we had a short meeting in which we reviewed and discussed a draft constitution. The group accepted the constitution as a working draft. Bradley Briggs gave remarks on behalf of the Alumni Board of Directors. The group decided that they would like to continue hosting the August Student send off but that we must do a better job of getting the information out sooner for better attendance. All Alumni are encouraged to inform prospective students and their families of the send-off and to attend the send-off themselves on August 26, 2001.

An executive committee was selected at the meeting consisting of:

President	Patricia Bishop ('99)
Vice President	Bradley Briggs ('99)
Secretary	Kelly Robertson ('96)
Past President	Tom Haliburton ('50)
Treasurer	Carl Gourley ('47)

After all of the annual business, we all enjoyed sandwiches, sweets and tea and coffee. There is a lot of enthusiasm in our chapter with a lot of ideas and energy to plan events for the future. Please come out and be involved in your Annapolis Valley Alumni Chapter. Contact: Patricia Bishop 542.0293 or email: oulton.bishop@ns.sympatico.ca

Alumni in attendance included: Patricia Bishop ('99), Bradley Briggs ('99), Tom Haliburton ('50), Phyllis and Laurence Spurr ('39), Bob and Polly ('41), Jim Card ('45), Carl Gourley ('47), Darren Woodworth ('92), Gerry and Pat Foote ('56), Joshua Oulton ('96), Sherman Williams ('59), Garth Illsley ('65), Robert Parks ('66), Harold Specht ('48), Kelly Robertson ('96). ☺



Homecoming Weekend 2001

Silent Auction 2001

At Homecoming Weekend 2000 approximately \$2000 was raised through the Silent Auction for the Student Emergency Fund. This fund provides relief funding for students who experience unplanned (and unbudgeted) finan-

cial hardship through the school year such as emergency trips home. We are currently seeking items for this year's auction. If you have anything you'd like to donate please contact:

Dick Huggard, Class of '56 at (902) 894-5905.



Do you need a good, convenient place to stay?

As Homecoming and Reunion Weekend is being held on the NSAC campus in October, residence rooms are unavailable to alumni. However, accommodations are available for any alumni who wish to stay on AgriTECH Park campus during the weekend. AgriTECH Park is within three kms of the main College campus. Please make your reservations for residence rooms by calling Sharon MacKenzie at (902)893-4145. Reserve early to ensure your space!

Quality Accommodations available at:

AgriTECH Park Residence Accommodations
(902) 893-4145
Private Room \$26 + tax
Double Room \$34 + tax
Deluxe Private (Includes bathroom) \$37 + tax
Check in before 4:00 p.m. Check out by 12:00 noon

Irwin Lake Chalets

Toni Kennedy and Dave Loughead
Local 673-2219
Toll Free 1-866-554-7946
One Bedroom \$119
Two Bedroom \$149
Honeymoon Sweet \$135
10% discount available to all NSAC Alumni

Best Western Glengarry Motel

(902) 893-4311
150 Willow Street

Keddy's Motor Inn

(902) 895-1651
437 Prince Street

Comfort Inn

(902) 893-0330

New Patio in the Alumni Gardens

Alumni, students and industry combined efforts in the fall of 2000 to create a new addition to the Alumni Gardens. The class of '75 sponsored the construction of an 1100 square foot stone patio and garden wall as part of their 25th year celebrations. Gordon Shaw Concrete Products in

Windsor, Nova Scotia supplied materials at a reduced rate and donated the material for the garden wall. Design and construction of the new addition was part of the Landscape Construction lab in the Environmental Horticulture Program.

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A new feature at the Alumni Gardens is a brick patio beside the gazebo. The twelve metre patio with brick pavers in concentric circles was a gift to the College in recognition of the Class of '75's 25th anniversary of their graduation from NSAC. With the enormous popularity of brick work in the landscaping industry right now, this class donation provided a great student project last fall. Shown representing the class of '75 are members: Brian Crouse, Carol Versteeg, Sheila Patterson and Derrick Jamieson.

"This project is a win/win scenario" explains Tracey MacKenzie, instructor of the Landscape Construction class. The Alumni Gardens received a great new feature that can be used by the employees, students, alumni and the general public. Environmental Horticulture students have gained valuable experience and the class of '75 should feel proud to have contributed to a significant project that will have a lasting impression on the garden. Such projects could not be possible without this level of support and cooperation.

Plans are in place for additional projects to enhance the garden. A sunken topiary garden has been designed by Annemieke van der Leeuw, a student in the Bachelor of Technology Program. This and other projects will continue to make the garden a favorite destination and source of pride for students and alumni. For information on how you or your class can contribute please contact Tracey Mackenzie in the Environmental Sciences Department.

Annapolis Valley Chapter Garden Party

Many college and university alumni chapters host student send-offs in July or August for prospective students. A student send-off brings together those students who have applied and/or been accepted to the College for a reception. At this reception students have the opportunity to interact with alumni, learn about the NSAC and to become familiar with Chapter functions.

Garden Party, Date: Sunday, August 26, 2001, Time: 2:00 pm
110 Greenwich Road. (Take Exit 11 to Greenwich. Across from Noggins Corner Farm)

Contact person: Patricia Bishop

Annapolis Valley NSAC Alumni Chapter
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become involved with the Hall may do so by obtaining a membership. The fee for individual supporters is \$25 and \$50 for organizations.

To become a member-supporter of the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame, a simple membership form is completed and returned with payment to the

Secretary/Treasurer at Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame P.O. Box 550, Truro, N.S. B2N 5E3.

Please consider becoming a member of the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame as well as having your organization sponsor the nomination of a worthy candidate for induction. Each of us knows some individ-

Events Calendar 2001-2002

NSAC Career Fair	Oct. 3, 2001
Homecoming Reunion Weekend	Oct. 19 - 20th, 2001
NSAC Octoberfest 5 K Run	Oct. 20, 2001
Varsity Alumni Weekend	Oct. 20, 2001
Autumn Assembly	Oct. 24th 2001
Agricultural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	Oct. 24th, 2001
Festive Craft Market	Nov. 17-18, 2001
2002 CCAA Men's Basketball Championship	Mar. 21-23, 2002.
Atlantic Agricultural Sciences & Technology Workshop	Oct. 2002

Reunion 2001

Honour Year Classes ending in 6 and 1
NSAC Campus October 20, 2001

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Alberta; Allana plans to begin her Masters in Microbiology at Dalhousie University; Kerri is at Ohio State doing her Masters; Erin will be studying at ABU; Erik and Matthew will be attending Pennsylvania State for their Professional Turf Diploma; and Cynthia plans to study food science at Dalhousie.

Several 2001 grads will be back at NSAC to continue their studies – Robyn and Amanda in AHT; Nate, Jamie, Tara, Tyler, Michael, Karen, Erin in the B.Tech Landscape Horticulture program; Janet, Shelly, Kelly, Carolyn, Peter and Sandra are starting their M.Sc. programs; Kitrin and Erin plan to come back for their degree.

Watch out for the Class of 2001. They're ready to make their mark. ☺

ual who has given much to improving the agricultural industry and rural society in our region. Recognition serves as an example for others to continue the good work.

For more information on the Atlantic Agricultural Hall of Fame, you can reach us by E-Mail as well at: AAHF@nsac.ns.ca.

CONVOCATION 2001



Convocation Prize Winner

Lori Lenihan, '96, Atlantic Sales Representative for Bimeda-MTCP Animal Health Inc. is shown presenting the Bimeda-MTCP Animal Health Inc. Prize to Lynda Fraser, Westville, NS, during convocation exercises at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, May 4, 2001. Lynda graduated from the Animal Health Technology program and is currently employed at the Sunshine Hills Vet Clinic in Vancouver, BC.

Distinction Award Winners

Distinction awards at NSAC honour students who exhibit leadership abilities and a genuine interest in student life while at NSAC. Shown with Dr. Garth Coffin, Principal, NSAC, are the 2001 selections. Amy Biggs, Grand Pré s, NS, recipient of a Silver Distinction Award; Michael Stokes, St. John's, NF and Jennifer Healy, Kentville, NS and Meghan Dickinson, Moncton, NB, recipients of Bronze Distinction Awards. Meghan was also the recipient of a Student Leadership Award.



Convocation Guests

Shown at the reception following this spring's convocation, from left to right: Dr. Garth Coffin, Principal; Dale Ells, Dean Emeritus; Peter Hamilton, former Registrar and Professor Emeritus; Dr. Bill Jenkins, Past-Principal and Ian Fraser, Vice Principal Emeritus.

2001 Life Executive and Valedictorian

Elected by members of the class of 2001, shown from left to right: Justin Rogers, Brae, PEI, Valedictorian, graduating from B.Sc.(Agr.) program, Agricultural Mechanization option; Jennifer Healy, Kentville, NS, B.Sc.(Agr.) program, Animal Science option, was selected as Secretary; and Elizabeth Kenrick, Middle Stewiacke, NS, B.Sc.(Agr.) program, Agribiology option, was selected as President.



Hats Off to the Grad Class Co-Chairs

Congratulations and thanks to the co-chairs of this year's grad class for a wonderful job of organizing final year activities for the graduation class of 2001; Wendy Brake, Coldbrook, NS, a graduate from the Animal Science option of the B.Sc.(Agr.) program and Nanci Bond, Maitland, NS, also a graduate from the Animal Science option of the B.Sc.(Agr.) program.

The March to Convocation

Alumnus George Macintosh, '83 and '92, and Prof. Dale Cunningham, '59, Parade Marshall, led the class of 2001 to the Langille Athletic Centre where convocation exercises were held May 4, 2001.





Barnyard Banter highlights the accomplishments of NSAC Alumni. If you have moved, earned a promotion or another degree, married, had children or have any other news you'd like to pass along to classmates, let us know. Email submissions may be directed to: srogers@nsac.ns.ca

Class of 1964

SANGSTER, David.....has accepted the position of President Elect of NSIA. David brings 35 years of professional experience to the position.

Class of 1975

CROUSE, Brian..... Is serving on a national advisory committee for a Canadian Federation of Agriculture Careers Project.

Class of 1980

MYERS, Leonard.....I worked for a farm equipment dealer for three years after graduating, then transferred to automobile dealers for a few years. I got married in 1986 and now have five wonderful children. In 1996 I answered the call to ministry and am now a Parish Priest in Wingham and Lucknow Ontario (two hours north of London).

Class of 1981

KYTE, Susan (Patterson) Susan and her husband Val moved to the Island in January 2001. Val is teaching Aircraft maintenance for Holland Collage at the Summerside base - now called Slemon Park. Elizabeth 12, and James 8 are settled in and looking forward to their first summer on the Island.

Class of 1983

FULLERTON, Dave..... Following the NSAC, David completed his MSc at the University of Alberta. Dave is currently the Small Business Training and Development Manager for St.F.X.'s Enterprise Development Centre.

Class of 1985

FITCH, Heather (Wilson) I graduated in '92 from the Atlantic Vet College and am currently an associate at the Winnipeg Animal Emergency Clinic. I eloped in 1997 (Lake Tahoe) with Mike Fitch. We have four kids - three cats and one dog) I can be reached at: zee@polecatent.com

CARTER, Dr. Jeff.....Hey fellow Aggies, it's hard to believe that its been 15 or so years since graduation and 20 years since I enrolled. I am now teaching at Acadia as adjunct faculty and working full-time for Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship as the Atlantic Coordinator for high school ministry. Would love to hear from any or all IVCF alum from 1981-1985

Class of 1986

KING, Andrew..... was granted an Associate Member status of the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists at the 2001 Annual Meeting on April 19th 2001.

ANDERSON, Cheryl (Carter)..... Doug graduated from AC in 1983 and 85 and Cheryl in 1986. We have been transferred to Austria for 3-5 years, we arrived in April 2001. Doug is still working with Lafarge cement and will be traveling to Romania to three cement plants to assist in upgrades. The kids, Richard 12, Andrew 10 and Melanie have adjusted well. Our Nova Scotia cat and dog also made the move smoothly but they are seasoned travelers now after moving to BC for four years before Europe.

Class of 1988

ANDREWS, Ira..... and his wife Debbie moved from Nova Scotia to Ontario in May 2000. They purchased a flower ship business called Gardner's Flowers, in the small town of Omemee, Ontario. In August 2000. They are the owners/managers of the business (Debbie is the flower designer and Ira does the bookkeeping and office duties. If you are in the area drop by and say hello or give them a call at 1-888-369-9385

PEILL, Heather (Read)..... Currently employed with Agriculture Canada in Kentville in Dr. Prong's section.

Class of 1989

HOWATT, Steve..... Is the new Vegetable Development Officer with

the PEI Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

PORTER, Alan..... Currently President of the Nova Scotia Branch of Holstein Canada. He and his wife Jennifer (Picketts), Class of 1993, announce the arrival of Natalie Jean to their family on Christmas Day, 2000. She weighed 8lbs. 12oz and is a sister for Ella,5, and Ryan who was a New Year's baby 3 years ago.

RITCHIE, Eric..... Is the new President of the New Brunswick Institute of Agrologists. His day job is as Senior Supervisor of Valley Farms Ltd. for McCain Foods Canada Ltd.

Class of 1990

PEILL, Mike..... Reports he is doing well and enjoying work at Annapolis Valley Peat Moss.

FISHER, Tim.....is a member of the provincial Taking Charge Team affiliated with the national producer organization: Soil Conservation Council of Canada. The provincial team is acting as liaison between the Ag-Industry and the Department of Environment and is the contact for questions-concerns issue on climate change and greenhouse gas emissions. Tim is a beef farmer in Colchester and Branch manager for Cavendish Agri-Services.

Class of 1991

FORBES, Trevor.....is a member of the provincial Taking Charge Team affiliated with the national producer organization: Soil Conservation Council of Canada. The provincial team is acting as liaison between the Ag-Industry and the department of Environment and is the contact for questions-concerns issue on climate change and greenhouse gas emissions. Trevor is a Colchester County milk producer

Class of 1992

HILTZ, Kim.....Was granted professional status from the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists at the 2001 Annual Meeting on April 19th 2001

Class of 1993

PEEBLES, Chris.....Well it has been a while - I am still around working in Greater Toronto area now for the last few years Still having fun as a technician :) Hello to all 93 Grads. It is almost our 10 year reunion!A special shout to my fellow Chapman

crew and AHT classmates. Drop me a line Cwdpbebles@hotmail.com

WHITE, Jennifer.....Love to hear from anyone for 1988 - 1993. Moved back to Yarmouth. Work for the Mink Ranchers I am The plant/Lab Manager. Love work. Got married and have a three year old little boy Alex. How is every one else? Jennifer White - Cunningham <jcand-jc@ns.sympatico.com>

ETHERIDGE, Roy..... Is the new Fieldman for PEI Holstein Association.

BARKHOUSE, Susan (Traverse)Married Scott Barkhouse. I am currently a greenhouse and nursery instructor at Nova Scotia Community College, Kingstec. We have a daughter Rebecca born September 14, 1999.

Class of 1994

YOUNG, Blaine..... After graduating from the AC, he completed an MBA at the University of Guelph, December, 1995, in Agriculture. He currently works in the e-mail department for Ford Motor Company in Toronto. He was married in June of 1999.

Class of 1995 (and 1998)

LAYTON, Heather (Collins)..... Is employed as a Biomedical Research Technician in the Tupper Medical Building at Dalhousie University.

HENDERSON, Christopher.....now has three children, Ashley, Tyler and Nicholas and is living in Irishtown, New Brunswick.

Class of 1996

CROUSE, Matthew.....Was granted professional status from the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists at the 2001 Annual Meeting on April 19th 2001

GREEN, Robin married Denise Marie Warren, Class of 1998 on December 18, 1998.

ALLEN, Tamara..... Is currently working at Larsen's Packers as a Quality Control Technician.

COLWILL, Scott..... Was transferred to the Brantford Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada after serving the branch for two years in Woodstock, NB. Wedding bells rang for Scott in July.

JACKMAN, Lilia..... Has been working as a Research Assistant with the Ocean Science Centre in St. John's, Nfld.

OICKLE, Melanie..... Started as a Chemical Technician with Pharmatech Research Inc. in the Debert Industrial Park in April.

KITTILSEN, Michael.....Was granted professional status from the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists at the 2001 Annual Meeting on April 19th 2001.

Class of 1997

GUNN, Jeff.....Was granted professional status from the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists at the 2001 Annual Meeting on April 19th 2001.

SARSON, Melanie (Sweet).... After graduating in '97 I continued to work for Bragg Lumber Company, in my hometown of Collingwood, NS. I married, Don, in October of 1999, and we just had a baby boy, Dylan, in January, 2001. Looking forward to hearing from any old friends. Take Care. swami@ns.sympatico.ca

HOYLES, Susan..... Hello Aggies! I'm living in Halifax working for Ayerst Vet Labs - drug rep for Atlantic Canada. Drop me a line - would love to catch up! susan_h@istar.ca

CARSON, Jamie.....Have been employed by the City of Moncton (since Jan '98), as their full-time Headkeeper of Birds & Primates at the Magnetic Hill Zoo. Part of this position involves training birds of prey for free-flying educational shows. Have also been recently approved by the Brazilian Government to take part in the Golden Lion Tamarin Conservation program. These are among the world's most endangered primates. Am receiving two animals from the National Zoo in Washington soon! Following a two year examination process, I was granted an American Poultry Assoc Judges License in June of 98. Am currently the only licensed judge in Eastern Canada & the youngest in North America. Since being licensed, I have been hired to judge shows in New Brunswick, PEI, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Alberta, Maine, Mass, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Florida & Indiana. I married Danielle Thibodeau (Mt. A grad '96) on Aug 21, 1999. Together we own and operate Forestview Waterfowl & Exotics- an Exotic animal breeding farm in

Riverglade, NB, where we are currently working with more than 30 varieties of birds & animals.

BATT, Peter..... Has started his own business called PhytoCon Agroforestry. He has several contracts in apple orchard pest management and wood lot management.

CHESLEY, Jason..... Is employed as Smart Community Development Officer with the Western Valley Development Authority at Nova Scotia's Smart Community-Cornwallis Park.

FOLEY, Tanya..... Is currently studying pharmacy at Dalhousie University. She was vice-president of the Dal Student Pharmacy Society this year and came back to the AC this winter to give an information session, to NSAC students, on pharmacy studies and career opportunities.

ARENBURG, Josh.....Was granted professional status from the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists at the 2001 Annual Meeting on April 19th 2001.

JOUDRIE, Teresa.....Was granted Articling Agrologist status from the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists at the 2001 Annual Meeting on April 19th 2001.

Class of 1998

BOUTILIER, Tracey..... Environmental Biology. I would like to take the time and drop a line to all of my friends from AC. After many months working for the Town of Annapolis Royal as their Solid Waste Resource Coordinator, I am pleased to say I have returned to Cape Breton and presently hold the position of Assistant Manager for the Cape Breton Materials Recovery Facility. Would be pleased to hear from any of the gang, drop me a line at: eden@ns.sympatico.ca

HILTZ, Drew..... I am currently the Marketing Manager for Sunnybrook Mfg. in Alberta. I started with this company two days after graduating in May of 1998. Anyone wishing to drop a line may do so at suntec3855@aol.com. Cheers.

BRADLEY, Kim..... Following Graduation she was employed as a lab tech. Is working now as a Farrowing Technician for a 3000 sow unit in Strathmore Alberta.

MALAY, Bill..... Is the Research Manager with Cherryfield Foods Inc.

in Cherry field Maine. E-Mail address is bmallay@cherryfieldfoods.com

MURRAY, Janet..... Is a lab technician at Dairytown Products in Sussex, NB.

WHELAN, Trina..... Began a new position in June as the Executive Director for the Combined Councils of Labrador. 'Life in Labrador is great... lots of snowmobiling this winter and a round or two of golf a week...'

KILFOIL, Nicole.....Was granted articling Agrologist status from the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists at the 2001 Annual Meeting on April 19th 2001.

Class of 1999

WEBBER, Duane.....I graduated in 1999 from Ag. Mech. Degree. I am employed with a farm equipment dealership (Layton Green Inc.)on PEI as a salesperson. I market a new line of high tech tractors (Fendt) as well as all of the other machinery available at our business. I live with Michelle Burns (BSc. Animal Science 1996) who is employed with Cavendish Farms in the research division. We would love to hear from any of our old classmates. duanewebber@hotmail.com or burns.michelle@cavendishfarms.com

ANNIS, Lora..... Had a rewarding experience as an intern with National Sea Products, shared with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans office in St. Andrew's, NB.

GREENLAND, Jason..... Graduated with a diploma in Information Technology from Memorial University of Newfoundland this spring.

HOPKINS, Marjorie..... Congratulations are extended to Marjorie on her marriage to Mark Anderson in November 3, 2000. Marjorie works in Sussex and the two reside on Mark's family farm.

LEBLANC, Melanie..... Graduated in July from the Information Technology Institute in Halifax. She had been employed with CIBC in Charlottetown, PEI for a year and a half following graduation from NSAC.

LINDOLM, Stacey (Upham)..... Is working with the BC Ministry of Fisheries and contributed significantly to the development of the new Salmon Aquaculture Policy Framework.

RAFUSE, Karen..... Graduated in May from the food science program at Acadia.

SANTOS, Mark..... Has the Canadian franchise for Excel Telecommunications Inc. His new e-mail address is msantos@clear.lakes.com.

Class of 2000

FAULKNER, Ken..... I have been here in Alberta for a year now, working for the department of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.

HERMISTON, Amber.....Hey everyone! I graduated May 2000 from the AST program. Just wanted to say hi to my friends Liz, Cindy, Karey Lee, Tanya, Sean Neary and everyone else in my class. I am living in London Ont. going to school taking Reg. Equine Massage Therapy. I hope to move back to N.S. in Sept 2002. If any of you read this drop me an email. I would love to hear what you are up to! Take Care! celeigh55@hotmail.com

BURRY, Natasha..... Attended Memorial University this past year doing some extra studies to prepare to apply to the BEd program.

FAULKNER, Kenny..... Is now employed with the Division of Economics and Competitiveness as a Research Assistant for the Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. He is working in the Competitive Intelligence Unit, a new unit created to do research on special projects for industry.

MATHESON, Jody..... Is finishing her BEd degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland.

MORAN, Darrin..... Is working as a Laboratory Technician /Field Research Assistant for Dr. Rob Smith at AAFC, Kentville.

TERRY, Krista..... Is continuing her studies at Dalhousie University, working on her Food Science degree.

VEENHUIS, Rebecca.....Was granted Articling Agrologist status from the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists at the 2001 Annual Meeting on April 19th 2001. ☺



Athletics in Review: 2000 –2001

The Rams have another excellent year!

Each program was well led (including three teams with rookie coaches), student-athletes were very enthusiastic and talented, the learning and improvement obvious, the results positive. With the year ending with four Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Academic All-Canadians, a good number of successful student-athletes graduating, 40 student-athletes reaching the 'all-academic athlete' designation and the coaches pleased with the year's effort, I would reinforce - 'We had an excellent year'.

Soccer

The women's squad with Rookie Head Coach Kate Adams, built steadily over the year finishing in fourth with a record of 3-1-6. The trip to the finals was not as positive as they lost the semi to Mount Saint Vincent University 2-0. A large number of the girls are returning in the fall and should start with a much stronger and more experienced group.

The men's squad struggled with numbers in the early going with only six returning from the previous year's squad. After an on-campus recruiting effort, the men competed strongly with all conference members, although failing to win a match and therefore failing to make a play-off berth. The team improvement was tremendous with all matches by the second half of the season very close, including the matches with the eventual Champions -



Shane Sutherland battles the Seawolves for control in an early ACAA league game in September 2000.

Team Awards

MVP	Shelley MacLean
Rookie	Sarah Sine
MIP	Karen Speer
Hustle	Shelley MacLean

Team Awards

MVP	Ryan Schofield
Rookie	Shane Sutherland
MIP	Allan Embree
Hustle	Iain Caldwell

St.Thomas University. Next year will also see a number of players graduating so the returning players have another challenging year ahead. Coach Caldwell has retired and his contribution to the program will be missed. A new coach will be announced by mid-summer.



Ryan McCarron stays on for the win at the NSAC Woodsman meet in February 2001

Volleyball

The women led by Rookie Head Coach Loretta Totten had an exceptional year. They competed strongly with and defeated each team in the league for at least one match. The veterans were team leaders and helped the rookies develop their skills and speed for the

College game. The Volleyball Rams finished league play in third (13-7) and lost a heartbreaking semi to Universite Ste. Anne 3-1. In addition to league play, the women played in the Limoulou in

Team Awards

MVP	Jenna Tingley Teri Kennedy
Rookie	Melanie Rose
MIP	Janelle Frail
Hustle	Maria Didkowsky

Volleyball continued

January and played extremely well against some of the best college teams in Eastern Canada.

The men were lead by Rookie Head Coach Jason Brothers who was assisted by Chad Brassard. With tremendous athletic ability and a good mix of rookies and veterans, the men set their sights on another ACAA title. However the league parity and a hot DalTech team in the semi, the Rams did not make it through to the final. Three seniors have graduated, but Coach Brothers is optimistic about the 2001-2002 season.

Team Awards	
MVP	Billy MacKenzie
Rookie	Dan Ross
MIP	Eric Comeau
Hustle	Dave Fisher



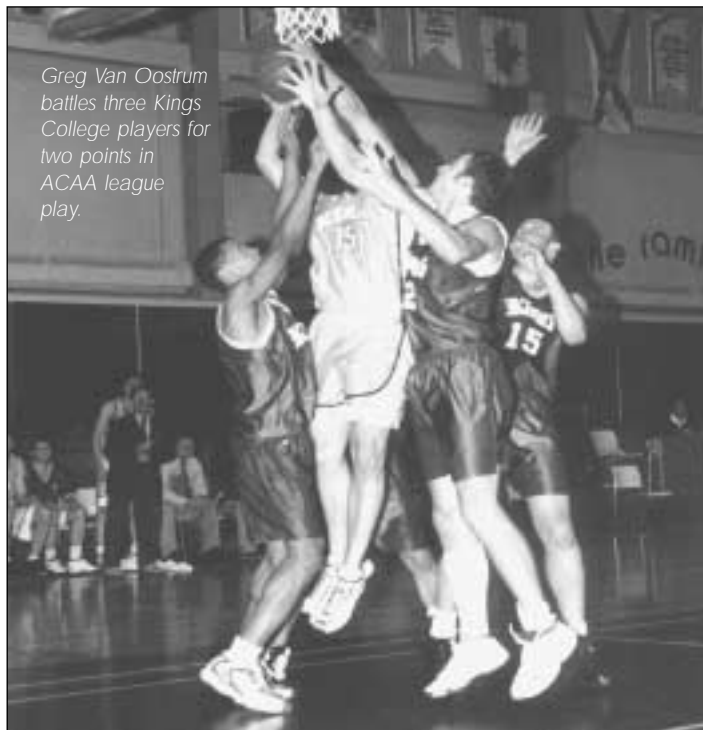
CCAA Academic All-Canadians (L-R) Connie Spacek (Basketball), Ryan Schofield (Soccer), Sarah Connell (Basketball), Jenna Tingley (Volleyball).

Rugby

The men's and women's programs competed in the NS Rugby Union with the men in the University Second Division and the women in the Women's University Division with Atlantic University Sport and ACAA teams. Both teams had a large club following with more than 20 student-athletes in each club.

The men finished the year with a trip to the NSRU Finals, but lost the title in a close match. The women finished in fourth but due to the play-off structure did not compete in the league play-offs. Instead the ACAA members in the league played a 'college championship'. The University of Kings College traveled to Truro where the Rams defeated the Metro squad at the TAAC Grounds for the NSRU College Championship. The second consecutive year the Rams claimed the Cup!

Team Awards		
MVP	OJ Lien	Amy MacLean
Rookie	Calvin Knowles	Karen Trenholm
MIP	Matt James	Nanci Bond
Hustle	Dave Druhan	Paula MacDonald



Greg Van Oostrum battles three Kings College players for two points in ACAA league play.

Basketball

The women led the pack once again! With only two rookies, the veterans started and finished the season strong with the rookies gradually taking their positions in the conference as some of the top newcomers for the year. The Rams finished league play first but came up against the determined STU Tommies in the ACAA semi. In only their third loss of the season the Rams lost to the Tommies to end their season. Although failing to make it to the final, the Rams had an exceptional year on the hardwood providing faithful fans with lots to cheer about.

Team Awards	
MVP	Connie Spacek Sarah Conell
Rookie	Catherine Steiner
MIP	Kathryn Bremner
Hustle	Laura MacDonald

The men started the season, feeling the loss of three exceptional players who graduated in 2000. However, fooling everyone, including themselves, the Rams competed well with strong team play and exceptional defense. The Rams defeated all teams during the schedule (including the eventual champions - STU), but could not put enough wins together for a play-off berth. The remaining veterans who had led all aspects of their game, including off-court leadership, stepped up their game to provide fans with an exciting year.

Team Awards	
MVP	Dan Durnford
Rookie	Mark Hamish
MIP	Richard Graham
Hustle	Donnie MacGregor

Athletes of the Year

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Jenna Tingley,
Dartmouth, NS



Ryan Schofield,
Wolfville, NS

We celebrate the awarding of top athletic status to Jenna Tingley and Ryan Schofield, two great athletes who have brought honour on themselves, their teams and the NSAC.

Highlight Awards

The highlight presentations of the evening were the KS Marchant Awards, the Outstanding Contribution Award and the Athletes of the Year. The recipients were:

Contribution Award

Trevor Dillman, Middle Musquodoboit, NS

KS Marchant Award

Sara Craig - Degree, North Tryon, PEI
Barrett Gaunce - Technical, New Scotland, NB

Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Awards

In addition to the ACAA awards, NSAC athletes also captured the following Canadian Colleges Athletic Association awards:

Athletes of the Month

Billy MacKenzie - Volleyball
Dan Dunford - Basketball

CCAA Academic All-Canadians

Jenna Tingley, Sarah Connell, Ryan Schofield, Connie Spacek

All-Conference Athletes

Several NSAC athletes also received Atlantic Colleges Athletic Association recognition with the following All-Conference selections:

Soccer

Ryan Schofield., Gillian Whidden,
Kate Adams - Coach of the Year

Volleyball

Jenna Tingley, Teri Kennedy, Billy MacKenzie, Dave Fisher,
Chris Ross
Loretta Totten - Coach of the Year

Basketball

Connie Spacek, Sarah Connell, Dan Dunford



Ken Marchant presents Sara Craig -soccer (Degree) with the Ken Marchant award.



The 2000-2001 Athletic Year closes with one Championship Trophy - Women's Rugby(NS College Title), play-off experiences for 80 per cent of the teams and 200 student-athletes enriched by the sport experience, teamwork and excellent leadership provided by coaches, teammates and athletic staff.

LOST SHEEP

We like to keep track of our NSAC "family" and keep them up-to-date on all the news from the College so, please, if you know how to contact any of these "lost sheep", call Stephanie Rogers at (902) 893-7247.

Eleanor Smith '19
 Everett F Armour '20
 Harold E MacEwen '23
 Charles M Stewart '23
 Rainsford Bateman '25
 B S Cochrane '30
 Prouse McArthur '30
 Claude McArthur '30

Clinton S Boyd '33
 Stanley G C Steed '36
 W Austin Church '37
 Alfred H McAloney '41
 William Henry Harvey '47
 Thomas Unsworth '47
 Roy Stewart Johnstone '50
 Robert Nesbitt Horner '59
 Edgar R Walker '60
 Vernon L Belya '62
 C Vernon Kelly '65
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 Pierre Gerald Cyr '72
 Rodney Conoley '76
 Stephen Anthony King '76
 Lloyd Norman Kerry '76
 Carvell Scott Nelson McNutt '76
 William Lewis Munn '76

John Ernest Robinson '76
 Patricia Arlene Boomhower '77
 Kathryn Elizabeth Brown '78
 Bruce Walter Mitham '78
 Sarah Ann Margaret Mitham '78
 Meta Ellen McCleave '79
 Kevin Gerard McKenna '79
 Marjorie Alice Robinson '79
 Francis Carmen Anderson '80
 William Reid McLean '80
 Noelle Heather O'Neill '81
 Jennifer Dawn Welsh '82
 Robert Jeffery Walton '83
 Martin Gerald Gillies '84
 Leo Dunstan MacDonald '84
 Roger Gordon Kinsman '85
 Catherine Ellen MacKinnon '86
 James Sherwood '88

Bruce Sherwood '89
 Gary Hart '90
 Larry Nason '90
 Michelle Sonja Bent '91
 Cora Lee Krysdale '91
 James Anthony Boyd '95
 Yvonne Marie Thomas '95
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 Jennifer Eliza Hayes '96
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In Memorium

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Look Who's Talking!

Dr. Nancy Crowe, Associate Professor, Environmental Sciences

Dr. Crowe, NSAC Diploma of Chemistry Laboratory Technology; B.Sc.(Agr) Macdonald College, M.Sc. Macdonald College; Ph.D. University of Guelph. Dr. Crowe joined the Department of Chemistry & Soil Science as an Assistant Professor in 1989. She is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences specializing in Analytical and Food Chemistry. Her interest in food chemistry is particularly focused on the quality and safety of food and on the analysis of agricultural products. Dr. Crowe has served as an International Student Advisor and has worked closely with the International Student Association. She has devised and presented customized training programs to meet specific needs of international trainees and has also traveled to The Gambia, China, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Jamaica to present scientific workshops or to participate in consulting or fact-finding assignments.



Dr. Nancy Crowe

This summer you will celebrate your 23rd class reunion. What memories does this bring back of your College days?

I will always value the friendly learning atmosphere of NSAC in the '70's and how well the combination of practical hands-on training coupled with a generous measure of theory prepared me first for my graduate school work and then my professional career. Over and above the great friendships that I formed, I will always remember the well-prepared, conscientious professors and lab instructors who mentored and cared deeply about their students.

What do you see as the most significant and positive changes in the NSAC since you were a student?

Of course we have seen the addition of buildings and programs; the College has grown in size and reputation. As a Director of the NSAC Alumni Association, I encourage everyone to come back to campus and see the changes for themselves!! There is something to interest everyone. With all 'progress' comes the two sides of the coin we call 'change'. In the last couple of

decades we have many exciting research and international project activities open up to our campus community; the flip side of that is that we are all so involved and on the 'treadmill' keeping up with research, etc. that there is less and less time to think deeply, to appreciate and encourage fellow colleagues, or mentor our students.

This issue highlights international faculty and student exchange as well as internationalizing the NSAC campus. Why do you think this is important and what has it done for you as a professor?

Personally, I have been irreversibly changed by my international experiences into what I think and hope is a more open-minded and responsible global citizen. Professionally I have a greater appreciation for the need for agriculturalists and food scientists to continue to participate as members of interdisciplinary teams addressing global hunger, malnutrition and environmental contamination. In my classroom there are few verbal snapshots more powerful than my experience with the huge cockroach one night in the latrine on the north shore of The Gambia, or sipping

omega-3 fatty acid rich fishhead soup in China, or the odor of processing jackfruit from Malaysia. I think our students need to learn from a combination of shared international experience and their own first-hand experiences. This inevitably leads one to a new perspective on, and understanding of, Canadian agriculture and culture as well as new friends and colleagues all around the world. ☺

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