



# The Report Card

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# Connectedness, Commitments and Huckleberry Friends

**M**AYBE IT'S JUST a Dad thing, but the wedding of our daughter was something that even this gnarled old Scotsman had not quite prepared for emotionally. To have such an event in the special setting that is the School was to add a whole new layer of significance to it and served to remind me that Horace, the Roman poet, was indeed right when he wrote all those centuries ago that "There are tears in things that touch the human heart"—at least that's my excuse! When I saw the assembled company, I felt the same pride as I do when I'm a part of the School doing something well. When I watched the eight Groves' girls from the class of '97 serenade the ninth one, the bride, with a stunning rendition of "Moon River," everything seemed perfectly clear to me, with the clarity that only comes from feeling something special. Those magical moments underscored for me that we need to celebrate our connectedness—that we are at our best when we are a part of something



meaningful. They reinforced my conviction that, at heart, we yearn to create relationships of significance and it is at heart that we operate best.

Anyone who has listened to this "old record" talk at staff meetings will be in no doubt as to the importance I attach to the relationship part of successful teaching—teaching is all about the relationship—all else follows. How many times do we hear alumni, and indeed anyone recalling their schooldays, recount the characters that taught them, the sort of people that their teachers, coaches and mentors were? As Emerson said, "Who you are speaks louder than what you say." We should never

forget that as parents and educators we are in the relationship business, and that lives will be moulded, shaped or merely touched by our influences and interactions. Adults bringing young people into the world, or sharing some part of the journey, are making a commitment to the relationship, and I would like to think that the boarding environment sharpens our awareness of that responsibility as well as expanding the possibilities for something richly rewarding.

Left: The Groves' girls at Suzie's wedding.



As much now as at any time in the past, young people place an importance on friendships. Indeed, the current concern is that the general trend in society is towards a peer culture where friends are everything. That's the stuff of another discussion, but the pre-eminent place of friends in young lives is undeniable. With real friendship comes responsibilities, and I am always heartened when I see that notion in action. To return to the girls of Groves' '97, the moment that said it all was when they encircled the bride, as they reached that point in the song where she's addressed as "my huckleberry friend." Like most people, no doubt, I've taken that expression for granted over the years, so I smiled quietly when I saw it defined as "being willing to be a champion for someone, to stand up for them, to look out for them." There can be no greater statement of the value of real friendship. Stay connected, be a friend and, above all, be there.

David Robertson, Headmaster

## On the Cover . . .

HOUSE SPIRIT IS ALIVE AND WELL at Shawnigan! The photos on the front page were taken by Stephen Lane on the day of our Round-the-Lake Relay. This important Inter-House competition helps build House connections and House spirit. Every student participates by running a 400-metre section of the 21-km Shawnigan Lake run. Participation is paramount, and the rally for the event is raucous!

# Weddings at Shawnigan

Graduates frequently comment about the impact that Chapel had on their student experience . . .

Melissa Smith '96 and Matthew Frederiksen will reside in Calgary. Sarah Bendall (School '96) was in the wedding party.



LOOKING AT THE STUDENTS in Chapel on any given Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday it's fun to wonder who among them might return to be married. Graduates frequently comment about the impact that Chapel had on their student experience, and judging from the large number who return to be married or to attend the wedding of a classmate or Housemate, it is an important place indeed. Last summer, Chaplain Eric Detchon had the honour of officiating at the marriages of Melissa Smith (Groves' '96), Suzie Robertson (Groves' '97) and Quinn Griesdale (Lake's '97).

No Shawnigan wedding would be complete without the help of Doris Ogden. Doris has been part of the Shawnigan family for twenty years. As the Main Building Housekeeper, she makes all of our lives much more comfortable. She also has another role at the School as Verger (a church official who keeps order during services) for all weddings. Eric Detchon regards Doris as "invaluable" in this role, and it is clear how much she enjoys this part of her job. Doris particularly enjoys seeing former students,

all grown up, embarking on an exciting new chapter in their lives, and she has many fond memories of alumni weddings. One such memory features a groom who had been quite a prankster as a student rigging buckets of water to fall on her and the like. When this same student returned ten years later to be married, Doris greeted him warmly and suggested that this might be the ideal time for her to seek revenge for all of the practical jokes that he had played!

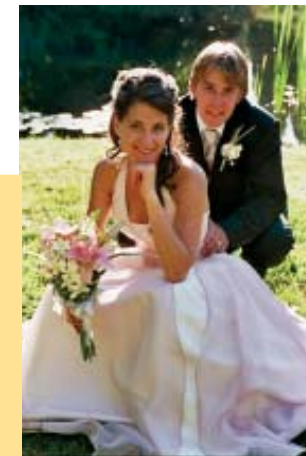
The Chapel holds a special place in the heart of staff as well as graduates and many have also been married here where they live and work. Lonsdale's House Director and Head of Rowing David "Hutch" Hutchison, married Jill (Boyce) in the Shawnigan Chapel. Hutch writes, "One of my favourite memories of my own wedding is the large contingent of Lonsdale's boys (and grads!) who made their way to campus during their summer vacation

in order to blast out the House hymn, *How Great Thou Art*, from the organ loft of the Shawnigan Chapel. It would not have been a proper family wedding without the boys there."

—Aimee Gruber, Communications

Alumni in attendance at Griesdale/de la Haye wedding:

Jennifer Mitchell '97	Edward Lecky '01
Allison Hepworth '97	Anton Lecky '03
Cylena Stern '97	Robert Wallace '98
Nick Milliken '97	Gareth Kingsford '98
Caroline Lecky '93	Douglas Kingsford '65
Jonathan Lecky '94	Roy McIntosh '59
Christopher Lecky '98	



Above: Quinn Griesdale '97 and Eve-Lyn de la Haye. The Griesdales reside in Victoria.

Below: Suzie Robertson '97 and Tyler Muhly. The Robertson/Muhlys reside in Calgary.



Alumni/students in attendance at the Robertson/Muhly wedding:

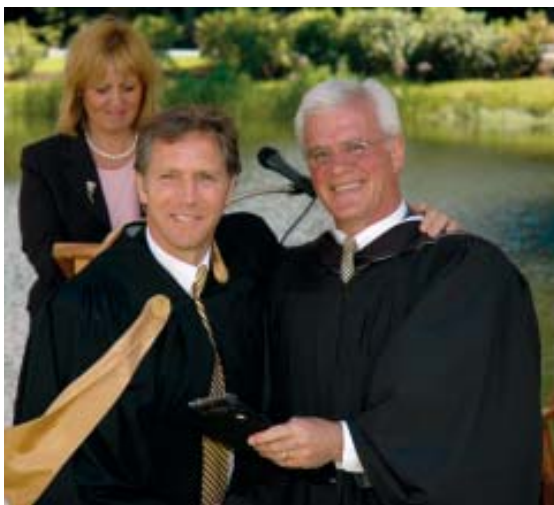
Tim Bowen-Roberts '97	Bud Patel '85
Mikaela Reuben '01	Doug DeBeck '95
Brock Skedling '99	Nicole Spencer '97
Ben Allard '99	Maya Grover '97
Earl Pheasey '01	Jennifer Mitchell '97
Brett Pinkerton '99	Sionja Leverkus '97
Clair L. '06	Katy Bowen-Roberts '97
Christopher L. '08	Sarena Hyman '97
Jamieson P. '06	Sarah Lane '97
Mark Hall '69	Susan DeBeck '97
David Hyde-Lay '81	Stephan C. '06
Rayna Hyde-Lay '91	Ian M. '06

Alumni wishing to book the Chapel for their wedding should contact the Headmaster's executive assistant, Rosemary Dolman, at: (250) 743-6206. **Book ahead!**

# Goodbye Mr. Wyatt

“There is something special about those kids. Their passion for the game is clear, but their commitment to one another is extraordinary and alluring.”

**Below:** Mark receives his Stag Award from the Headmaster in June, 2005.



**I**N LATE JUNE, then Deputy Headmaster Mark Wyatt announced to the students of the School that he was leaving Shawnigan—moving on to work in the world of private enterprise. The reaction of his audience was at first a coy silence, then, given Wyatt’s penchant for practical jokes and hi-jinks, a scoffing refusal to believe what he was saying. Eventually, however, the weight of his words began to sink in. The startling truth was that he *was* leaving and that the tremendous impression he had had in shaping their well-being would no longer be on hand in quite the same way.

What Wyatt did at different times in his Shawnigan career is a matter of public record. To gain insight on some of this, I would like to share aspects of several conversations I recall having had with him over the years.

The first of these conversations took place during the spring of the year prior to Mark’s arrival at Shawnigan. He had just finished refereeing a sporting fixture between a Shawnigan team and an opposing side from his community when he made some telling remarks about his impressions of the Shawnigan players: “There is something special about those kids. Their passion for the game is clear, but their commitment to one another is extraordinary and alluring.” He added glibly, “Are there any positions available at Shawnigan at the moment?”

The second conversation occurred a few years later and portrayed Wyatt’s ability to deal concurrently with the competing emotions of satisfaction and disappointment. He was in the process of completing a wildly successful three-year run as the Director of Lake’s House, but had fallen just shy of appointment to the Deputy Headship of the School. He mused, “I love my work in Lake’s House and I feel a deep bond to the boys in the House. I believe (wife) Karen and I have made a real difference here, but it is time to move on. There are

other things to accomplish. At the same time, I’m gutted to have fallen shy of the Deputy Headship—I really wanted it. But you know, I’ll get over it. In the long run, I’ll probably be a better man for it, too.”

A third conversation took place several years later again—Wyatt had recently finished a couple of year-long spells learning the ropes of the admissions and advancement offices and had achieved his goal of the School’s Deputy Headship. He mused understatedly, “I really feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with such a classy and competent group of people these past years. They taught me so much about what really matters in schools of this sort and, indeed, about subtleties of life itself as well. I aim never to forget these things and hope to put them to use in the years to come.”

The last conversation occurred as Wyatt cleaned out his desk in the final days of his time as Deputy Headmaster. He opined: “I love this School and I so look forward to my own children coming as students very soon. Leadership has always been important to me.” He stressed, “You know, *real leadership* is difficult to define. I am not sure, exactly, how I would do that.” He then offered comically an anti-definition by pretending to be the arrogant and desk-thumping blowhard he hoped never to become: “I’m Mr Big! I am important! Listen to me!” Regaining his senses after a hearty laugh he concluded, “Look, at the end of the day, what we do is all about the kids and what is important for them and their lives. Ultimately, there is no textbook to follow on this issue. You have to take the journey with them each and every day, attempting to point out the way as it becomes clear to you.”

—David Hyde-Lay, Copeman’s House Director



**Above:** Mark Wyatt and graduate of ‘05 ham it up for Stephen Lane’s Camera.

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# New Music Building!

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**W**HEN THE STUDENTS returned after their Christmas break, those in Music were installed in a completely refurbished Music Centre. Although it had humble origins—originally a large storage shed behind Lonsdale's House, the completely overhauled, expanded and relocated building is fantastic. According to Shawnigan's Director of Music, Ralph Fraser, "It is a state-of-the-art, purpose-built building that will be terrific for students to showcase their talent."

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The new centre has great acoustics, tons of storage space for instruments, lots of soundproofed practice rooms and a tiered performance stage. The stage is a mastery of hidden electrical wiring that will plug instruments into a central

sound system. Another great benefit is that previously, private instruction and choral work was spread all over the campus. Now it can be housed all in one building.

Mr. Fraser has been directly involved in the design of the new music centre. He says he is thrilled that everything he has asked for has been incorporated in the construction. Mr. Fraser says he could teach music in a broom closet, but having the new centre will make it so much easier when students have all the benefits of technology and space and an inspirational setting.

Making music has always been part of the Shawnigan educational mix, but with the new music centre, the focus on our music programme is enhanced and pushed to a higher level. Shawnigan has long been well regarded for its sports programmes, particularly rugby and rowing. Fine Arts and Music will now give those sports a run for their money. **SKH**

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# What I did on my summer vacation

**D**URING THE MONTHS of July and August, Shawnigan students were busy competing in international sports competitions, volunteering in Thailand and India and climbing mountains in Wyoming with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). Meanwhile, staff members were busy on campus and off taking part in a teaching institute developed by Director of Curriculum Jim Kingstone, marking Advanced Placement examinations, coaching Team Canada Rowing in Germany and much more. Below are notes from a few people describing their experiences.

Graham Anderson, *Master Emeritus*—Having taught units on Russian history for many years, nothing beats the first-hand experience of visiting the places one has been talking to classes about. A cruise through the Baltic this summer afforded me the opportunity to do this by visiting, among other places, St. Petersburg in Russia.

After talking with students about Peter the Great, I was fascinated to actually visit the city that he built. I came away with several books unobtainable anywhere else and of enormous value in supplementing my teaching library. These were in addition to the pictures that I took with my new digital camera. (I am still learning to use it!) Particularly impressive was Catherine's Palace, and I learned from the guide a great deal about this remarkable ruler. I don't think I have ever seen so much gold in one place.

Elsewhere in the Baltic, we visited Stockholm and were fortunate in having a superb guide whom I had virtually all to myself. Having just come from St. Petersburg, I tact-



Catherine's Palace

fully refrained from mentioning the Battle of Poltava in 1709 in which Sweden was heavily defeated by Russia's Peter the Great.

Looking back, I can safely say that this was the most useful, most rewarding and most enjoyable summer I have had in many years. More years ago than I care to remember, I used to visit Europe with a pack on my back. But the years have rolled on and now I am fully converted to doing my travels in more organized comfort—made possible by some financial assistance from the School.

Al Olson, *Social Studies Teacher, House Director (Duxbury)*—I have been very fortunate to be involved in many professional-development activities. Many of them had to do with the Advanced Placement (AP) courses that I teach. Last June, I was selected to go to the University of Nebraska to mark AP European History exams. There were over 500 teachers and university professors there—we marked over 80,000 essays in seven days! I personally marked over 1,100 essays and was named “Rookie Marker-of-the-Year” mainly because of my accuracy and because I was considered a “good team player” (the basketball coach in me can't help but appreciate



that comment in particular). It was a wonderful opportunity to make contacts and to learn from so many talented teachers. While my time at the University of Nebraska was extremely rewarding, in July I had the best “pro-d” experience of my life. This year, Shawnigan offers AP US History for the first time, and in preparation for this new course I attended a week-long summer institute in Hawaii. Again, I met many talented teachers who were willing to share their expertise and resources with me. Finally on the AP front, George Ewonis (Head of AP in Canada) invited me to give a presentation at the AP Conference in Edmonton in the fall.

Lastly, I was honoured to attend the inaugural Shawnigan Summer Institute held on campus immediately after closing. This was a very rewarding experience that allowed me to reflect upon my teaching. I focused on unit planning and classroom activities and look forward to combining all of the things that I learned over the summer. Because of the wonderful professional-development opportunities that I participated in, I believe that my classroom is much more student-centred this year. My goal is to integrate more technology into my classes.

Scott Noble, *Science Teacher, Head of Environment Programme*—Mr. Noble applied and was accepted to participate in a forest ecology and research programme sponsored by the National Science Foundation (US). The programme (called “Teacher in the Woods”) is based out of the H. J. Andrews Experimental Forest, just east of Eugene, Oregon. For two weeks he worked along-side researchers from Oregon State University as they carried out various, long-term, ecological research (LTER) projects. As Shawnigan Lake School looks to expand its existing Environmental Science programme to include an on-campus research forest, Mr. Noble hopes to incorporate much of what he



learned into future, student-driven studies. While in Oregon,



Mr. Noble also found time to visit with current student Whitney D. '07 and her family.

—Aimee Gruber,  
Communications

# Head of School — Katherine C.

“SO WHAT’S IT LIKE to be good at everything you do?”

That’s the question I recently put to our Head of School, Katherine C. Before you hear her answer, let me provide a bit of background.

Katherine is the daughter and the third of four children of Ted C., and current board member, Ann D., of West Vancouver. Her two brothers before her also attended Shawnigan. **Tony (Ripley’s ’01)** was Head Student in his grade 12 year. He recently graduated from Queen’s University and is presently doing volunteer work in Ghana after which he will pursue a graduate degree at Harvard. **David (Ripley’s ’03)** was also Head Student and Head of School and is busy rowing and studying at Princeton. The youngest brother, **Hugh (Ripley’s ’08)**, has just entered Shawnigan this year.

Katherine moved to West Vancouver from Ontario in 1997 when she was nine years old and immediately immersed herself in skiing. Although the peaks of the coast mountains dwarfed the bumps of Southern Ontario, she rose to the top ranks of the Whistler Ski Club and was favoured to be a top Canadian junior ski racer. Instead, however, she chose to come to Shawnigan and leave ski racing behind. In no time, a future on snow was displaced by one on water. By the end of her first year at Shawnigan, Katherine and her three rowing partners, crewed the Junior Women’s Heavy Coxed Four to gold at the 2004 National Championships in St. Catharines, Ontario.

What was to follow was not as predictable or uplifting. In June 2004, while competing in the Under 18 National Championships for Field Hockey, Katherine, only sixteen at the time, suffered a torn ACL. Devastated by the prospect of having to miss four to six months of athletics, her recovery was painfully slow, and a second surgery was required. In all, a full year elapsed before Katherine could compete again. By now, she had committed to field hockey, and in spite of the injury, was being recruited by prestigious US universities.

That brings us to the fall of 2005. Katherine was accepted (early decision) at Princeton University in New Jersey and received considerable interest from the Head of Field Hockey there. Princeton admits one of every thirteen applicants and routinely turns away those with perfect SAT scores.

As her coach, also having coached a Princeton field hockey captain, I believed that Katherine had an excellent chance—she is outstanding at all she attempts. When you’re competing against the top minds, leaders and students from around the world, you need something beyond SAT scores and straight A’s to make the cut. Since the introduction of Title Nine in 1972, which forced US colleges to offer equal athletic opportunities and scholarships to girls as well as boys’ sports such as rowing, field hockey and ice hockey have become hugely beneficial in assisting US-bound students to gain entry to top schools. With that said, Katherine’s résumé, filled with academic awards and leadership responsibilities, stands up well even without her athletic success.

Katherine has handled the stresses and rigours that accompany being Head of School very well. Part leader, part negotiator, part diplomat and part teenager—all are important components in getting the job done. The job description for the Head of School can be quite nebulous, in that it is all encompassing. Mundane details and tasks can weigh you down, and important decisions, public speaking and leading your peers can be fraught with anxiety. Often the liaison between the School administration and the student body, being Head of School takes plenty of courage. Everything you do is second-guessed and analyzed by both the student body and the adults in the community. That is why it is so important that the selection process involves input from teachers, coaches, house

directors and students. While not a popularity contest, the best choice for leader needs to have considerable support from all constituents—not an easy thing for the average seventeen-year-old. Average, however, is not a word that has ever been used to describe Katherine C.

It has been an outstanding school year thus far—one of the best on record—and this is a testament to the leadership and commitment of those who work, learn, teach, and lead this community. Katherine should be proud of this, and optimistic about what the future will bring to her school and to herself.

So how did Katherine answer my question? Well, in her own humble fashion, she didn’t. “No one is good at everything. One of the tougher lessons I’ve learned at Shawnigan is that I can’t do everything, and when I try to, something suffers. I’ve also learned to ask for help when I need it, instead of feeling like I have to do everything on my own. The Prefects, the other grade 12s and the community are very supportive, and I don’t really feel any pressure . . . except from myself.”

— Keith Chicquen, Senior Girls’ Field Hockey Coach



Katherine C., Head of School (Centre). Photo by Stephen Lane.

# Founder's Day and Reunion Day



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Thanks to all our photographers for the Reunion and Founder's Day photos: George Westinghouse (Groves' '65), Stephen Lane (Groves' '67), Sharlene Quinn and Noralie Hooper.

# 10th Annual Shawnigan/Langara Lodge Derek Hyde-Lay Memorial Fishing Derby



**Above:** Dave DeWitt '70 in the wild blue yonder.

**Right:** Jamie Houser '03, singing in the rain!

**Below:** Tough life for Sam D. '05, Steve J. '06, Steve Houser '67 and Dan Johnston '76.



RICK BOURNE '69, has been running Langara Lodge for twenty-one years since founding it with three partners in 1984. Ten years ago he initiated the 1st Annual SLS/Langara Fishing Derby in memory of Derek Hyde-Lay, his former House Director, rugby coach and mentor.

The 10th Annual SLS/Langara Derby was held July 5th to July 9th. A total of twenty alumni and friends gathered at Vancouver's South Island Terminal for the Convair flight to Massett in the Queen Charlottes. From Massett the eager anglers switched to De Havilland Beavers and Bell 212 helicopters for the twenty-minute hop to the north end of Langara Island.

As described in earlier dispatches about Langara, this is truly one of the world's unique wilderness areas where Orcas, eagles, humpbacks, sea lions and salmon converge in a symphony of nature untamed.

There is absolutely no intruding sound from the outside world save when the chopper drops down to deliver new guests or the De Havilland's pontoons slap against the waves.

The most common sound is the shrill "kree-kree" of swooping eagles, or excited fishermen shouting, "fish on." The cry of "fish on" was not as common as in previous years when all you had to do was dip your line in to catch a big one. Still, the Springs were there and one of our SLS group caught the "Big Fish of the Week," a 39-pounder. The 2nd Biggest Fish of the trip, a 37-pound

sometime within the first two weeks of July. Anyone who is interested in more information can contact Steve Houser at [shouser@sls.bc.ca](mailto:shouser@sls.bc.ca) or (250) 743-6290.

The trip is a fantastic adventure and an excellent opportunity for parents and children to spend quality time fishing together and basking in a hot tub overlooking the ocean, just thirty miles from Alaska. **SKH**

Spring, was landed by David Anderson, son of Karl Anderson '60, who himself won Biggest Salmon of the Day twice.

The weather was not as hot and calm as it has been on previous trips. In fact, on a couple of days it was a bit snarly with high winds and big waves. But as one who loves the elements and a good blow from the north-east, the blustery weather was exhilarating.

The dates for next year's SLS/Langara Derby haven't been fixed yet, although it will be held



**Big catch of the day pay-off for "Show-me-the-money" Karl Anderson '60**

**Below:** Richard Ely '48 and pals.



# 13th Annual Shawnigan Golf Tournament



THANKS TO ALL of the participants in the 13th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament. Once again it was a great success, and we hope to see you all again on June 1, 2006 in pursuit of the "Gold Jacket."

Please spread the word to your fellow classmates and come join us.

- Chris Cooper, Golf Chairman (Lake's '88)



# Endowment Gifts, by the Numbers

**O**LDER ALUMNI will, in many cases, have established a financially secure situation for themselves and their families that allows them some freedom in making Annual Fund and Endowment gifts to Shawnigan. Younger alumni, while equally keen to reciprocate the School's contribution to their lives, are more likely to want, or need, to make their gifts in instalments that fit their earnings and family budgets.

Monthly instalments are regularly accommodated for Annual Fund gifts. What is less recognizable is that gifts for the Endowment can also be arranged on an instalment basis and achieve significant funding levels. While there is a minimum of \$10,000 for a separate fund that meets a special interest, that amount and much larger amounts can be realized over time to provide a perpetual legacy for Shawnigan on behalf of the donor. Two models will illustrate the point.

- **George (Groves' 87)**, would like to set up an arrangement that will provide financial aid for a student who is

keen to pursue proficiency in guitar-playing. George has had much joy in his life from his guitar-playing that began at Shawnigan. He hopes to encourage others to develop their instrumental abilities and their interest in music generally.

To establish the \$50,000 Music Bursary by George, he will give a life insurance policy of that value to the SLS Foundation. He will pay premiums for the policy over five years at \$75 per month and receive a tax-deductible receipt for those payments. Following George's death an annual bursary of \$2,500 will become available to a music student at Shawnigan, as George intended.

- **Melissa (Groves' 90)**, is a great sports enthusiast. She continued rowing at university and has many good friends from those years as well as her Shawnigan crew and classmates. Melissa would like to start an endowment fund by contributing \$75 per month as a tax-deductible gift to the SLS Foundation. This will accumulate, with income, to a \$10,000 fund over ten years or less. The fund

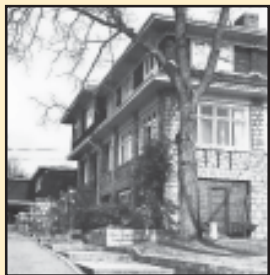
will then provide an annual grant of \$500 for equipment, boat repairs and financial assistance to rowers for travel with their crew—whatever will make the Shawnigan rowing programme more successful.

The examples can, of course, be adjusted to suit the wishes and circumstances of each donor; life insurance costs will vary according to age.

For the School, such gifts represent future financial security and added assurance that its array of programmes that add up to an "all-round" education of excellence will continue. There is the further benefit that future generations of students will be assisted in coming to the school and that costs will be increasingly met by endowment grants rather than fee increases. Perhaps most significantly, the enthusiasm and support of a donor is cemented in a stronger relationship with Shawnigan.

—John Kaye, Director of Planned Giving

## Athlone Old Boys' Society



To join the Athlone Old Boys' Society go to [www.geocities.com/cmmultimedia/Athlone.html](http://www.geocities.com/cmmultimedia/Athlone.html)

**Chris Robertson '66**, in his mission to keep the memory of Athlone School alive, sends the following appeal to *The Report Card*.

So many of us Athlone boys went on to attend SLS. Needless to say, the history between the two schools at times has simply amazed me. My cousin, **Ian Robertson '57**, was just thrilled to see the snap of himself and his brother **Tam '55** at Athlone Camp (Shawnigan Lake School) when he came over to pick up his copy of my book the other day. It has also been a joy to revive old friendships with fellows I enjoyed at both schools like **Ian McBean '68**, **Peter Roaf '67** and **Benji Clark '67**.

I should mention that my book on Athlone School is only available to those that join the Athlone Old Boys' Society! It was, is, and always will be, a non-profit venture and, as with Jay Connolly's magnum opus, a tribute to a school that we all loved. Hopefully, Old Boys who attended both schools will see the merit in our cause and rally to join our Athlone Society.



# Making a Difference — Annual Fund 2006

THE THEME OF SHAWNIGAN'S 2006 Annual Fund campaign is "Making a Difference."

It's a natural theme as gifts to the Annual Fund do have such a positive impact on the School. Here are just a few examples of the difference that some of the contributions to the 2005 campaign made.

One family contributed a three-year subscription to *The Economist*. Librarian Gaynor Stroebel reports that dozens of students are regular, eager readers.

Another family contributed lights to Duxbury House to light up the Duxbury quad in the evenings. This means

that students can play volleyball or badminton after prep. Lots of healthy exercise before bedtime and a good sleep!

One family donated a full-size human skeleton as an excellent teaching aid for the Human Performance classes.

Another donor contributed a new rowing pair to the rowing programme. This helped to achieve Shawnigan's fine result at the Canadian High School Rowing Championships in St. Catharines. Shawnigan placed second overall out of more than 125 schools.

Gifts to the Annual Fund also helped with tour travel, so that all players could compete with their teams. The

2005 Annual Fund also provided financial aid for exceptional students. This meant that top students could have the opportunity of a Shawnigan education regardless of their family's economic circumstances.

There are many similar opportunities to make a difference by contributing to this year's 2006 Annual Fund campaign. The goal is to raise \$730,000 by June 30, 2006. All gifts to the Annual Fund are eligible for a charitable tax receipt. Please help make a difference.

—Steve Housser '67, Director – Annual Fund

## Scholarship News

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC FUNDS that fall under the umbrella of the Annual Fund. Two that are highlighted here are the Graham L. Anderson Scholarships and the John M. S. Lecky Scholarship.

## Helping Young People

The **Graham L. Anderson Scholarships** or GLA Scholarships were set up by some of Mr. Anderson's former students to honour his teaching talent. There are two distinct scholarships. One is to help a current Shawnigan student to go on an exchange trip to learn more about the world and broaden their horizons. The second is for a



Above: Graham Anderson (photo by Stephen Lane)

Shawnigan graduate who wants to pursue post-graduate studies. Current students and graduate students may apply for a GLA scholarship by writing to the Advancement Office, 1975 Renfrew Road, Shawnigan Lake, B.C. V0R 2W1 or by email at [advancement@sls.bc.ca](mailto:advancement@sls.bc.ca). Current students who wish help to go on an exchange may apply at any time. Graduate students who want to pursue post-graduate studies must apply by the end of May each year.

The **John M. S. Lecky Scholarship** was initiated by John Lecky's sister, Janet Griesdale, and Doug Kingsford '65. They want to con-

tinue John's legacy and contribution to sport. The inaugural John M. S. Lecky Scholarship is to attract top rowing talent to Shawnigan. However, it is intended that in the future there will be Lecky Scholars in rugby as well as rowing.

Criteria for a Lecky Scholar have been set as follows:

- a demonstrated passion for rowing and a commitment to personal excellence
- open to boys or girls
- academic results alone are not the main consideration
- the award is not limited to those who need financial assistance

Recipients will be leaders of tomorrow in training today; students who demonstrate clarity of vision and generosity of spirit and who inspire those around them. It is envisaged that these awards be made to students entering grades 10 or 11 or, in an exceptional case, grade 12. Winners will be called "Lecky Scholars" for the duration of their Shawnigan careers.

Candidates, or coaches on behalf of a candidate, may apply for a John M. S. Scholarship (rowing) to Shawnigan's Head of Rowing, David Hutchison, at [dhutchis@sls.bc.ca](mailto:dhutchis@sls.bc.ca).

# Environment Club Goes Organic

**L**AST YEAR, THE ENVIRONMENT CLUB sought to develop an organic garden. They found a remote site near Lecky House that had potential, and they set out to clear the land of the grass and weed species that dominated. This fall, the new E-Club crew has taken up this worthy task. With the help and guidance of current parent Barb Quinn and the hard work of the sixteen club members, SLS's first organic garden is now a reality. On this modest plot we have planted garlic bulbs (of various varieties), Swiss chard and some daffodil bulbs to add colour to the site come springtime. The garden has been fenced using cedar poles that were salvaged from forested areas on campus. Our hope is to expand our productivity both in variety and quantity in the seasons to come, and the organic produce will be harvested for use in our School kitchen for all to enjoy. The club will also be constructing an organic compost next to the garden

over the winter. In addition, Mrs. Quinn has the Club "worm composting," with a couple of small worm farms functioning as we speak! If that wasn't enough, the Club constructed a new extension of the Borderline Trail that will take you to the garden. So pop by next time you're cruising the School's "back 40" and check out the latest Environment Club endeavour. In the meantime, many thanks to our gardening and composting mentor, Mrs. Quinn!

—Scott Noble,  
Environment Club



# A SLOB\* Meets the Emperor of Japan!

IN 1953, A YOUNG SHAWNIGAN LAD, François Elmaleh '53, was invited to dinner at Government House in Victoria to meet the then Crown Prince of Japan. The dinner was arranged so that Crown Prince Akihito could meet with select contemporaries to enhance his understanding of the West.

As a grade 12 student at Shawnigan, a School Prefect, an accomplished athlete and academic, François was a natural to be included as a representative of West-ern youth.

Fast forward to today, some fifty years after that original meeting. François and his wife Sharon were recently invited to the Imperial Palace in Tokyo to

meet with the now Emperor Akihito to commemorate that evening of April 12, 1953.

On arriving at the Imperial Palace, François was informed by the Emperor's Chamberlain that he and Sharon would meet the Emperor and Empress for half an hour.

The meeting began with the Emperor saying, "Well, it has been a long time." This was followed by a blur of conversation about global warming, the beauty of the Pacific Northwest, the coming marriage of the Emperor's daughter, Princess Nori and about Shawnigan. François presented their majesties with a book that included photos of Government House from 1953 as well as pictures of the students from Japan currently attending Shawnigan.

The meeting went so well that it lasted half an hour longer than scheduled.

François reports that the gardens around the Imperial Palace are spectacular and include Bonsai trees that are between 400 and 600 years old. **SKH**

\*denotes Shawnigan Lake Old Boy

**Photos:** Far left – The Elmalehs with the Kobayashis in front of the only original building on the Palace grounds. Left – The oldest bonsai in the Imperial collection dating over 600 years old.



# Alumni News

**1965**

**Tate Mason (Lake's)** his wife, Jane, and their three children, a grandchild, a son-in-law, and friend visited the School in September. They were passing by on their way to join a ship for a week's cruise of Vancouver Island's fantastic coastal waters. Tate returned to Shawnigan again in October for his class of '65 40-year reunion.



**Michael Davidson (Copeman's)** who was recently at the School for his 40th reunion, has married **Jo (Wilson) O'Callaghan, Strathcona '65.**

**1966**

**Bill Wells (Lake's)** and his wife, Kathy, sang Christmas carols at the San Francisco Great Dickens Christmas Fair again this year. During the summer, they spend some of their weekends performing as sixteenth-century living history characters from the Isle of Man and Scotland. Bill is a programmer analyst at the University of California, Berkeley. His wife, Kathy, teaches science to 6-8 grade students at Sequoia Middle School in Pleasant Hill, California.

**1967**

**Penny Harris (Strathcona)** "After twenty-six years of collecting taxes for Revenue Canada, I'm retiring next year to live in Cultus Lake."

**Peter Roaf (Ripley's)** *Mace in the Face*: Shawnigan's R.C.S.C.C. Cougar mace was recently re-discovered buried in the SLS archives. It had all the names of the Cougar Cadet Corp's Chief Petty Officers engraved on it. All save three. Until this June, the last name on the mace was **Eric McAvity '64.** This left unsung the

leadership of **Pat O'Callaghan '65, Mac Howell '66** and **Pete Roaf '67.** After this oversight was remedied, Roaf happened by to admire the handiwork and relive his high-stepping, mace-tossing days of old. When his brother **John Roaf '56** saw the photo, he doctored it slightly as seen below.


**1969**

**Clarence Martin (Lake's)** visited Shawnigan in October and had a tour around the School with Steve Houser '67. Clarence is the CEO of a Native radio station, CFNR 92.1 FM based in Terrace, B.C. It can be also be picked up on Star Choice channel 851. CFNR is the only commercial-content radio station broadcasting to over 60,000 people living in Aboriginal communities in Northwest and Central British Columbia. Clarence is married to Yvonne. They live in Port Edward, B.C. Clarence has agreed to sit on Shawnigan's First Nations Bursary Advisory Board.


**1975**

**Kim Thorne (Ripley's)** "I am a partner in Ogilvy Renault LLP, a large national law firm. I practice labour and employment law in the Vancouver office. I have three daughters from my first marriage and I am currently engaged to be married. I live in Vancouver and enjoy skiing and fishing whenever I can. I'd enjoy hearing from any of the SLOBS of '75."

**1978**

**Ian Gillis (Groves')** "My family and I just moved back to Canada after four years in the United Kingdom."

**Richard Jacobs (Groves')** "I have been away from Canada for the last twenty-five years. I was setting up restaurants and clubs across Europe, the Middle East and Africa. I recently moved back to Vancouver after living in Los Angeles for three years."

**1979**

**Bill Munn (Groves')** "Greetings from sunny Palau! Just a note to update old friends, particularly the '79 grads. We've been back in Palau for more than two years now. My wife, Caroline, daughters, Sarah (12), Amy (5) and I are happy to be where we consider home. I'm still a chef, but trying to establish my wood-carving business, which I find much more enjoyable and less stressful than cooking professionally. I'm hoping to find more high-end outlets to carry my work, mostly sea-life carvings, sharks, mantas, dolphins, etc. Any advice or contacts would be greatly appreciated. My web site is munnoriginals.com. I heard that John Bird is doing some beautiful carpentry work, and I would like to get in touch with him if possible. Many people might have questions about the recent filming of the 'Survivor' show here. Suffice to say there is very little reality involved in these 'reality' shows. My very best regards to all."

**1980**

**David Davies (Ripley's)** "Just returned from accepting the EXPO 2005 Global 100 Eco-Tech Award in Nagoya, Japan. The award comes with a cash prize and we plan to set up an Eco Tech Scholarship at UVic. While over in Japan I enjoyed watching the World Rowing

Championships and the success of **Kristopher McDaniel (Lake's 2000)** and other Team Canada members."

**1981**

**Mike Morrison (Ripley's)** "I continue to live in Prince Rupert, B.C. I have been married to Heather for seventeen years and we have a 14-year-old daughter, Madison Ann, and a 12-year-old son, Patrick Michael. Currently, I am working as a Business Analyst with Tribal Resources Investment Corporation. We are an Aboriginal Capital Corporation that invests in First Nations business ventures. I am enjoying the north coast living and am still active in sports and other activities. I hope to see my classmates in 2006 . . . maybe a 25-year get-together?"

**1984**

**Allan Dieckmann (Lake's)** "Shelley and I have just purchased a house that we are renovating. It is a craftsman-style house built in Shaughnessy in the late 1920s and then relocated to William Street in 1959. It is keeping us busy! Looking forward to getting it finished over the next 18 months or so."

**1987**

**Jason Blanchette (Copeman's)** "My wife and I have been living in Nanaimo for the past ten years—I sell real estate and she is a teacher. We are both active runners and cyclists, and I am in better shape now than when I was at Shawnigan! I would love to hear from anyone from the 'old days.' Can it be true we are getting close to our 20-year reunion?"

**1990**

**Jason Harrison (Lake's)** "After engineering at MacDonald Dettwiler & Associates, I have changed fields to teaching at Capilano College and BCIT. My wife, Julie, (who I was dating even before attending Shawnigan) will have our second child any day now, joining our wonderful, 3-year-old son Jaden."

**Brock Jackson (Ripley's)** "I have recently moved to the bustling metropolis of Osoyoos, B.C. (population 4,000). I am now the morning show host on EZ Rock 102.9, 6–9 a.m. a weekday mornings broadcasting from Osoyoos. All those people who said, 'Mr. Jackson, with your work ethics, you'll never

become a doctor or a lawyer,' were right!"

**Cindy (Clarke) Williamson (School)** "On August 22, I gave birth to our son, Tana Clarke Williamson. He arrived five weeks early, which sent Steve and myself into a bit of a frenzy, but all things worked out well in the end. He is now 14 weeks old and a constant source of joy (and dirty nappies) for us both. If anyone makes their way to Australia we would love to catch up."

**1991**

**Owen Doerfler (Ripley's)** "My wife, Annabel, gave birth to our son, Noah, on 22 June, 2005. Now I truly understand the meaning of 'sleep deprivation!' I have been living in London for over five years and am working in corporate finance for a small firm. Hope everyone is well!"

**1992**

**Anna-Lea (Dahl) Dieringer (School)** "I married Mike Dieringer on May 9, 2005, at a chapel on the beach in Riviera Maya, Mexico. It was a beautiful wedding and a great party, and now we have begrudg-

ingly returned to our home in Memphis, Tennessee where both of us are working as art directors/graphic designers. I miss the northwest, and all of you! Love to Mrs. D."

**1993**

**Becky (Davis) Anderson (Kaye's)** and Eliot had a baby girl, Makena Mary Davis Anderson (below), June 19, 2005, in Victoria. She is a healthy and happy little girl!



**Devon (Tillie) Brownsey (Groves')**, Silas and big brother Ethan are thrilled with the arrival of their beautiful girl, Violet Ann (below). She was born on September 1st, weighing eight pounds, and is happy and healthy.



**Norris Cheung (Lake's)** "I got married this last June in Vancouver. I am living with my wife in Shanghai, China. Currently, I am working for the Canadian Consulate of Shanghai."

**Irfan Verjee (Lake's)** "I have been working in New York City for almost eight years since I graduated in '97 from McGill. I'm a financial analyst/portfolio manager covering the Asia region. I am not married and am enjoying the rare days I get off to pick up my golf game! I can't wait to travel to SLS and meet my many mentors once again! I commend Matthuw on his efforts to expand that old-boys' network! I hope that Medina Hahn, Doug Devlin, John Reid and Faizul Lalji can join me!"

**1994**

**Mark Bremner (Ripley's)** "I recently started working for a vehicle brokerage company in Vancouver. I basically buy and sell vehicles from all over North America. We deal with all types of vehicles and provide leasing and financing. I hope everybody is well, and feel

free to drop me a line when in Vancouver."

**Dominique Goulet (Groves')** "After seven years of university and four of travelling, I am finally kind of settling down! I'll be finished my degree in Health Sciences, specializing in addictions research and counselling, this fall. I will be moving far, far, far up north to do some counselling next spring. In the meantime, my fiancé and I are expecting a baby boy and are planning a wedding in Banff for June 2006!"

**Allen Jones (Lonsdale's)** "My wife Nikki and I have moved to Vernon for my job. I am going back to school again and working full time. We have two daughters, Grace and Maddy. We hope to stay in the Okanagan for a long time."

**1996**

**Ryan Dicken (Copeman's)** "Well, I have been busy getting married and having kids. I live with my wife, Donna, and kids Maddison (9), Emma Zoe (2), and the nuby due in very soon. I am manager and lead mechanic for a bus company and am

planing to move sometime next year back to B.C. Other than that, I have lived in Ontario and other places since SLS doing various dead-end stuff, finally landing on my feet in Hinton.”

**Alex Dutchak (Lake’s)** “I recently completed my M.Sc. (Vertebrate Paleontology) at the University of Alberta in Edmonton and have moved with my wife, Melissa, to Boulder, Colorado, in order to pursue my Ph.D. in the Department of Geological Sciences at CU. Boulder is one of the most beautiful cities on the continent, so please stop by and visit!”

**Andrew Hay (Lake’s)** “I have been living in Vancouver and Lethbridge since graduation, although my stay here in the ‘Bridge’ is approaching dangerously close to five years. I have spent several years on the ‘academic warpath,’ but now I keep myself busy managing a bar and playing rugby. I am moving to London, England, with my girlfriend to begin my degree in acupuncture therapy. I also plan to continue my education in the art of rugby.”

**Sheldon May (Ripley’s)** “I’m a nine-year Journeyman Helicopter Technician BV 107 and MD500 (Aircraft Maintenance Engineer) for Helifor Industries Ltd/Interfor. My work takes me all over the west coast of North America on a week-on, week-off schedule.”

#### 1997

**Abbie Bagley-Young (Groves’)** “I’m enjoying everything that Europe has to offer. I’ve finished my three-year stint in London, and qualified as a Conservator/Restorer of Easel Paintings. I have recently moved to Amsterdam, where I will be treating sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Dutch paintings at the Frans Hals Museum.”

**Keenan Bidinger (Lake’s)** “I’m still with the same company that I started with in 2003 (Northrock Resources Ltd. in Calgary), only now I’m working as a Production Engineer! Since my last update, I have acquired a dog and the affection of a spectacular girl, Kristen.”

**Lockhart MacLean (Lake’s)** “Since 2002, when I sailed out of Juan de Fuca Straits aboard my

31-foot sloop, *Parpar*, I have been living at sea and sailing slowly around the world. I have sailed to Hawaii, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga, the Cook Islands, Fiji, Wallis and Futuna, Vanuatu, Australia, East Timor and Indonesia. I am currently in Bali after a long, windless passage across the Arafura Sea and the Torres Strait. I have also been active on the environmental front in the last few years having worked with the Sea Shepherd Society in the Caribbean and Galapagos and Greenpeace in Australia. Peace!”

#### 1998

**Ben Lee (Copeman’s)** “After working in the hi-tech industry in Silicon Valley for the last five years, I finally quit my job and am now attending the Academy of Art University in San Francisco full time, working on my B.A. in industrial design. I plan on going to Sweden after I graduate in three years to pursue my M.A. in transportation design.”

**Martin Scott (Lake’s)** “For the past year, I’ve been working as an analyst in the field of investor relations for Talisman

Energy. I reside in downtown Calgary and enjoy rock-climbing and snowboarding.”

#### 1999

**Sejra Turner (Groves’)** “I have an Honours B.Sc. in geography from the University of Calgary and am currently working on my Master’s in Epidemiology.”

#### 2000

**Jason Byun (Copeman’s)** “I’ve finished studying economics at the University of Minnesota—Twin Cities—and finally came back to Korea. I graduated last year and I’m currently doing my military service for my country. I’m in the Korean first division engineer corps doing all sorts of training. I have fifteen months left until I get discharged. After I finish my service, I’m planning to work for BMW-Korea, hopefully in the marketing department. So far, my military life is all good and I hope I get to see the class of 2000 some day. Best wishes!”

**Omar Mawjee (Lonsdale’s)** “I wanted to thank Taylor and the staff who organized the Class of 2000’s 5-year reunion.

It was great to catch up with so many old faces, and I had a wonderful time. I have moved back to Vancouver after graduating from Queen’s last spring—Queen’s is an excellent university and I encourage all grade 12s to check it out! I was recently hired as the Business Development Co-ordinator for Game Day International, a small sports marketing/sales agency based in GM Place. We are the exclusive business development representatives for Hockey Canada, the upcoming World Junior Championships, the Seattle Seahawks, and do some work with the Canucks. I am really enjoying the challenges and don’t mind the long hours and travel.”

#### 2001

**Megan Phillips (Kaye’s)** “After four years of university, I graduated with a degree in music and have moved to London, England to do my Master’s in musical theatre performance. I spent the summer in New York City studying acting at Circle in the Square and am now at Mountview Academy in North London.”

**David Poling (Ripley’s)** “I’ve finished my B.Sc. in mechanical engineering with a minor in materials science engineering in May. Then I went to Vegas with some friends from home. I highly recommend Pai Gow poker. Now I live in West Seattle and work as a design engineer at Boeing.”

#### 2002

**Alia Karmali (Renfrew)** “I’m in my last year here at McGill University and will be graduating with a B.Sc. in kinesiology in June. I’ve managed to keep insanely busy this year here in Montreal with school and work, and I also play for a Montreal junior A women’s hockey team. After this year, the plan is to head back to Edmonton where I’ll write my MCATs in the summer and begin my med school applications for the fall. All the luck to the ‘02 grads, and I hope to see most of you in a year or two.”

**Sara Niemi (Kaye’s)** visited SLS this summer just before heading back to Harvard in September to start her fourth year. An injured shoulder kept her out of rowing during



her third year, but she plans to be back in the boat this year and hopes to some day soon return to Shawnigan to coach rowing and do some teaching.

**Jonathan Spry (Duxbury)** “After graduating, I worked and travelled in Australia and New Zealand for a few months, but I ended up back on Vancouver Island working. For nearly two years I worked delivering building supplies and taking courses at Malaspina. I now hold my Class 1 driver’s licence and work for an oilfield services company. I’ve moved up to Fort St. John, B.C. and so far it’s been pretty good. I’m not holding my breath for winter—the locals say it’s not bad, they only get a couple weeks where it hits  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$ . It’s mid-October while I write, and it feels like January on the Island.”

## 2004

**Jodi Bloomer (Renfrew)** In May, Jody competed in her second “extreme” race. This time, a six-day, 250-km dash across the Gobi Desert. Competitors had to carry all their own food and supplies except water, which was provided along the route. There was a fierce battle between the four leading women who exchanged the lead several times over the race. Finally, Jodi and another veteran adventure-racer wore the other two down and battled it out for the remaining 75 kms. Jodi ended up coming in second for the ladies’ solo and 26th overall. Jodi’s dad, Wade Bloomer, also competed, coming 33rd. Jodi and Wade were featured on NBC World of Adventure Sports. Jodi is currently on a full rowing scholarship at the University of Rhode Island.

# Passages

**Kathleen “Kay” Elizabeth (Grogan) Angus, (Strathcona ’36)** passed away at home, on January 1, 2006. Predeceased by her husband David Angus (1990), brother Jack Grogan and her parents Elza and Leo Grogan. She will be

profoundly missed by her children; David (Susan), Jack (Lesley), Jamie, Kate (Will), Barney, Sarah (Alan) and Michael (Jocelyn), and by her 20 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Kay’s compassion, strength of character and intelligence defined her life and inspired others. She had many hobbies and interests from tennis, boating, alpine gardening, opera, attending university courses, croquet club and reading, to business and current affairs that made her a delightful companion and role model.

**John Irvine Bird Q.C. (Groves’)** age 87, died very peacefully at home on September 17, 2005, surrounded by his family. John was born September 23, 1917, in Wimbledon, England and completed his high school education at Shawnigan Lake School and commerce degree at UBC and studied law at Dalhousie University. He played rugby for the UBC Thunderbirds and was honoured to be invited to play fullback with the B.C. All Stars against the New Zealand All Blacks in 1935. When the Second World War broke out he enlisted with the Canadian Navy on loan to the British Navy where he achieved the rank of lieutenant. He served on the destroyers *Wolverine*, *Trinidad* and *Argonaut*. After the war he returned to Vancouver with his family and articulated in law. He practiced maritime law with J. V. Clyne at Campney Owen Murphy & Owen. He and the Hon. Walter Owen were founding partners of Owen Bird. John was a pre-eminent counsel in maritime law, was appointed Queen’s Counsel and on many occasions appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada. He served as Chair of Maritime Law of the Canadian Bar Association, Vice-President of the Canadian Maritime Law Association, President of the Plimsoll Club and was appointed to the Vancouver Police Commission. Survived and dearly missed by his wife of 62 years, Molly Bird (née McCallum), sons **Michael Bird ’63** (Carolyn) and Brian Bird (Lora), daughter Barbara Klopfenstein (Albrecht), and grandchildren.

**Ione “Nonie” Guthrie (Strathcona ’32)** December 23, 1915–August 23, 2005. Only daughter of Bevil and Marjorie Acland, late of Salt Spring Island. Nonie was born in Hythe, Kent, England and grew up in Victoria

and Duncan. She attended Strathcona Lodge School and Victoria College. Nonie married Charles Clement Guthrie (Menty) in 1936. She was mother to Barnaby and Nicholas (Anna), grandmother to Sean, Ross, Ben, Jenny and Evan and great-grandmother to Joshua, Christopher, Matthew and Adam. From 1959 to 1969 Nonie was Headmistress of Strathcona Lodge School and will be lovingly remembered by her “Strathies.” During her thirty-seven years on Salt Spring after her retirement, Nonie was a founding member and later chairwoman of the Salt Spring Community Society, a member of the advisory committee to George Heinekey and director member of the Capital Regional District. She also served as chairwoman of the school board. She was active in the Anglican Church (Camp Columbia, parish warden) and Hospice (Bessie Dane Foundation). Nonie Guthrie was a woman of stature, a writer of elegant letters and essays, a bell-ringer and an educator. In her prime, she delighted to drive a small tractor and relished bonfires almost to the point of pyromania. An accomplished cook and a passionate vegetable gardener, she grieved when she was no longer physically capable of getting down and grubbing in the soil. A strong addiction to the printed word (and late in life, the television) and to current affairs kept Nonie entertained and vitally interested in the world around her. Nonie hated being ill—she was an impatient patient who vigorously resisted all her well-meaning friends’ efforts to make her more comfortable. If she eventually got better it had to be on her own terms. In spite of this she was greatly loved and deeply mourned by her many exasperated friends. This lady was never boring!

## **William R. Hibbard, B.A, LL.B. (Ripley’s ’60)**

Bill had been a loyal member of the noteworthy Shawnigan Class of 1960. The main characteristics of that group are great friendship and enjoyment of activities together that have lasted through university and during careers that have taken them to many places. Bill was mostly one of the quieter members of his class, but not less committed, and in context it must be noted that some of the class was, and still can be, quite rowdy! Bill practiced law in Prince George and Vancouver, loved the outdoors and his family and

was an organizer and advocate on behalf of Covenant House, which helps street kids in Vancouver. He is survived by his wife Margaret, his children, Christine and John, and his brother, Richard. He died on October 21, 2005 in North Vancouver after a lengthy and, for a time, successful, battle with leukemia.

**Norman P. Hughes (Lake's '45)** born on January 9, 1928, passed away peacefully at home with family at his bedside August 22, 2004. Survived by wife, Kay, son, Brian (Anne), daughter, Janet (Randy) and grandchildren, Ben, Rob, Jenny and Lauren.

**Camville Layard (Lake's '42)** died after a brief illness on July 31, 2005, at the Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington in his 82nd year. Loving husband to Grace Layard. Dear father to Susan and Scott (Faith). Devoted grandfather to Hayley and Briana. Predeceased by his first wife, Joan. Cam was a wonderful stepfather to Margie Clipsham, and Rob and Greg McCrea; he will be fondly remembered by their families. Cam will be sadly missed by the Schofield family as well as his many friends. Born in Victoria, B.C. in 1924, Cam attended Shawnigan Lake School and then UBC where he graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering. He was a dedicated employee for the Steel Co. of Canada for many years until his retirement in 1989. Cam always cherished the special times spent with both family and friends.

**Ian E. McPherson, D.F.C., Q.C., B.A., LL.B., LL.M., C.L.J. (Lake's '39)** Shawnigan will not know a more loyal, involved alumnus than Ian. He kept in touch and enjoyed swapping tales with his contemporaries, he served on the Board, he sent his two sons **Ian (Lake's '85)** and **Thomas (Groves' '88)** to the School, he was one of the earliest promoters and supporters of Annual Giving at Shawnigan and he was a regular visitor for Founder's Day, Remembrance Day and rugby games. He died in hospital at Victoria on November 5, 2005 and will be thoroughly missed by many at the School.

In all facets of his life, Ian was very dedicated and successful. His Master of Law was earned as a member of the first McGill class specializing in aerospace law.

This led to his position as Vice-President, Law for Air Canada and a reputation as a pioneer and leader in Canada and internationally in this specialty. Ian's war record was also exemplary, as is evident by the Distinguished Flying Cross that he earned as an RCAF pilot of Lancaster bombers.

Born in Victoria, Ian spent most of his working life in Montreal. He retired to the West Coast to Victoria in 1985. Ian is survived by wife, Mary, his two sons, and his daughter, Margot.

**Elizabeth (Binks) Mewburn (Strathcona '40)** died on November 18, 2005, at the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital after a brief illness, surrounded by her children and family members. Binks was the daughter of Rina and Ray Milner of Edmonton, Alberta and Qualicum Beach, B.C. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Robert H. Mewburn. She is survived by her two children, Robert (Qualicum Beach) and Charity (Vancouver), her beloved animals, and three generations of nieces and nephews. Binks was a warm, intelligent, fun-loving and sophisticated woman who will be greatly missed.

**Charles Edward "Paddy" Morris (Lake's '33)** passed away peacefully on July 16th, 2005, with his family at his side. Predeceased by his first wife, Gladys, and survived by his dear wife, Muriel, his daughter, Maureen Fauman Hyndman (Peter Hyndman), his son, Timothy (Helena Hensley) and his granddaughters. Paddy attended school in Calgary and Shawnigan Lake School, received his B.A. in 1938 and his LL.B. in 1939 from the University of Alberta. He was admitted to the Alberta Bar in 1940 and then joined and served with the 13th Canadian Field Regiment—RCA 3rd Canadian-Division until 1945. He was admitted to the British Columbia Bar in 1945 and over the years became one of the leading lawyers in Vancouver as a senior partner of the firm Sutton, Braidwood, Morris, Hall and Sutton. He served as president of the Vancouver Bar Association. Paddy also served as Chairman of the Board of Governors of Shawnigan Lake School and was Governor of York House School, President of the Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club, and Honorary

Secretary of the RVYC. He was a director and senior adviser for several life insurance companies. He enjoyed boating, golfing, a strong Stinger, his pets and a good joke and story with family and friends.

**Ted Putnam (Ripley's '49)** Ted attended SLS into grade 13 in 1950 and was next heard from at Portland alumni lunches and dinners in the 1990s. He always called Fossil, Oregon home. He was a great storyteller at the Portland gatherings (including regular "off-colour" jokes) and occasionally talked about his activities as an oil tanker truck driver. He died in September, 2005, after a year of serious illness.

**Read Salmon (Staff 1964–73)** died on December 4, 2005. He was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Betty, in April. Born in Cookstown Ont., on August 25, 1913, Read had an adventurous life. He completed his Master's Degree in classics at Trinity College, University of Toronto. He went on to teach at Bishop's College School, Ont., the Bahamas, Lower Canada College, Prince of Wales School in Nairobi, Kenya and Shawnigan Lake School. After retirement he moved on to a second career as a cabinetmaker and finishing carpenter. He and Betty enjoyed sailing in the Caribbean and on the B.C. coast, made numerous safaris in Africa and travelled and studied in Spain and Italy. They finally settled down for 30 years in the home he proudly built in Shawnigan Lake. Read lived for the last five years at Douglas House, Victoria, where the warmth and friendship of staff and residents carried him through to the end. He is survived in Victoria by his only son Peter (Dianne), granddaughters and great-grandchildren.

From the 1973 Shawnigan yearbook under "valete": "Although Mr. Salmon was seriously ill for a good part of his last year and therefore invalidated home, his silent force was felt just as it has been for the many years he has been at the School. Head of the Classics Department, Librarian, Sailor, Math and English teacher, Woodworker—his multiplicity of skills pervaded nearly every area and will, we are sure, stand him in good stead for whatever he chooses to do with his years of retirement."

# Colts Play New Jerseys to Victory!

THE GRADE 10 (COLTS A) RUGBY TEAM finished their phenomenal 2005 season as Island champions! Shawnigan hosted the annual finale tournament to the grade 10 rugby season that featured the top eight teams on the Island. They were extremely well supported by the School and this encouragement spurred the Colts on to victories against Oak Bay High School (17-0), Ladysmith (34-21) and St. Michael's University School in the championship final (38-7).

Did this championship success have anything to do with the "new look" of Shawnigan rugby? Our new, pro-fit jerseys certainly give a rugby player a sleeker look and perhaps an advantage on the pitch!



Photo by Stephen Lane

Shawnigan is pleased to offer Alumni the chance to order our new jerseys through Anna Ruttan in the School commissary. You may choose the always popular black and gold School jersey for \$75.99 plus taxes and shipping or your House jersey \$69.99 plus taxes and shipping.

Contact Anna to order by emailing [aru@sls.bc.ca](mailto:aru@sls.bc.ca) or calling (250) 743-6218.

## Upcoming Events

### *Shawnigan Musical*

*"How to Succeed at Business Without Really Trying"*

March 30, 31st and April 1, 2006

>Cowichan Community Centre

Call the Box Office for tickets:

(250) 748-7529 (PLAY)

### *Shawnigan Feast to benefit First Nations Bursary Fund*

April 8, 2006

>Melanie Clarence

[mclarence@sls.bc.ca](mailto:mclarence@sls.bc.ca)

### *City Receptions for Alumni, Parents and Friends of Shawnigan:*

April 9 – Vancouver

April 19 – Seattle

>Noralie Hooper (250) 743-6235 or

[nhooper@sls.bc.ca](mailto:nhooper@sls.bc.ca)

### *Shawnigan Lake School Regatta*

May 12-14, 2006

>Matthuw Ronald-Jones

(250) 743-6257 or

[advancement@sls.bc.ca](mailto:advancement@sls.bc.ca)

### *Shawnigan Master's Alumni Golf Tournament*

June 1, 2006

>Matthuw Ronald-Jones

(250) 743-6257 or

[advancement@sls.bc.ca](mailto:advancement@sls.bc.ca)

### *11th Annual SLS/Langara Lodge Hyde-Lay Fishing Derby*

July, 2006

>Steve Houser, 250-743-6290

or [shouser@sls.bc.ca](mailto:shouser@sls.bc.ca)

### *Five-Year Reunion Class of 2001*

Date: TBA

Vancouver, B.C.

>Matthuw Ronald-Jones

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[advancement@sls.bc.ca](mailto:advancement@sls.bc.ca)

### *Founder's Day/Classes of '56, '66, '76, '86, '96 Reunions*

October 21, 2006

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