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### No appeal for Hugo Bernier

*Murder conviction stands*

The Supreme Court of Canada announced Thursday morning it had rejected the appeal request of Townshipper Hugo Bernier, charged with the murder of Julie Boisvenu.

A panel of three judges rendered a  
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### 'Accustomed to their conditions'

*Anglo complacency?*

By Sarah Rogers  
SHERBROOKE

Townshippers have so far missed the bus on Quebec's new minority rights party, says its leader. But it's not too late to climb aboard, said Allen Nutik, leader of Affiliation Quebec, which received its official party status last month.

The party, calling itself an alternative to the Liberals for anglophone Quebecers and loyal Canadians, has  
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### Your Garbage



PERRY BEATON

A chunk of the junk that ends up at the Estrie recycling centre doesn't belong there — and it's costing taxpayers money and might lead to a devastating injury. See page 3.



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For more information or to volunteer, contact Nancy Beattie at 819-570-7255 or beattien@etsb.qc.ca.

ON VOLUNTEERING

"Volunteering creates a national character in which the community and the nation take on a spirit of compassion, comradeship and confidence."

— Brian O'Connell

ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER BANK

The Volunteer Bank is an initiative of Townshippers' Association and was created as a result of a need expressed by English speakers to become more involved in their community, as well as to provide English-speaking volunteer support to community groups and organizations. Townshippers' Association is a non-partisan, non-profit organization serving the English-speaking community in the Eastern Townships.

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RECORD GIVEAWAY

The Record has two tickets to give away to see the two Bishop's University Gaiters basketball teams play against the McGill Redmen on Saturday, Feb. 9. That's at the Bishop's University Sports Centre, 2600 College Street, in the Sherbrooke borough of Lennoxville.

The women will play at 6 p.m. while the men will tip-off at 8 p.m.

The first caller to The Record newsroom at 819-569-6345 today at 11 a.m. will win both passes. Good luck!

AQ:

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forged few relationships with the Eastern Townships to date.

"Local leadership is going to have to spring up and get on the bus — it's up to people to join us," Nutik said. "I sense a complacency in the Townships from people accustomed to their conditions."

Nutik admits that, because the party is yet to receive public funds, its budget for outreach is slim and appearances in local media are few and far between.

These days, Affiliation Quebec is doing what it can to come across loud and clear to potential supporters, the website laden with potentially-worded press releases and upcoming rally dates.

Nutik is intent on filling a void he sees being left by the Liberal party and the Action démocratique du Québec, in a province where he says the courts have been slow to protect Quebec's minorities. In addition to anglophones, Nutik counts allophones and aboriginal communities among the province's minorities.

"If we're not Quebec de souche, we're second class," Nutik said in a phone interview from Montreal. "Freedom of the individual is not respected in Quebec."

He is quick to mention the party supports the use of the French language and agrees to the rights of Quebecois to protect and promote it — except when they strive to separate Quebec from the rest of Canada and abrogate the rights of individuals.

On Jan. 15, Affiliation Quebec (AQ) became the 16th official political party in the province. Put together by a fledgling few Montrealers, Nutik now counts over 500 members, a handful of whom he said are francophones or based outside Montreal.

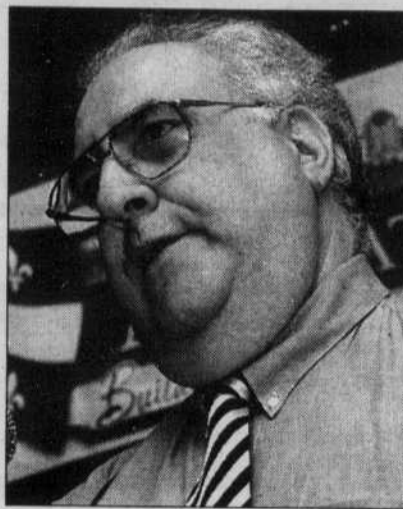
Nutik, 63, is a businessman from Westmount with a background in journalism and public relations. Beyond a few unsuccessful bids for mayor and alderman in Westmount in the 1980s, his life on the political scene remained fairly quiet until Affiliation Quebec was born.

"It takes years to understand the implication of things," he said.

"Who knew in the early 1980s what the implications of the charter would be?" Nutik posed. "It's changed Canada and Quebec, and now we're unsure what our rights are."

"Over 600,000 people have picked up and left," he added, of Quebec expats like his siblings and grown children. "Life for those of us that stayed is bittersweet."

Considering the party's initials, it's not hard to



COURTESY MARTIN C. BERRY, WESTMOUNT  
Allen Nutik.

imagine whose torch they may be carrying, years after an increasingly activist Alliance Quebec fizzled out.

"The initials AQ rings a bell for Quebecers, and they work in both languages," Nutik said. "But we didn't want to be a pressure group, we wanted to be a political party."

He is not shy to remark that other anglophone groups, whether deemed lobby groups or not, simply act as mouthpieces for the federal government, a significant source of their funding.

While Nutik is not one to mince words, he is sure to garner both friends and enemies in the ebb and flow of provincial debate.

It will be up to Townshippers then to decide which category they will fall into, if either.

Affiliation Quebec takes a stand

• On school boards:

Affiliation Quebec has called for the abolishment of the current Quebec school board system, along with the termination of property taxes as the basis for financing primary and secondary education.

English school boards in Quebec spend hundreds of millions of dollars with little public scrutiny, according to Nutik, who said the usefulness of these boards to the English community is now long past.

• On language laws in Quebec:

Nutik refers to a continued push to strengthen language laws in Quebec as racist and threatening to Quebec's minority communities.

"The push to strengthen language laws in Quebec is driving foreigners out," Nutik said, "and must be fought at every instance."

• On the Bouchard-Taylor Commission:

"The commission clearly demonstrated the xenophobia of a percentage of Quebec's population that should not have been let out of their Pandora's box," Nutik said.

Those feelings weren't expressed by a majority of Quebecers, but just enough to send the message that hateful feelings are tolerated here, he added.

• On a Jan. 14 article that ran in the *Journal de Montreal*, where a journalist posed as a unilingual anglophone looking for work in Montreal.

As a leading daily newspaper, *Journal de Montreal* has acted in an irresponsible and reckless manner by featuring an article of questionable news value, placed in a position where the editors knew a maelstrom would ensue, says a party statement.

Nutik, on behalf of the party, has filed a complaint with the Quebec Press Council, claiming the article was poorly reported, and he plans to follow up with the newspaper this week.

• On Quebec sovereignty:

Affiliation Quebec supports partition, if necessary, they say. In the event of the separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada, "(Quebec) will not get it all," Nutik said.

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Weather

**Today:** Cloudy with 60 per cent chance of flurries. High minus 4. Low minus 8.

**Saturday:** Cloudy with 30 per cent chance of flurries. Low minus 11. High plus 1.

**Sunday:** Snow. Low minus 4. High minus 2.

**Monday:** Periods of snow. Low minus 10. High minus 9.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



# Professors never know who said what

## No names in evaluation process

By Jen Young  
SHERBROOKE

An anonymous letter sent to *The Record* will not be published, but some places approve of anonymity. Like Bishop's University, for example.

"We do have an active evaluation process," said university spokesman David McBride. "Students are given the evaluation to complete during class time. Through experience we find that when filling out any kind of survey people are more comfortable — and not worried about any form of recourse [from an angry professor] — when they can remain anonymous. People are as honest as possible when they don't have to sign their name and we strive for honesty."

Principal Jonathan Rittenhouse agrees that it's important to keep students' names away from those they're evaluating.

"Essentially students are asked to sign their comments when they are evaluating a certain professor," he said. "This maintains a certain level of accountability. But that name is never shown to the professor. If a remark or comment is deemed inappropriate it is removed and it is not documented. Feedback such as this can be useful to professors and demonstrate whether new techniques or materials are successful."

Some comments are ignored in the evaluation process, added Rittenhouse —

like those pertaining to a professor's looks, profanities, or statements about eccentricity.

"All university professors have an appropriate level of eccentricity and most appreciate that. Only one learning method would be unexciting."

Evaluations take about 10 minutes to complete, and are handed out in every course but those with only three or fewer students.

The questionnaire has a space for comments and asks students to rate specific aspects of the course by number.

Once collected, the results are publicly posted in the library, and on the school website.

According to McBride, professors do have the right to ask that written remarks not be displayed for all to see, but for the most part faculty take it all quite seriously.

"I would imagine it could be quite intimidating for a professor to be evaluated by a class full of 18- to 24-year-olds," he said. "I would argue that we have some of the best professors in Canada. With speaking to different professors about the evaluation I can say that they use these evaluations and have adjusted their methods according to results. Our profs want to be the best."

McBride said an easy marker does not receive the highest evaluation. "Our students come here for a challenge. An easy professor does not translate into a challenge."

Evaluation results are considered when promotions are

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PERRY BEATON

Never toss old extension cords, clotheslines or garden hoses into recycle bins, or someone else might get their hand crushed.

# Program is just too popular

## Residents confuse garbage with recyclables

By Rita Legault

Sherbrooke

More and more residents of the Estrie region are recycling. While that's good news for the environment, the added volume has created some headaches at the local sorting centre.

A recent survey of some 400 regional residents shows 89 per cent take part in municipal recycling programs. In fact, recycling is so popular around here that half of those who are recycling say they often don't have enough room in their rollout bins for all their recyclables.

The problem is that while the sorting centre is receiving more quantity, the quality leaves a lot to be desired, said Sherbrooke councillor Jean-François Rouleau, president of the inter-municipal board that runs the Centre de tri et de récupération de la région sherbrookoise.

And Guy Labbé, coordinator of that sorting centre, said that 7.5 per cent of the waste that ends up at the sorting centre — some 2,500 metric tonnes annually — is garbage and recyclables that should not be tossed into recycling bins. Some of that waste is

causing nuisances at the sorting centre and at least one serious accident. Last March, an employee was seriously injured when she got caught on a discarded metal cable. The woman, whose hand was badly cut and crushed, was dragged the conveyor belt and dropped down a chute and into the separator before a colleague managed to shut down the machine.

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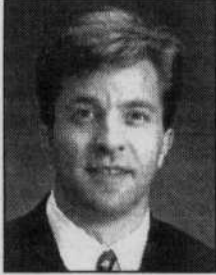


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That's why the intermunicipal board is launching a regional campaign to encourage proper recycling habits, said Rouleau.

"People have gotten the message and they understand the importance of recycling," Rouleau said, thanking citizens who have made recycling part of their everyday routine.

"But citizens who make mistakes in what they recycle are causing problems at the sorting center," he added.

Notably, Rouleau said, citizens must never toss old extension cords, clotheslines, garden hoses, and other linear trash into their recycle bins. "All of those things should be taken to an ecocentre."

"It's good to do something good for the environment, but we also have to think of our employees," he said, noting later that dangerous waste like batteries should also be taken to the ecocentre, which also accepts large items like appliances; hazardous waste like old paint cans and solvents; textiles like old clothes; as well as old construction materials like wood and bricks.

Rouleau said that citizens should also put all of their plastic bags inside one bag and knot the top. That prevents the lightweight bags from flying around and getting stuck in the machinery — a major headache that has been somewhat resolved by a recent campaign to encourage citizens to bundle their bags.

Shredded paper should be put in a clear

bag so that it doesn't fly around and end up with other materials like glass and plastic, diminishing the quality and value of the recyclable materials that are sold, he added.

All that advice and more will be part of a 10-week public awareness campaign throughout the region that will include the door to door delivery of a pamphlet for homeowners. The pamphlet will be available in English in Lennoxville, Richmond and some areas of the Memphremagog MRC where there are pockets of English-speaking residents, Rouleau said.

The campaign will also include daily newspaper and radio ads as well as a radio and Internet "Recyquizz" contest with 45 radio newflashes on Rock Détente and d'Énergie performed by Québécois comic Jean-Michel Anctil playing a nutty professor. Participants in the corresponding Internet quiz can prizes, including a two-year lease on a car.

The 10-week information campaign will cost \$135,000 — about \$1 per family in the region served by the sorting centre.

Labbé said recycling activities at the centre have increased exponentially since the City of Sherbrooke started the region's first curbside recycling program in 1991.

In 1998, an intermunicipal waste management board was formed with the regional municipalities of Sherbrooke, Coaticook, the Haut St-François. They were joined by Memphremagog MRC, the Val St-François MRC, and MRC des Sources (Asbestos) in May of 2004.

When the sorting center was inaugurated in 1996, Sherbrooke residents sorted their recyclables into plastic, metal and

paper in small bins at the curb. But since May 2005, municipal partners opted for 360-litre rollout bins where recyclables are tossed in together and then sorted at the sorting centre which now employs 28 people — 14 staffers on each of two eight-hour shifts.

Between 2004 and 2007, the volume of recyclables sorted at the regional center increased by 135 per cent, going from 11,000 to 26,000 metric tonnes, said Labbé. Add the 8,000 tonnes of waste from the commercial and industrial sectors, and the sorting centre deals with some 34,000 tonnes annually.

Fibers from paper (57 per cent) and cardboard (22 per cent) make up the lion's share of materials treated at the sorting centre, which is run by Cascades. A little more than five per cent of the sorted materials is glass, three per cent is metal, 3 per cent is hard plastic, and 1.2 per cent is soft plastic — that is plastic bags.

The final 7.6 per cent is garbage that should not end up there at all.

In the board's survey, almost three out of four of respondents said that when in doubt, people toss questionable items into the recycling bin. That was the bad news.

The good news was that more than two-thirds of respondents (78 per cent) bundled their plastic bags together and 76 per cent kept the information distributed by municipalities on what goes in the recycling bins and what doesn't.

The telephone survey by Extract Marketing also revealed that:

- 97 per cent of respondents under 55 say they recycle. That percentage drops to 77 per cent for those aged 55 and older;
- Families with children recycle more than those without, and home dwellers do so more than those living in apartments;
- Almost three quarters had heard of ecocentres and 76 per cent of them knew where they were located;
- More than half the population (57 per cent) had visited an ecocentre to get rid of domestic waste items that could not be tossed in the garbage or recycle bin. One quarter of the population had been there more than once.
- More than three-quarters of residents know where to get rid of some waste, like dead leaves, old clothes, light bulbs and plastic bags. But fewer than one third knew how to dispose of items like metal hangers, old toys and pool hoses.

# PROFS:

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being discussed. "This is not the only deciding factor, but it is considered."

On the other end of the Lennoxville campus, Champlain College is in the process of implementing a program that will see all of the institution's 90-some professionals evaluated.

"Ours are done mainly for new faculty members," said college director Paul Kaeser. "We are in the process of implementing an evaluation for all faculty. This semester we will evaluate a few permanent faculty members. The only difference is ours is not available to the public."

According to Kaeser, once the evaluations — which are anonymous — are complete, the professor meets with their dean to discuss the results. Though it will not

lead to a promotion, it could very well lead to a termination.

"At the Cégep level there is no such thing as promotion in the ranks. However, if a teacher is not performing it could lead to not hiring the next year. Our goal is to improve teaching and this evaluation is not designed to be a punitive measure. The evaluations are to make sure that courses are being delivered to the benefit of the student."

According to Kaeser, the school is not worried about students being dishonest. Though some personality conflicts may arise, Kaeser says truth and honesty win out with the majority.

"In our experience we have never had cause to doubt a student. In each class there is always a low and high and we look at the majority. These evaluations show you what is going on in that class. It is pretty hard to imagine that 30 students could all be vindictive."

Champlain students range from 17 to much older, mature students.

According to Eastern townships School Board spokeswoman Sharon Priest, none of its schools practice such evaluations. "We do not have teachers evaluated by students," she said. "Unlike Bishop's, the vast majority of our students are minors."

Administrators evaluate teachers. "The board evaluates all staff and students are given a survey to fill out upon leaving high school."

Permanent, full-time teachers are evaluated every three years and a non-tenured employee is evaluated every year.

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**Shermag purchase offer**

Sherbrooke's Shermag furniture manufacturing company may be taken private.

The publicly traded business has been hard-hit in recent years, regularly dismissing employees in the Townships while it attempts to recover from annual multi-million-dollar deficits.

Independent Shermag directors "have received a letter from Clarke Inc. expressing an interest in privatizing the company at a price to be negotiated by Clarke and the independent members of the Shermag board," states a release sent out Thursday.

Clarke is a Halifax-based transportation company.

"Clarke has indicated that the price it is willing to pay is below Shermag's current trading price, and that it intends to approach other major shareholders to invite them to participate in the privatization."

A committee is studying the proposal "and to negotiate the terms of any such offer in the best interests of Shermag and its shareholders."

"Additional information relating to the Clarke proposal will be made public at such time as there is agreement on the final terms. There can be no assurance however that a transaction with Clarke or any other party will be entered into."

Shermag currently employs some 1,050 people; following plant closures this month, it will have 730 employees.

squad got a little exercise Wednesday evening, capturing a criminal who had been on the lam since September.

Serge Dennbille, 39, was found at an apartment on 10th Avenue. He surrendered without incident and was taken back to his prison cell.

"He was wanted on a warrant from the Montreal Police and Corrections Canada," said Sherbrooke Police spokesman Const. Martin Carrier.

Dennbille had been serving a 22-year sentence for a number of violent crimes. While out on a day pass on Sept. 15, Dennbille never came back.

Carrier said Dennbille was handed back to corrections officials.

It has been a good week for catching escaped convicts in the Sherbrooke region.

On Sunday afternoon the Sûreté du Québec captured murderers Kevin Smith and Patrick James Wallace at a Rock Forest residence.

The pair had been on the run since October. What police call a weekend crime spree finally led to their capture.

**Rapid-fire raid**

A Waterloo man will face a number of charges that will include the possession of a submachine gun.

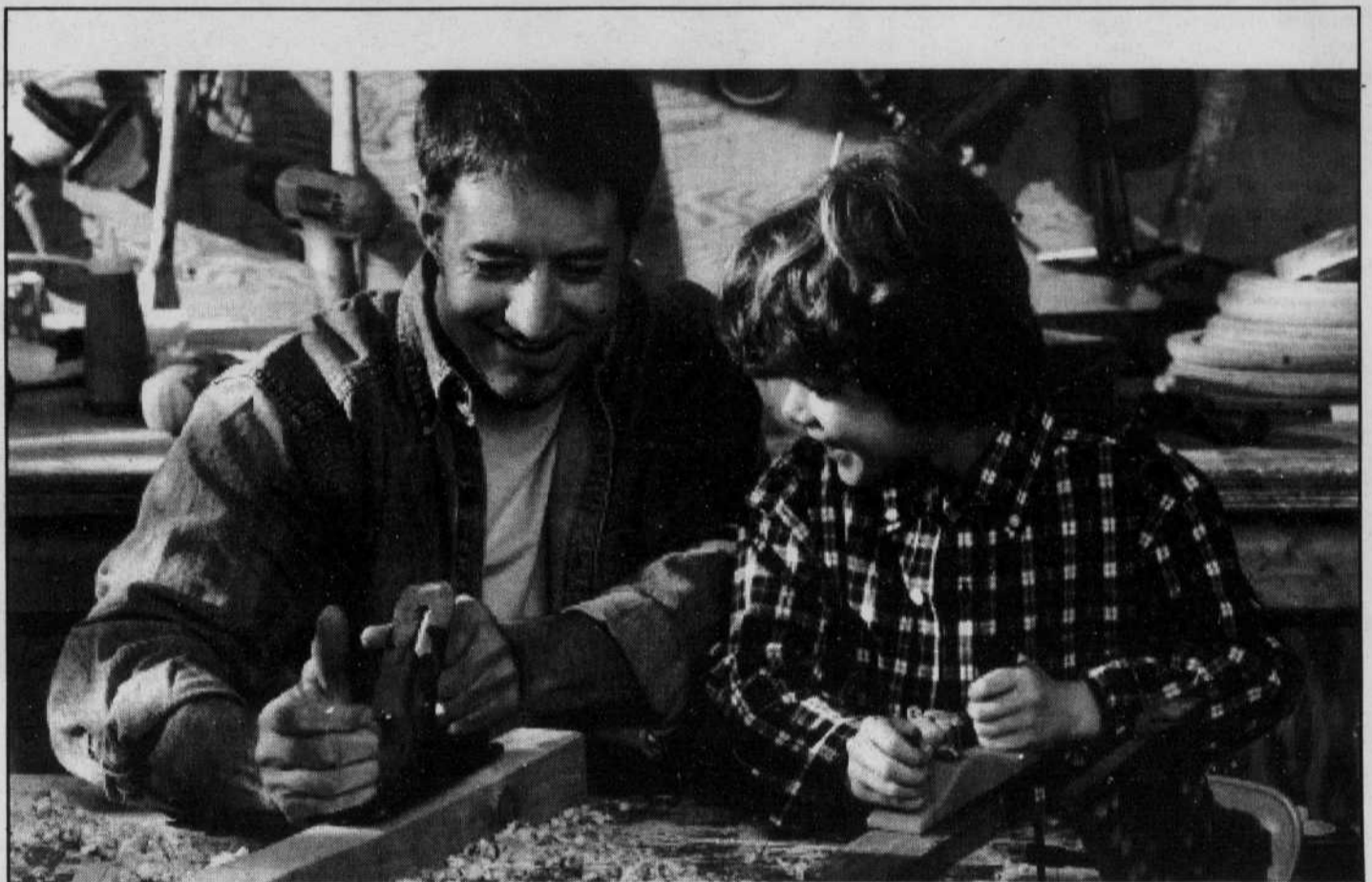
Wednesday afternoon the Sûreté du

Québec raided an apartment on Leclerc Street. Inside they say they found an unloaded 9 millimetre sub-machine gun, several ammunition magazines and 223 bullets. A rifle was also seized.

A search of the apartment also turned up 1,500 allegedly contraband cigarettes and bulk tobacco.

The weapon will be analyzed to see if it has been used in other crimes.

A 43-year-old man will appear in court on April 21 to be formally charged.



**Artopex expansion**

*Granby jobs*

Granby office furniture manufacturer Artopex is getting ready to take over some new space, adding 25 to 30 new jobs to its roster by the end of the year.

This week Artopex announced that it has purchased the former Knight Armature building in Granby's industrial park. The 80,000 square feet of space, nearly double what it had before, will be used in the manufacture of acoustic panelling and made-to-measure office furniture. The new facilities will also be home to Pro Systèmes APX's research and design studios.

"This investment confirms Artopex as a leader in a very competitive industry," said Artopex president and founder Daniel Pelletier in a press release.

Pro Systèmes APX is presently located on Cowie St., and is one of five Artopex factories. The 70 workers will start moving into the new plant in March.

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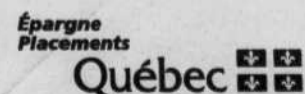
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# Community Forum

## Students must want to attend BU

### Interdisciplinary education for the future

The future of Bishop's University lies in our ability to package and market a quality service and product – liberal-arts education – that is not only applicable but empowering for students in the 21st century. Like it or not, today's students view an undergraduate degree as a commodity, albeit an expensive, time consuming one. When selecting a university, potential students evaluate and compare the value-added aspect that any given university can offer their degree and, hence, their future.

Psychology teaches of "self-fulfilling prophecies" – the idea that "if you think you can, you can. If you think you can't, you can't." Perhaps it's due to the lack of leadership we experienced these past few years, perhaps it's because of our financial concerns. Whatever the reason, Bishop's needs to stop thinking of itself as disadvantaged, deteriorating, dysfunctional and simply buying time until the provincial government will bail us out. The fact is that the government is not going to offer us any relief until we can prove that students want to attend Bishop's.

We need to kick ourselves out of this self-pitying funk into which we seem to have fallen and start collectively thinking, and acting, as the exceptional institution we already are. We're exceptional in many ways – exceptionally small, exceptionally located. We have exceptionally good teaching faculty, an exceptionally close-knit community and a myriad of exceptional student opportunities.

These are our strengths and, rather than embarrassingly downplay them as we sometimes do now, they need to be leveraged to create value-added components of a Bishop's University education.

For example, our location allows for French immersion programs; why not pair Bishop's students up with Université de Sherbrooke students for weekly culture and language exchanges? Why



PERRY BEATON

Jocelyn Molyneux is a student at Bishop's, graduating this term.

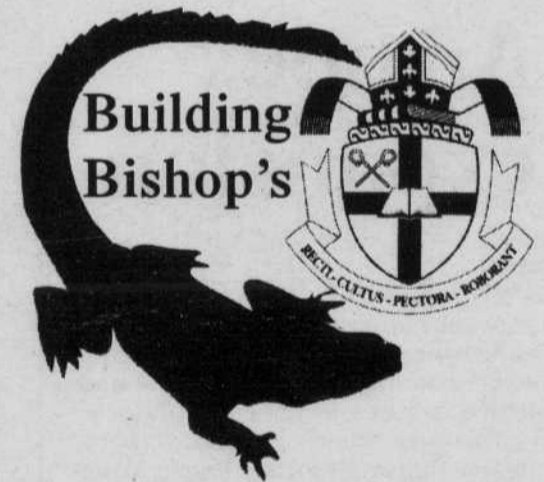
couldn't we guarantee to potential students that anyone who wants to go on exchange, will go on exchange.

Our close-knit community would allow for the bridging of academics and student services, which currently operate in silos, to create holistic support systems for special needs students, or to award students with academic credit for their leadership roles within student life.

A frustrating difficulty embedded within any institution steeped in tradition such as ours is an inherent fear of change. We need to recognize that change is both necessary and good – every institution, no matter how suc-

cessful, needs to evolve. I'm not suggesting a change in values – I believe wholeheartedly that a sound and liberal education strengthens the mind – but instead we need to find new and innovative ways of instilling our values in practice. Prospective students today expect change and innovation – in our rapidly advancing world it's all we've ever known. Students want educations that will be applicable for the next 20 years, not the last 50. If we cannot demonstrate to prospective students that Bishop's is an evolving, innovative entity, then they are going to assume that Bishop's is stale, boring and behind the times. And they will be right.

Bishop's is perfectly poised to redefine the meaning and importance of a liberal-arts education in the 21st century. How is a non-technical degree viable? What are the benefits? Where's the value-added? If the value of a Bishop's degree is derived from the teaching of a broad, educational foundation from which students learn how to critically analyze an ever-changing and increasingly complex world, we absolutely need to recreate this complex, changing world within our classroom walls. We need to offer students the opportunity to practice and apply that which they learn, within the safety



and support of our close-knit community and without the fear of failure.

To create this type of dynamic, complex environment, we cannot be afraid to get our hands dirty. We need to create more interdisciplinary programs which are messy to administer but teach students how to draw clear connections through differences. We need to pit seemingly opposing departments against one another in monthly contentious debates, but then require those students to work together on a joint policy paper. We need to empower both academics and student services to work cross-departmentally, despite whatever

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#### VIEWPOINT

JOCELYN MOLYNEUX

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# On bullying Anonymity and Alcan the Internet

Old education mag is all new

The Université de Sherbrooke has revamped its alumni magazine to the extent of changing its name from *Sommets* to *U de S*. And while this new publication maintains its primary focus of being a house organ for the university, it is aiming for a broader reading public.

The magazine has hired well known figures to write a column in each issue, most notably Jacques Parizeau, well known separatist.

I actually found Parizeau's column to be the most interesting. His topic is the province's Caisse de depot et placement. It controls \$250 million, which is a little more than \$30,000 per inhabitant. Parizeau is not enamored with their investments and he questions why the provincial government still gives handouts to multinationals.

He questions why the province of Quebec granted Alcan the sumptuous gift of an extension of 30 years (which is until 2058) of the control of the Peribonka River, from which the company produces electricity at the cost of less than one cent a kilowatt, when there was still 20 years to go on the old contract. Alcan also received a loan of \$400 million without interest for 30 years.

Shortly after this transaction Alcan sold everything to Rio Tinto at a spectacular price.

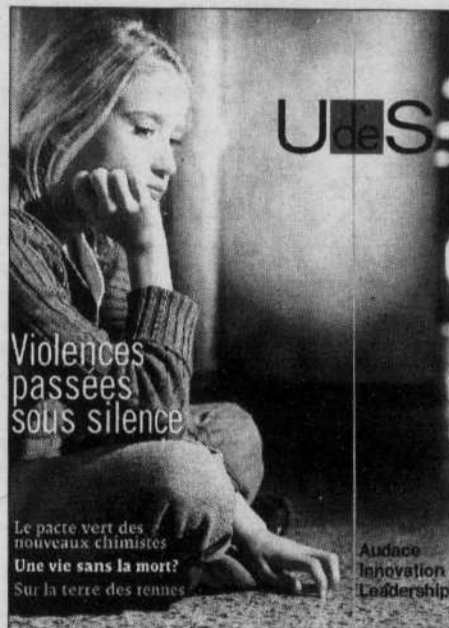
Whether it is gas stations (see last week's column questioning the subsidizing of highway rest stops) or Alcan, I maintain that the government would be better investing its money in education and health than giving it to multinationals.

The new *U de S* magazine also features a number of full-length articles on various subjects. The cover story, "Violences passées sous silence", explores the topic of bullying in schools within an Eastern Townships environment, though there is no reference to English schools in the article.

The article mainly deals with the unreported incidents of discreet bullying that happen in schools. The article points out how boys bully primarily through physical aggression while girls are more likely to use indirect aggressions such as humiliation, scorn, insults, gossip, ostracism, and most recently, cyber-bullying. In the latter case the victim may receive insults or threats via the Internet, or embarrassing photos and commentary about the victim may be placed on a website.

The article states that this indirect aggression is more difficult for teachers to identify. It states that teachers intervene in only one out of five cases of indirect aggression, one out of two cases of physical aggression and one out of three cases for verbal aggression. It also points out that only 4 per cent of a teacher's university training deals with how to manage aggressive student behaviour even though classroom management is a main concern for teachers.

The Commission scolaire des Sommets has instituted a mentoring program for new teachers to help them with this



## The coward's hiding place

According to the Encarta dictionary that my Word software is happy to allow me to use, anonymity is "the state of not being known or identified by name." Anonymity allows us freedom to do things that we might not do if we could be identified.

On one of the American television stations that I watch, Vermont's Most Wanted reassures me that if I phone in with information on a particular criminal, I can feel confident that they want my information not my identity.

The Watergate story would never have been broken if Deep Throat couldn't trust Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward to keep his identity secret. All those anonymous tips that are the stuff of mystery movies and TV shows — would the mystery ever be solved if it weren't for those anonymous tipsters who lurk in the dark?

On the other hand, anonymity gives people the freedom to do wrong, to lie about others and to deliberately hurt others with ease because the perpetrator knows that he or she will never get caught. The Internet is a particular breeding ground for such vicious acts. A recent edition of *The New Yorker* presented an exposé of a 13-year-old girl in a suburban neighbourhood in Missouri who committed suicide a year ago because she was bullied on the Internet... by an adult neighbour, posing as a teenaged boy who professed his romantic interest in her and then viciously dumped her.

This neighbour was no male sexual predator; she was a suburban housewife.

On the Internet, you can become whoever you want to be, go on Myspace with someone else's photo and become older, younger, single, married, straight, gay, male or female. It's quite simple.

## SOMEBODY'S MOTHER



ELLEN GOLDFINCH

With a few clicks of the mouse and taps of the keyboard, you can be generous and kind or criminally libelous and no one will be able to pin it on you. You can wreak revenge on anyone you choose: your best friend, the principal of your high school, even your doctor. Once no one knows who you are, you are free to be as creative in your lies as you want to be.

On the other hand, if you are a child pornographer, the police are gunning for you and they have the support of Microsoft's software weaponry to track you down.

This has been one of the most encouraging signs that criminal activity on the Internet will not continue to be tolerated. The sexual abuse of children really crosses the line of what most people can stomach. Last month, investigators around the world tracked down child pornography suspects, 98 of whom lived in Canada. This is an example that the Internet may not be as anonymous as people think it is and that people who break the law on the Internet can be caught.

The other day, one of my colleagues reiterated

a firmly felt opinion: if you have something to say, whether it's positive or negative, you should say it to the person's face or not say it at all. Most of us find it very difficult to live by that standard and now with the Internet, we need not even bother with face-to-face communication.

We can hide behind cutesy email addresses and phony identities and feel very courageous as we tell what we believe to be the truth or what we would like to believe is the truth. Cyber-revenge may be sweet but it doesn't build character... or perhaps real character is something that we don't value anymore.

For more on anonymity, see page 3.

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With this issue we commence the publication of a daily paper in the city of Sherbrooke. It is the only English daily in the Province of Quebec, outside the cities of Montreal and Quebec, but the size of Sherbrooke and the large number of people within a radius of a few miles, we believe warrant support to a paper issued every day.

For some time past we have given considerable attention to the study of daily papers, carried on in different cities and towns, some even smaller than Sherbrooke. The result has been that we are firmly convinced of the feasibility of successfully publishing a daily paper in Sherbrooke.

A personal canvas of the business men of the city, soliciting contracts for the Daily Record increased our confidence, and with this issue we have commenced the publication of a daily paper that is bound to prove a success. With fourteen years practical experience in the newspaper and printing business, we believe we realize all the difficulties in store when we say that the Sherbrooke Daily Record has come to stay. There is no doubt about it, and in the future it can be reckoned on as one of the established industries of the city.

We have adopted two new features, different from other journals of a similar character. The first is a daily paper at the low subscription price of only \$1.50 a year. The second is that we shall not publish so called editorials, our whole time, and that of the writers connected with this paper will be devoted to the gathering of local news in Sherbrooke and throughout the Eastern Townships. After several years study of the question of editorials in weekly and small daily papers, we are convinced it is a waste of time and space. The people of the country have grown beyond such, and do their own thinking. If the ablest writers and thinkers in the country can be secured to write on subjects in which they are recognized as specialists, then, only do we approve. Unfortunately the revenue of the Record will not now warrant us in going to that expense, consequently we shall devote the money that could be paid of second-class editorial writers, to the gathering of readable and interesting news items.

In politics we shall be independent. Our columns will contain impartial reports from all political parties, and the same left for our readers to form their own opinion. The Daily Record is not the organ of any party or politician; expects no favors from either the Liberals or the Conservatives, and most certainly will ask none. This paper has been established on strictly business principles and will be continued on the same.

We believe that when a man lives in a place he should do all in his power to promote the interests of that place, giving his time and money for such a purpose, in so far as his circumstances will allow. Wishing for the prosperity of Sherbrooke, everything that will assist the city or its inhabitants, it will be our aim to promote.

In starting we have made the size of the paper small, but shall enlarge it as fast as the advertising patronage will warrant. One thing we shall always remember, is not to allow the advertising to encroach on the news columns. It is not an advertising sheet that we purpose issuing, but a news paper in every sense of the word.

In addition to the local news we have completed arrangements for receiving the latest telegraphic and cable news from all parts of the world every afternoon just before going to press. We will not be able to compete with large dailies in giving quantity and details, but shall present a summary of the important events.

Arrangements are made with L.A. Belanger, proprietor of Le Progres de l'Est, Sherbrooke for use of part

of his office in printing the Daily Record. Later on, when the paper increases in circulation, as we expect, a plant of its own will be required, and then purchased. Mr. Belanger has no connection with the paper, or the firm of L.S. Channell & Co.

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Editor and Manager

# Sherbrooke Daily Record.

NO. 1.

SHERBROOKE, P. Q., FEBRUARY 9th, 1897.

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## HOCKEY AT LENNOXVILLE.

### A Close Game.

College Won the Play-Off

Bishop's College vs. School played their first scheduled match in the Eastern Townships Hockey League, on the college rink, last Saturday, resulting in a victory for the College. The ice was not in the best of condition, a fact which told against the School, as they had the factor for advantage in the College. The game was not as fast as might have been expected, and both teams will have to practice hard if they intend to conquer the various villages. Chambers was ruled off for foul play during the 24th game. When time was called the score stood three all. After a few minutes rest, play was resumed, and the College had won the match some few shots. However Rankin managed to make a pretty trick and passed to Boyle who scored, and the College had won the match. There was a little dispute about the interpretation of the rules regarding a "play-off" which was quickly settled by Mr. A. Simpson, who made an efficient referee. Chambers, H. Purvis and Hayward played the star game for the school, while Rankin, Carter, Rutherford and Winter did very effective work for the College. The teams lined up as follows: School: Rankin, Purvis, Carter, Winter, etc. College: Chambers, H. Purvis, Hayward, etc.

Our special friend, Assistant Postmaster M. A. Miquelin, expects to leave Sherbrooke, this day the 8th, via Boston & Maine R. R. for New York, from which place he will return Saturday the 20th, on the North Shore and Lake St. Lawrence, via the Montreal, St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway. His destination is via the Mediterranean to Italy, where he visits Naples, Genoa, etc. etc. Close attention to his duties in the post office has undermined his health that an absolute rest is imperative. His absence will be indefinite date for his return but hopes to be back fully recuperated by April 1st. "Hou voyage."

Heard before Justice White. The principal cases heard before Hon. Justice White, on Saturday, were two actions taken by the Quebec Pharmaceutical Association against Dr. Mier. The first was for the sale of a bottle of carbolic acid, at his store, by an unverified clerk, and the second for employing an unverified clerk. The first action was dismissed but the second taken "en delivrance."

Crushed by Falling Tree. Lake Mégantic, Que., Feb. 8.—James McKenzie, a young Tupper, tailor, was struck by a falling tree and instantly killed on Wednesday last, while chopping in Van's lumber camp, near Spring Hill.

Business Changes. Mr. W. J. Melrose, of Georgetown, made an assignment at the court house on Saturday, for the benefit of his creditors. Liabilities about \$200.

Deaths. H. & S. Desmarais, grocer, of Richmond, have conspired with their creditors.

The firm of Butterfield & Co., manufacturers of tape, die, and blacksmith tools, of Rock Island, has been dissolved.

Thomas R. Page and George W. Page, of Cotterville, have formed a partnership under the name of T. R. Page & Son. They will carry on business as general traders.

Store News. Mr. L. E. Chamberlain, the energetic proprietor of the deserving popular dry goods store (The Bon Ton) has requested us to call the attention of the readers of the SHERBROOKE DAILY RECORD, to the Bon Ton columns, which will always be found the nearest corner of this paper for store news, so interesting to the ladies.

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## BISHOP THORNELOE.

Welcomed at Saint Ste. Marie. Congratulated on his Appointment.

Saint Ste. Marie, Ont., Feb. 8.—Dr. Thorneloe, recently of Sherbrooke, now Bishop of Algoma, was given a cordial welcome on his arrival in this place to assume the duties of his new position. On Sunday, January 31st, he conducted services at the parish church, and in the evening confirmed thirty candidates. Tuesday evening a reception was tendered him by the congregation. A large company was present. All denominations were represented. In an address on behalf of the laity, the new Bishop was congratulated on his appointment and welcomed to the diocese. The address expressed confidence that the diocese would prosper under his auspices and that its claims on the mission fund would rapidly diminish. It congratulated the Bishop upon that broad liberality which had distinguished his career in the Province of Quebec, and had endeavored him to all people there as it certainly would do here. The Bishop, in reply, said that any criticisms he might have had had been outwardly distributed by the warmth of the reception tendered him and the bright prospects of the church which had opened up to his vision. He was personally introduced to every one in the hall and greeted all with his well known cordiality showing special friendliness to the members of other denominations.

## SHERBROOKE MARKET.

Butter and Eggs sold readily.

The market on Saturday was the best held for a number of weeks. There was a good attendance. An extra quantity of butter and eggs was offered. All sold readily at quotations except frozen beef, of which the sale was slow.

## Death of S. W. Twose.

On Friday night last, there passed away Mr. S. W. Twose, one of the leading citizens of Sherbrooke. For over a year he has been sick with consumption, but with strong vitality has held on to life much longer than his friends could have hoped for. For several years previous to his illness, he had charge of the furniture business of his father, located in Twose Block, Wellington street. He was a very prominent member of the I. O. O. F. The funeral takes place this afternoon at 2:30, from the residence on Queen street to the Episcopal church, and thence to the English cemetery. The I. O. O. F. has charge of the funeral, assisted by the I. O. O. F. Mr. Twose was unmarried.

## Three Cows Burned.

Lennoxville, Feb. 8.—On Sunday evening at least seven tons of hay in the barn of Mr. Scoville were found on fire. It had reached such headway as to be beyond control, and three cows and one heifer were burned, with 25 tons of hay as well as other contents. The cause of fire is not known but thought to be incendiary.

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BRIEFS

**Talbot prison to grow**

The Charest government made public Thursday plans to invest into some of the province's detention centres — including an expansion of 96 places in Sherbrooke's Talbot detention centre, among other upgrades.

Talbot's expansion is one of four across the province that will increase Quebec's prisoner capacity next year by 324 places. The Sherbrooke centre currently counts 191 places, but like many of Quebec's prisons, suffers from overcrowding. The local expenditure is pegged at \$19 million.

The province has committed to an overall investment of \$567 mil-

lion into the Quebec prison system, money which will also be used to build four new facilities across the province, in Sept-Isles, Roberval, Amos and the Montérégie, and to fund renovations in Montreal and Quebec City institutions.

An institution to incarcerate sexual delinquents will be established as part of the plan.

But the province's association for social rehabilitation services says the province should re-think how it invests the funding. While the group recognizes that many centres are outdated, they don't see adding new cell space as the best way to regulate the overcrowding in Quebec's prisons.

L'Association des services de réhabil-

itation sociale says there are factors in prison overpopulation that should be looked at, including an overrepresentation of those awaiting trial behind bars.

**Police pounce on purported peeper**

A purported peeping Tom will be in court in Sherbrooke next month where he will be charged with being a voyeur at an area health club.

On Jan. 21 the 34-year-old man is alleged to have been caught taking pictures of a half-naked woman who was in the midst of a tanning session. She confronted the photographer and then later filed a complaint with police.

Late Wednesday afternoon the police raided the man's home, seizing a camera and a computer. The contents of those two items will be analyzed in the coming days, said Sherbrooke Police spokesman Const. Martin Carrier.

The man had apparently been a sub-contractor at the Centre de conditionnement physique Atlantis for the last year and a half. He rented space from the fitness facility to give courses.

He has since been banned from the gym.

Carrier said the man will be summoned to appear in court to be formally charged with being a voyeur on March 19.

**LAST**

**CHANCE:**

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unanimous decision.


This was the last chance for Bernier to be granted a new trial to reexamine his previous conviction in the 2002 kidnapping, sexual assault and murder of 27-year-old Boisvenu. Bernier was originally sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years.

He was similarly denied appeal requests by the Quebec Court of Appeal last August.

In the early hours of June 23, 2002, Julie Boisvenu was followed to her car in downtown Sherbrooke, then kidnapped, attacked and killed a few blocks away.

Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu, the victim's father, told local media he was relieved at the latest decision, saying the family hadn't the energy to sit through any more court proceedings.


After his daughter's death, Boisvenu founded the Association des familles de personnes assassinées ou disparues (AFPAD), a victims' rights lobby group which also offers support to the families of the murdered.



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# Our School's Page

## EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHOOL BOARD

### SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEKS

February 4th to 15th

We are currently in the middle of School Bus Safety weeks for the province of Quebec. The ATEQ (Association des transport écolier du Québec) takes this opportunity every year to showcase the importance of school bus transportation. The Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) is one of the only school boards in Quebec that owns its own fleet of school buses. In the 'eastern' sector of the board, we have 67 bus routes that cover over 9,000 kilometers a day. Being a rural school board the majority of our students ride a yellow ETSB school bus to and from school. We are fortunate to have an excellent team of individuals that ensure the safety of our most precious passengers, the students!

Safety is a primary concern, when dealing with the transporting of students. The ETSB was one of the first fleets to implement an eight-light system for all its buses. The 8 light system has 4 amber

flashing lights that signal to oncoming drivers that the bus is slowing down to make a scheduled stop. Once the bus has come to a full stop 4 red flashing lights and a stop sign, indicate to oncoming drivers that they must stop their vehicle, as students are preparing to get on or off the bus. It is essential that drivers follow these rules and make a complete stop for the duration of the time that the lights are flashing. Students rely on the fact that they have the right of way when the bus is stopped and the red lights are flashing. Failure to obey the stop could result in a hefty fine, loss of demerit points and possibly injuring a child. Our bus drivers are trained professionals with an excellent safety record. Your cooperation is essential in helping them to do their job and keep our students safe.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR ENGLISH SCHOOLS

To attend an English public school in Quebec, you must meet certain eligibility requirements and obtain a certificate of eligibility. The three main categories eligi-



bility for English instruction are as follows; permanent residents of Quebec who qualify for a certificate of eligibility, permanent residents who are entitled to English school under a temporary authorization and temporary residents who qualify for a temporary authorization.

A certificate of eligibility is normally granted to children under any one of the following circumstances:

- Did most of their elementary or secondary studies in English in Canada or
- Have a brother or sister who did most of their elementary or secondary studies in English in Canada or
- Whose mother or father did most of their elementary or secondary studies in English in Canada or
- Whose mother or father attended school in Quebec after August 26, 1977 and could have been eligible for English instruction at the time.

These are the most common situations for eligibility, but it is always best to check with your local school or the school board. There are special and temporary authorizations that can be granted depending on your circumstances. If you or someone you know would like to send their child to English school but are not sure if they are eligible, be sure to ask.

### Q&A ON SCHOOL CLOSURES

Question 1: When weather forecasters are announcing that a major snowstorm is approaching, why doesn't the school board close the schools before the storm arrives in our area?

Answer: Please remember that the one element that can never be predicted with 100 per cent accuracy is the weather. This means that the decision to close the

school system cannot be taken hours before a storm arrives in our territory for the simple reason that past history has clearly demonstrated that forecasters have been incorrect, particularly in the prediction of snowfall amounts and ice conditions. The decision to close or open a school system must always be taken at the latest possible time for bus transportation.

Question 2: Who decides on the closing?

Answer: This answer has three components, and they are as follows.

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Question 3: The school board's calendar contains days that can be used for school closure due to bad weather?

Answer: The school board, in consultation with the teachers' union, built into the school calendar three days for such a possibility. The Quebec ministry of education has a clear stipulation that cannot be changed, and that is that the minimum number of instructional days for students is 180. For this reason, the administrative decision to close the system must be cautious and must fully weigh all possible consequences. For this current school year, please note that we have already had three snow days. This means that March 10th, April 17th and May 15th are now regular school days!

## BULLIES:

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challenge.

And the article concludes with a call for schools to become more proactive about this problem.

Schools in the Eastern Townships School Board do have anti-bullying programs in place. Judging from the article's description of various schools, I conclude that the implementation of anti-bullying programs is more pronounced locally in English schools than French ones. The moral section of religion courses provides a natural time slot for the programs to be taught. I believe that they have been very effective in the elementary

schools, especially when the core teachers are responsible for the implementation of these programs.

These courses cost money and what is spent on an anti-bullying program can not be spent on other needs. Schools are constantly being asked to do more with little or no increase in funding.

Curbing bullying in high schools is a greater challenge. Who exactly is supposed to teach it and in what course? How are all teachers to be trained to recognize indirect aggression and to know how to confront and eliminate it? Just saying that schools should handle indirect aggression along with all other problems that students face without providing more resources is less than helpful.

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*It's art*

By Jen Young  
SHERBROOKE

It's more than the usual studio that displays local art, and a workshop where individuals can create it. L'Essence Imaginaire focusses on recycled materials and teaches how to look at a used every day item, like an empty pill bottle, and turning it into something new and beautiful.

The Sherbrooke recycled-item boutique opened Dec. 1 and owner Julie Marcoux said her small store is dedicated to protecting the environment, but it is also hoping to reach local teenagers.

"There is so much that you can do with items instead of throwing them in the garbage," said the North Shore native who moved to Sherbrooke three years ago to be closer to relatives. "People need to have imagination and our essence is in us. People can come in and transform something of theirs – or I have items – into something new. It's about taking care of the Earth as well as putting people in touch with themselves."

Marcoux attended an expressive arts course at Ontario's Algonquin College and she said that seeing a used item as something brand new and different is a way of thinking.

"When I look at something I have so many ideas," said the recycled art coach. "It's about taking a new consciousness of what's going on around you. Some people look at old items, like pill bottles, as garbage. They always ask themselves what else they could be

# It's not just garbage



PERRY BEATON

Julie Marcoux helps turn old junk into cool new stuff.

used for. For me, there are so many things you can do with them. I melt them in the stove with colours and beads. When they are melted the beads are incorporated into the plastic and they make beautiful pins or necklace charms.

"There are so many things that can be done with anything. Look beyond what you see."

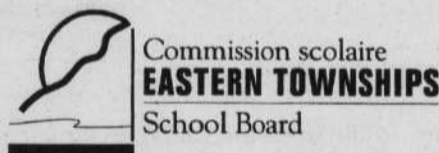
In her 295 Alexander Street shop, Marcoux displays a bookshelf created with an old bed frame, a privacy curtain made with old record covers, as well as shelves made out of skis. All of Marcoux's creations are for sale, but she also hopes to become a studio with recycle-artists decorating the walls.

"I want to get much bigger. It's still new right now, but eventually I want other artists, who use recycled items, to display, and sell their work here."

Aside from showing off environmentally-friendly creations, Marcoux also wants to help create them. As an instructor, she opens her locale Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9:30, to those who want to learn how to transform something they would otherwise throw away.

"They don't have to bring in an item. I do have donated items here they can transform and I will help show them what they can do with that item. I really want to reach out to teenagers because they are our future. I want them to learn new ways on how to recycle items instead of having to buy new ones."

She adds that her business, which took seven years of planning, depends



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# A decade went into this research

## Ovarian cancer markers

By Rita Legault  
SHERBROOKE

**A** team of researchers in the faculty of medicine and health sciences at the University of Sherbrooke has discovered new molecular markers for the detection of ovarian cancer.

Published this week in the scientific journal *Cancer Research*, the study describes a new molecular signature for the assessment of ovarian cancer and perhaps other types of cancer.

The signature is found in RNA, a close cousin of DNA, otherwise known as ribonucleic acid. The nucleic acid, found in all living cells, plays a role in transferring information from DNA to the protein-forming system of the cell.

The discovery of the molecular signature is the product of eight years of planning and two years of work in the laboratory, explains lead researcher professor Sherif Abou Elela, scientific director of the University of Sherbrooke's Functional Genomics Laboratory.

It is also a demonstration of the value of the lab, he said, noting the work was entirely thought up and done here in Sherbrooke.

Created in 2003, the Functional Genomics Laboratory focuses on the analysis of a group of genes linked to cancer. Research projects under the direction of Abou Elela aim to develop diagnostic tools for cancer.

The University of Sherbrooke's robotized RNomics platform, which is funded by *Génome Québec*, enables researchers to study the large variety of RNA forms, referred to as splice variants.

"This is the first fruit of that fundamental science," Abou Elela said.

Most genes products are spliced, which means that a single gene may be expressed in a variety of forms. On average, each gene product can be spliced into four or more forms, thereby producing four or more

different proteins.

Research conducted by the Sherbrooke team identified many genes whose splice variants could be associated with the transformation of healthy tissue into cancerous tissue.

The 50 or so ovarian cancer signatures were discovered by studying splice forms of the 600 cancer genes that control cell proliferation and viability.

As part of the study, Abou Elela's team analyzed 50 tissue samples — half with ovarian cancer and half without. Abou Elela explained they were able to use the RNA markers to differentiate between the normal and the malignant ones.

Out of 600 genes studied, Professor Abou Elela's team discovered about 50 genes forming a splice variant signature associated with ovarian cancer.

"These discoveries are just the beginning of what our research can lead to," said Abou Elela. "The next step will be to apply this discovery to the performance of cancer treatments. As a result, the treatments could be much more targeted."

Ovarian cancers are often detected late, since there is no screening test and the symptoms resemble that

of other disorders. While there are therapies for such cancers, their chances of success are much greater if diagnosis and management occur early in the disease's development.

Currently, pathologists examine tissue samples in order to establish a diagnosis of ovarian cancer.

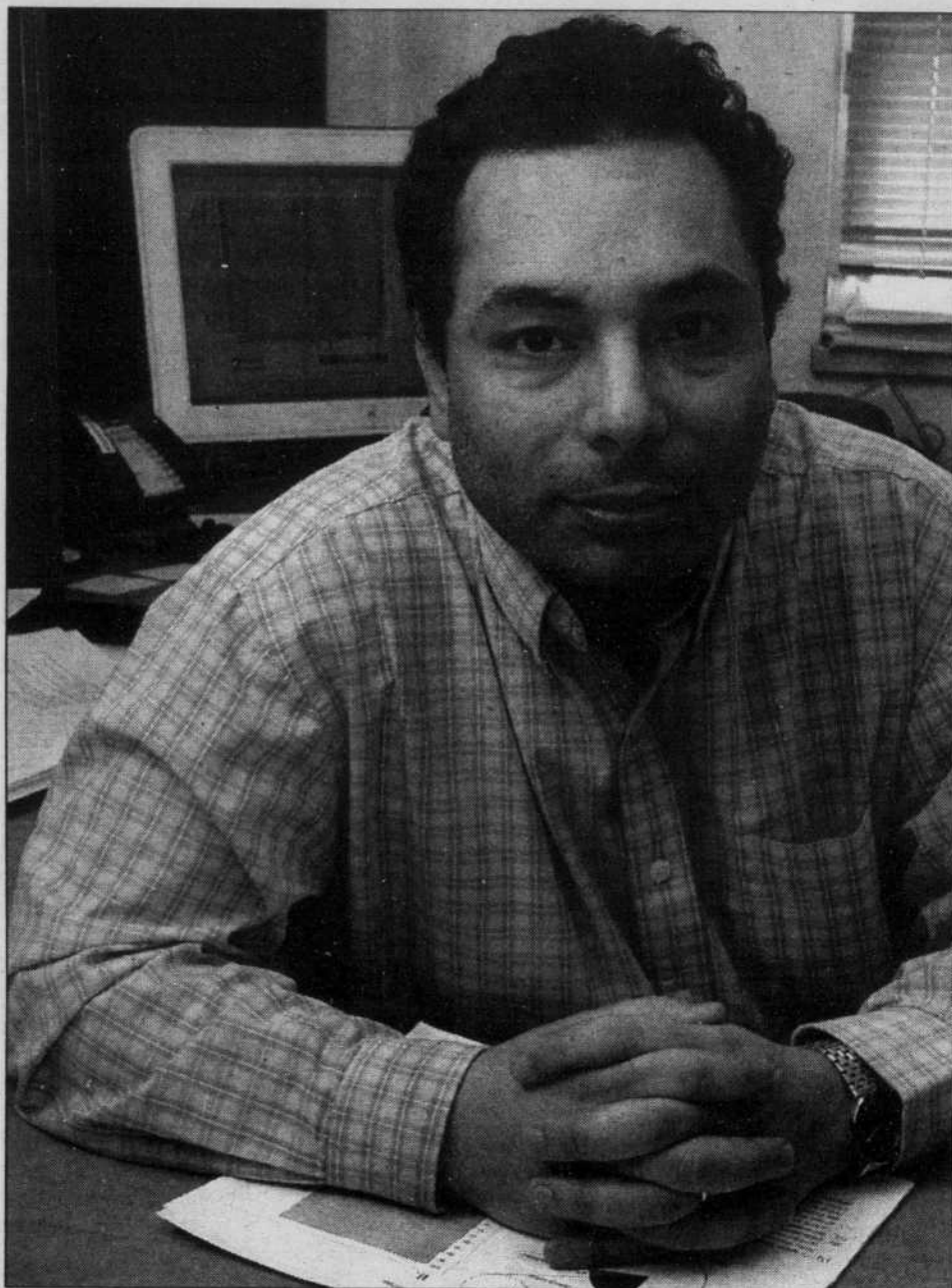
With the discovery of these molecular markers, it will now be possible to determine more accurately if ovarian tissue samples contains cancerous or normal cells, Abou Elela said.

The molecular biologist said genetic testing of DNA shows that people are predisposed to diseases like cancer, but not everyone who is predisposed to cancer develops it. The RNA markers indicate not only that patients have cancer, but also what type of cancer, he added.

Not all tumours are alike and it's very important for clinicians to know what kind of tumours they are dealing with in order to make a decision about how to treat them effectively, he explained.

Abou Elela said that the discovery is at the fundamental level and it will take several years before it can be transferred from the lab to clinical use. Before that happens they will have to find a commercial partner and perform a much larger study on thousands of patients.

Scientists must also refine the screening process, Abou Elela added, noting his team also plans to look at a similar approach for detecting breast cancer.



PERRY BEATON

Sherif Abou Elela's team discovered 50 markers for ovarian cancer.

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systematic difficulties this creates.

We desperately need to increase diversity in all areas of our community, from the upper echelons of the governing Corporation, down through administration, faculty and through to our student body, so that we may learn — and then teach — how to capitalize on the synergistic capabilities that emerge from our differences.

We need to equip students with not only a solid degree, but with the relevant tools — techniques such as conflict resolution, interpersonal skills and genuine leadership experience — to successfully apply and build on their knowledge in a complex, changing world. We need to turn the 'Bishop's bubble' into a microcosm of the real world — albeit a supportive, progressive one — so that students may learn how to best apply these skill in real life.

Whatever we do, we must remember that challenges requiring change, such as those that are currently facing Bishop's, are simply powerful opportunities in disguise. Only an exceptionally small, close-knit community could ever consider making the necessary changes to offer students a supportive environment in which to learn how to thrive within complexity. Only an exceptional institution such as Bishop's could capitalize on the opportunity to create, define and demonstrate the importance and value-added liberal-arts education in the 21st century.

JOCELYN MOLYNEUX IS PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AT BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY.

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## ART:

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on donated items and she asks that residents with unused items drop them off at her store instead of throwing them in the trash.

Walking in and creating something costs \$12.50 for two hours per adult, \$9 for youths aged 11 to 17, and \$6 for kids from 6 to 10. As Marcoux uses the space as a classroom, she asks that an adult accompany all younger visitors.

She also offers evening courses.

"The next class is on Tuesday, Feb. 12. We will be creating a Chic Pen. Some are funky and they make great gifts." That's a re-usable pen that will never need to be thrown out. "You can change the ink in the pen when it runs out and you can make it look however you want."

The course is two hours and the cost is \$25 with everything included.

Also coming up is a three-evening course on stained glass-type painting.

Marcoux hopes to eventually turn her studio, workshop, and gallery into a coffee house.

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## Key weekend for Bishop's cagers

### Gaiters host McGill tomorrow night

By Mike Hickey  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

**W**ith just three weeks left in the regular season the Bishop's Gaiters men's and women's basketball teams face two key games that have serious playoff implications.

Bishop's is in Montreal tonight to play the UQAM Citadins and return to the friendly confines of Mitchell Gymnasium Saturday for a doubleheader with McGill University that begins at 6 p.m.

The men's squad, looking to snap a 10-game losing streak, needs at least one win to keep their playoff hopes alive. According to head coach Eddie Pomykala, the difference between winning and losing is simply a matter of doing the little things correctly.

"Our upcoming games this weekend will determine whether we make the playoffs or not," Pomykala said in an interview Wednesday. "If each individual on our team can improve on one little thing then this will go a long way in improving our play."

Despite their present losing skid, the Gaiters have been in a position to win all but one of their league games. They have been competitive but have hurt themselves with turnovers and missed shots in key situations.

"We are in each game we play for certain parts of it; the answer is to getting a complete game together," Pomykala said.

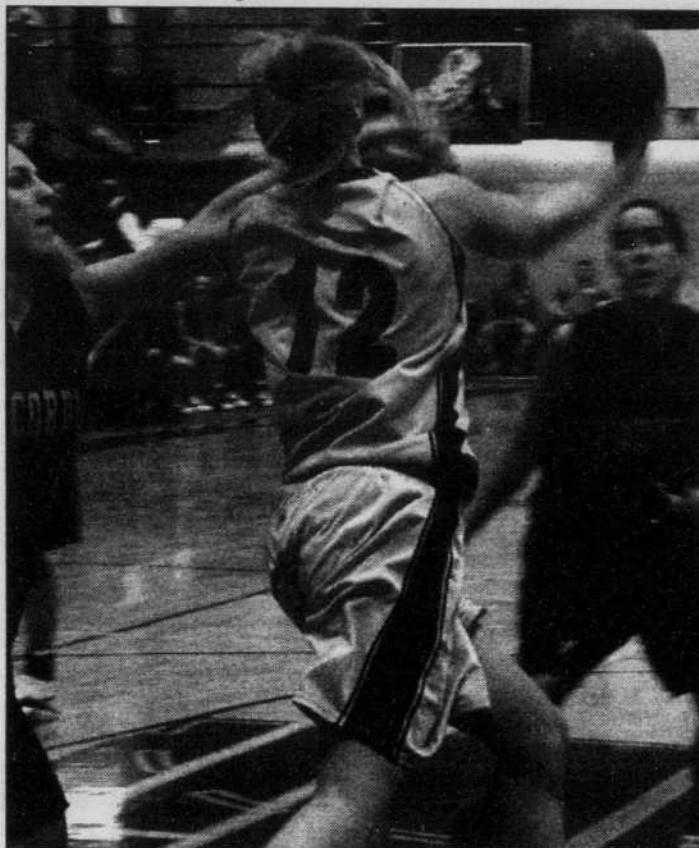
The loss to McGill Sunday afternoon was a perfect example of what has gone wrong with the team although there was at least one bright spot, the play of rookie Kevin Selman. The Gaiters led in that game by as many as 14 points and held a 56-51 advantage before faltering in the fourth quarter. The defeat did not diminish the efforts of Selman who scored a team-high 19 points in 31 minutes of play.

"It was extremely encouraging for us to have Kevin Selman step up as big as he did against McGill," Pomykala said. "I hope for other people to take after his example. We are a terrific group who work hard and need to get better results for their efforts."

The Gaiters entered the weekend trailing the Université du Québec à Montréal Citadins by 2 1/2 games for the fourth and final playoff spot, but can cut into that deficit Friday night when they travel to Montreal to play the Citadins. The two teams have split a pair of previous games and a Bishop's victory could be a catalyst for a late season turnaround. UQAM started the season slowly but has played very well since the Christmas break, due in large part to the play of Sherbrooke native Sam Johnson. The former Champlain College star is the Citadins' leading scorer averaging 12.4 points per game. The following night the Gaiters are back home for a rematch with the Redmen. McGill holds a 3-0 lead in the season series to date but Bishop's has held a fourth quarter lead in each game.

On Friday the women's team will face an athletic UQAM squad that has been the surprise of the 2007-'08 season. The Gaiters have dropped two close games to the second-place Citadins and head coach Rod Gilpin feels it is time to reverse that trend.

"We have lost a pair of three-point games to team that is 8-2 in league," Gilpin said Wednesday. "I don't feel we put 25 minutes of good basketball together in either of those losses. I hope our depth at guard and pressure defence will give us an edge on Friday. It is important for us to build on the good win we had against McGill last Sunday."



FERRY BEATON FILE

The women are tied for third place in the Quebec University Basketball League.

In that contest the Gaiters used a balanced performance, keyed by 36 bench points, to dump the McGill Martlets 69-47 this afternoon in QUBL action. Courtney Cook came off the bench to lead the Gaiters with 11 points, while fellow reserve Christelle Côté grabbed a game-high eight rebounds.

The Gaiters never trailed in the game, as they stormed out to a 13-2 lead in the first four minutes, led by five points from Jessy Roy. The Gaiters continued to cruise, holding the Martlets to seven second-quarter points as they led 31-17 at halftime. The second half saw the Gaiters stretch their lead to as many as 28 points at 65-37 as they eased to the 69-47 victory. Bishop's will need continued support from their reserves this weekend with back-to-back games.

The win puts the Gaiters, 4-7 in league play, back into a tie for third place in the QUBL with Concordia at eight points each although the Stingers have played one less game. The Martlets sit in last place in the five-team QUBL with a 2-11 league mark and could be eliminated from post season play this weekend.

"On Saturday we can basically eliminate McGill from playoff contention and assure ourselves of at least a fourth place finish," Gilpin said. "I would expect McGill will not take this lying down and we can expect a tough game, especially since they will be rested with no game Friday night and an extra chance to scout us at UQAM."

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Open trails: 53/53

# Roy, Niemeyer named top athletes

## BU cited for hosting National Championships

By Mike Hickey

SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

There was a list of usual suspects and a few newcomers among the winners at the 27th Gala du Merite Sportif de l'Estrie Wednesday night in Sherbrooke. Diane Roy and Frederic Niemeyer were named the female and male athletes of the year while Bishop's University was cited for its hosting of the Canada Basketball Men's National Championship last summer.

Roy has established herself as one of the world's top female wheelchair athletes while Niemeyer, who recently turned 32 and is preparing for the upcoming Davis Cup match against Mexico, is coming off one of his most productive seasons on the professional circuit.

The selection of Bishop's University underlines the Sherbrooke region's ability to host national sporting events and the spirit of cooperation that exists in the Eastern Townships. That proven ability will be a key component of Sherbrooke's bid to host the 2013 Canada Summer Games.

The tournament president, Eddie Pomykala, said the success of the summer tourney was due to the tireless work of over 100 volunteers headed by Martin Cliché.

"I feel very honoured to be a part of this team," Pomykala said. "The event was a wonderful accomplishment and [it is] very satisfying to see the organization honoured for their work. I am also proud that Bishop's was put into such a positive light in the community."

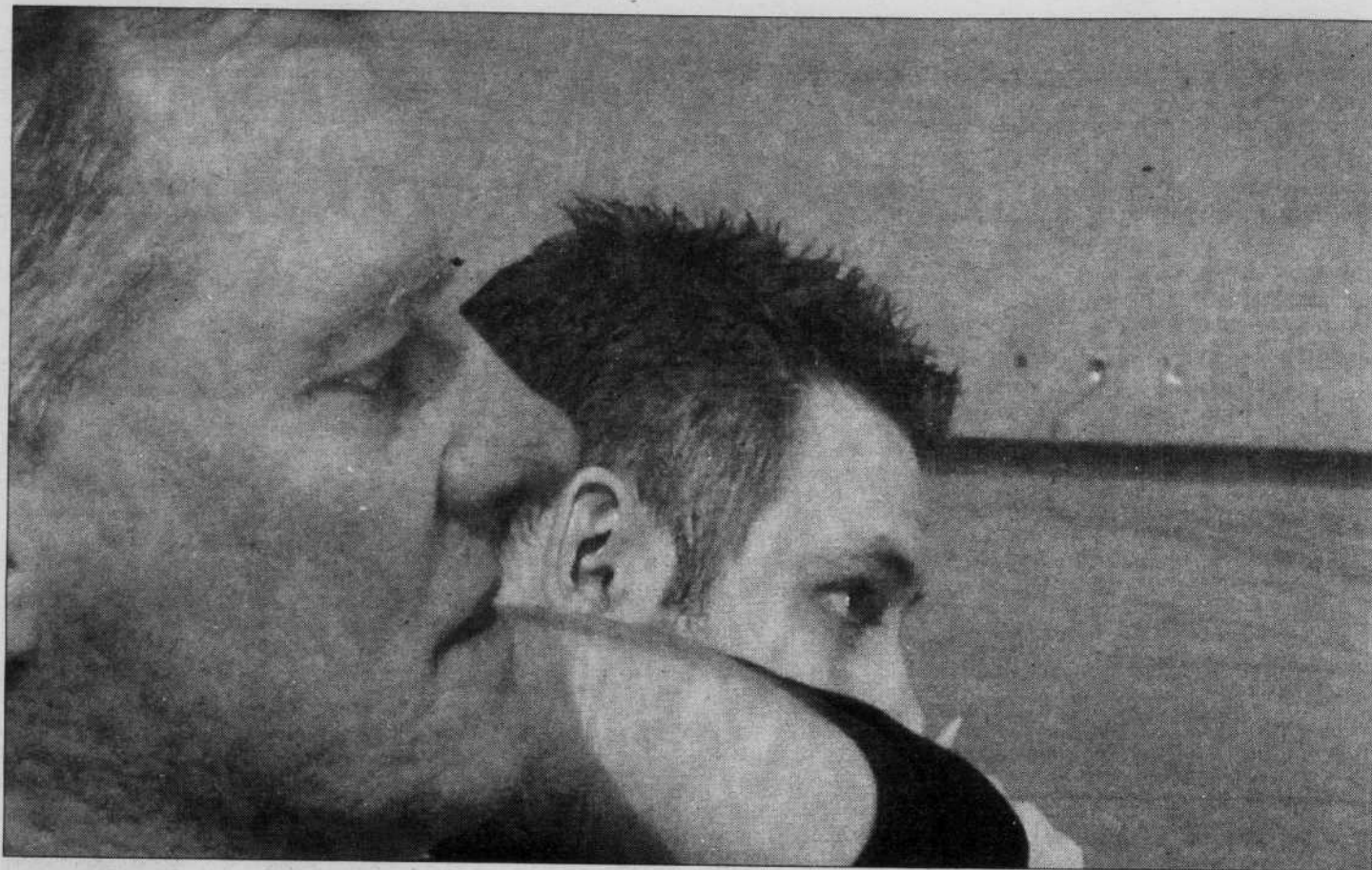
Other winners included Elise Brouillette and Nicolas Roy, named female and male rookie athletes of the year; biathlon coach Sandrine Charron was named coach of the year; and David Guay was selected as the top volunteer coach.

Guay coaches at the Seminaire de Sherbrooke and Bishop's University and is one of the more promising young coaches in the area.

The beach volleyball duo of Annie Martin and Dana Cooke were named the top team while the C-4/K-4 bantam boys canoe-kayak squad was named the most promising team.

Former Champlain College professor Jean-Claude Gagne was named top official for his work with the Quebec and Canadian golf associations.

Erika Charron received an award for her volunteer work while figure skater Vanessa Grenier and Guillaume Carrier as the top prospective athletes.



PERRY BEATON

Bishop's University coach Eddie Pomykala credits teamwork.

### BRIEFS

#### Lafleur pleads not guilty

Hockey hall of famer Guy Lafleur, 56, pleaded not guilty Thursday morning to a charge of giving contradictory evidence in his son's court case.

The former Montreal Canadiens star wasn't in court Thursday in Montreal, instead his lawyer, Sherbrooke's Jean-Pierre Rancourt, entered his plea.

It isn't clear at this point whether Lafleur's case will proceed before judge alone or judge and jury.

Lafleur's case will be back before the courts on March 5.

Providing contradictory evidence carries a maximum penalty of 14 years in prison. The warrant for Lafleur's arrest stated that he testified in September that his son came back to the family's Montreal-area home every night in August while the younger Lafleur was under a court-ordered 12:30 a.m. curfew.

But in testimony he gave in October, Lafleur said his son actually spent two nights at a hotel. Mark Lafleur, 23, was first arrested last Janu-

#### Ferguson 'watching games' for Hockey Canada

Two weeks after being dumped as general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs, John Ferguson is back in hockey, sort of.

On Thursday, tsn.ca reported that Ferguson had rejoined Hockey Canada's management team for the 2008 world hockey championship, which takes place May 2 to 18 in Halifax and Quebec City.

Not quite, it seems. Hockey Canada officials said Thursday that Ferguson would be "watching some games for us," but "has no official capacity with (the Canadian team)."

Last year, Ferguson gave Hockey Canada his input on which players from Eastern Conference teams not likely to make the playoffs should be considered for Team Canada.

Canada opens this year's tournament on May 2 against Slovenia.




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# The foggy mountain bull

*'It's coming right towards you!'*

Through the years I've been privileged to be involved in a lot of moose harvests. Having a camp right in the heart of moose country deep in the paper company lands next to the Canadian border would be a big reason. Having family and friends who love to guide moose hunters is obviously another plus.

In the last 13 years we've helped a lot of hunters bag their moose; however, when they are a bunch of friends, and they are successful, we're almost as elated as they are. Such was the case this week when members of the Quirion family stayed at our camp, and beat the big woods in search of a bull worthy of bragging about.

Backing up a bit: a few weeks ago Luc Quirion, while booking his hunt with us, told me he wanted the biggest, baddest antlered brute in the North Country. At that time I told him we'd do our best to put him where he might be able to pull off this dream.

Luc's son, Mike, was the second shooter and his brother, Robert Quirion, was the designated scout for this trio. Each one of them spent time getting the lay of the land and scouting out the country prior to their hunt.

Saturday, the opening day, was uneventful, although Robert caught sight of one bull that eluded him.

One cow was all the trio spotted during the next two days.

Tuesday started off with rain, and it never really let up. By noon, the Quirion crew was drenched and headed back to camp. A change of clothes and lunch around the camp stove put the crew back in good spirits and they hit the woods again.

Electing to hunt an area high up on the mountain, and one they were becoming accustomed to, looked like a bit of a bad choice as they neared their destination. Not only was it raining harder, but the fog had settled in on the big

mountain, limiting their visibility to less than 300 feet. Undaunted, the crew worked their way out through a moose trail that broke out into a big chopping.



DEL GREEN

Here the trio split up slightly, yet stayed in sight of each other.

Suddenly, as Mike tells, it, "Out of the fog a moose appeared." In short order he saw that it had all the head gear they'd been hoping for. Luc heard his son's .35 Marlin roar twice, then his brother Bob

yell, "Luc, it's coming right towards you!" Luc hustled ahead a ways then spotted the big bull crossing up in front of him. Two shots from his .270 finally anchored the monarch for good.

The excited trio reached the downed

animal within seconds of each other and, as you can imagine, lots of high fives and back slapping were in order.

When the congratulations subsided it dawned on all of them, at about the same time: what do we do now?! It's a situation that strikes every successful party of moose hunters and it was no different for this clan. For some reason (Robert has yet to know why), he was elected the official gutter. Not exactly the highlight of this day's activities but one that had to be done.

The frosting on this trio's hunt, and for my son and me as well, was witnessing Bob pull the massive animal out of the woods.

Oh, maybe I should point out that it wasn't Bob Quirion but rather a horse named Bob and owner Marc Farrow.

Only if one has witnessed this first hand can one truly appreciate the training and closeness between owner and animal. It was absolutely fascinating to witness this horse react so expertly to his master's gentle commands. When a tree would seemingly be about to break off an antler, Marc would halt the horse, then command him to step sideways, opening up a clear path for the moose to be dragged through.

I know that for some, a show horse prancing about a ring is impressive, and it is. But for all of us it doesn't compare with what we saw that Tuesday night high up on a mountain, in the dark and the rain and the fog. With the help of the entire crew the moose was finally loaded onto a trailer that Bob's son and friend showed up with. Then it was off down through 15 miles of logging roads to the weigh-in station.

The moose topped the scales at 785 pounds and sported a 60-inch spread of antlers with 25 points. Not bad for some good ole farm boys from the north country.

## Bishop's welcomes football recruits

By Mike Hickey  
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Bishop's University football team is coming off its best season in over a decade but head coach Leroy Blugh and his coaching staff are not resting on their laurels. Blugh, who was named the Quebec University Football League's Coach of the Year in 2007, has brought in 14 new players for the second semester and will welcome another 55 prospective blue-chip recruits this weekend as the football program runs its annual recruiting weekend in conjunction with the school's Winter Homecoming Weekend.

"We feel that we have to take another step in the development of the program and take advantage of our Quebec location," Blugh said in a phone interview yesterday. "Of the 14 players that came in at Christmas, 10 are from Quebec and the same is true of the young men coming in this weekend."

In the past most of our recruits have been out-of-province but that is chang-

ing. "We are very pleased with our recruiting efforts so far and hopefully that's this opens the door for even more Quebec student-athletes coming to Bishop's to play football."

One of those who enrolled at Christmas time was Sherbrooke native Dominick Richard who was a league all-star and member of the Cégep de Sherbrooke Volontaires provincial champion AA squad. There are two other local products among the 55 players participating in this weekend's events: Samuel Audet of Sherbrooke, and Billy Lemoine of Granby. In total 15 prospects hail from Quebec with the remainder coming from Ontario.

The highlight of the weekend will be the eighth annual Purple and Silver Recruiting Dinner which will be held tonight on the Lennoxville campus. The Purple and Silver Dinner is an event reserved for the school's top recruiting prospects and allows the recruits to mingle with alumni and present members of the football team.

This visit allows recruits a tremen-

dous opportunity to taste first-hand the "Bishop's experience" and to meet and discuss with players past and present throughout the entire weekend. The visits, which include meetings with Bishop's faculty, are designed to give the invitees a sense of what awaits them at Bishop's should they choose to play for the Gaiters next fall.

The recruits will also get a first-hand look at the kind of outstanding support that Bishop's fans have become famous for when they attend the Saturday evening's basketball doubleheader against McGill.

The players will arrive tonight when they will have their first meeting with the Gaiter coaching staff and players followed by the Purple and Silver dinner. The recruits will have an academic information session and campus tours Saturday morning and following an afternoon tour of the sports centre there will be a drills-and-skills-session in the gym where the would-be Gaiters can showcase their skills.



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## Church Elders

Two members of the congregation of Lennoxville's St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Norma Brown and Christopher Drew, were made 'church elders' at a special ceremony held on Sunday, February 3, 2008.



In the photo, left to right are Sarah MacDonald, Clerk of the Session, Norma Brown, Christopher Drew and Rev. John Barry Forsyth.

PHOTO BY: BRUCE PATTON

## Sawyerville United Church Women

The Sawyerville United Church Women met in the Manse on January 16, 2008 for their annual meeting. The president Theda Lowry welcomed the ladies, and gave a reading entitled The Cracked Pot, two pots of water being carried in India, one being cracked thus delivering half the amount of water, but watering the flower seeds along the path that the bearer had planted. All repeated the UCW Purpose.

Devotions were led by Rena Lassenba and Doreen Cairns, we opened with the singing of Breathe on Me Breath of God. Rena read a piece about a man trying to thaw ice of telephone lines, quite a task until the sun came out and the ice loosened easily off the lines - God a worker of miracles. Doreen's reading was What will we do with the New Year and a poem Winter Sun, closing with The Lord's Prayer.

The secretary Jeanne Lowry read the minutes of the November meeting which were signed approved as read. Roll Call tally was eight, visits and or phone calls were 52.

Two donations for the lunch served after two funerals were received, and words of thanks also, the UCW is grateful for these. The president expressed her thanks to all the helpers.

Correspondence: Several thank yous were received and verbal thanks also.

Annual meeting:

The president gave a report, highlighting briefly the year's activities, saying we have become accustomed to the Manse for our regular meeting, and we appreciate the use of the Sawyerville

Community Center for our larger functions, and to our Catholic community for the use of their facilities for the turkey supper, our grateful thanks. Donations were made to during the year: Angola Memorial Scholarship Fund, Christian Blind Mission, Presbytery Youth Work, Sawyerville Elementary School, Vacation Bible School (Fairgrounds), Sawyerville U.C. Trustees, 2008 Church calenders were also sold. Chairs have been purchased for the Manse.

Thank you to all who help us carry out our activities, we all are part of the church.

There have been plants or flowers (when available) for Sunday services, and effort is made to keep the house clean and tidy. Supplies are purchased as needed.

Press: Accounts of our meetings have been published in the Record, thank you to the Record.

Devotions: Rena reported that there have been readings, poems, etc. in coordination with the season, saying also that Doreen's part of the devotions is so well thought out and prepared.

The treasurer's report prepared by Wendy Mackay, gave details of recent transactions, revenue and expenditures, the balance of January 1, 2007 and the balance at the end of the year. A detailed account of the years transactions is being prepared for the congregational meeting by Wendy.

Stewardship report by Mary Scholes: Total visits (or phone calls) was 1,199, the Minute for Mission is read each Sun-

day, we receive Mandate and Happenings.

Cheer: Jeanne Lowry: 104 cards in all had been sent, some handcrafted by Jeanne, thank you.

Cradle Roll: Hope Evans had prepared a report, there are 12 "little people" on our cradle roll. Hope also had an updated birthday list, each received a copy of this, thank you.

Church in Society: (for our regular meeting) Claris Phillips read a piece about a lady with grade 8 education, having lost her husband, who was left with 4 children to raise, after having taught herself to type and when interviewed for a job, telling the boss that her level of education was higher, secured the position, but not having a frig she had to shop every evening for fresh food. Her boss upon learning this purchased one for her a gentleman to be sure. Claris also read "Nunavut at a Glance," where there is 6 hours of daylight in January, aren't we fortunate.

A quote: The past tells us not what to do but what to avoid. Annual report: Claris brings to us articles of interest from the Observer, Canadian Living, Mandate, and the Record.

The Stewards: A "Tea" was held in May, and "Apple Pie Making" in October and November. Both functions were successful, socially and financially, thank you to all the volunteers, to those who came to the Tea and to those who purchased the pies. Net profit figures were given.

Work committee: Rena reported that there had been a sales table at the

Turkey supper, a goodly amount realized from this, there is still "work" on hand, thank you to those who contribute to this. Rena and Claris are the committee, thank you to these ladies.

On December 16 the UCW sponsored the Seniors' Dinner, we were not blessed with a good day which was most unfortunate, the brave souls who ventured out enjoyed a turkey dinner and entertainment following, Kendra Parnell played selections on her violin, Carlyne Lowry did several "Highland" dances and also played pieces on her violin. After these two young ladies, we were entertained with some "Old Time" music with Chilston Lowry and Wayne Alden with Rev. Barb on the piano. The same day 21 baskets were packed and 2 boxes to the Senior Residences, and were delivered. A sincere thank you to all the helpers.

The Presbyterian UCW form was completed and is to be mailed.

There being no further business, all repeated the Mizpah benediction.

Supper preparations were underway, the guests were arriving, when all was in readiness, Justin asked the blessing, a variety of good food was enjoyed and visiting, after a busy afternoon.

I am so pleased to say that Sawyerville UCW is gaining two new members in 2008, welcome to Penny Lloyd and Lorraine Little.

A good healthy New Year to all, and thank you to the Record.

Submitted by  
Theda Lowry

## Kinnear's Mills Women's Institute

On a cold Monday morning, January 21st, seven members of the Kinnear's Mills Women's Institute were welcomed at the home of Huguette and Robert Blais for the Annual Meeting.

The meeting opened with the Salute to the Flag, Creed and Oath of Citizenship, led by the President, Huguette. She gave out the new programmes for 2008, and was thanked for preparing them.

Motto: He who reads is never alone.  
Roll Call: Best memory of the year 2007. Members had enjoyed a social time in December at the Leeds Restaurant and exchange of gifts.

A thank you note from our member Helen MacRae for the useful birthday gift she had received from our group.

Also a note of thanks from L.O.L. Secretary James Allan for the donation to the "Repair Fund" for the Community Hall.

The Q.W.I. Newsletter was passed out. At noon members enjoyed a delicious hot meal served by our hostess, assisted by Robert and a friendly social hour was spent.

The year-end Annual Convenor's Reports were read by each convenor, who moved the adoption of her report and were seconded by Pauline Nutbrown.

County President, Pauline had presented the School Achievement Awards on Friday at Thetford School.

The "Blais Family" are sending a parcel of many items to Slava and his family in Belarus. Any articles would be greatly appreciated. All members will contribute to this Parcel.


Flora MacNaul invited the members to dinner and a meeting at her home on Monday - Feb. 18. The dinner will be at 12:00 noon and the meeting will be at 2:00 p.m.

Program: Name celebrities (Canadian and International) who made the news in the year 2007. Pauline was the winner.

The members expressed thanks to Huguette and Robert for the pleasant time spent at their home.

A. Allan

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### Deaths

**BIRNBAUM, Arthur Wilton (1918-2008)** - At the BMP Hospital in Cowansville, on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in his sleep, passed away Wilton Birnbaum. Wilton was predeceased by his wife Peggy, his son Carl and his mourned by Carl's widow Susanne. Wilton is survived by his son Rick and his wife Mireille, his sister Elsa Harding and his niece Lynn Watson and other relatives and friends. Resting at the Desourdy Wilson Funeral Home, 318 Knowlton Rd., Lac Brome, QC, J0E 1V0. Tel.: 450-263-1212, fax: 450-263-9557 [info@desourdywilson.com](mailto:info@desourdywilson.com) where family and friends will be welcomed on Friday, February 8, 2008, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, February 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., followed by the funeral service at St-Paul's Anglican Church at 2 p.m. in Knowlton. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the Canadian Cancer Society, Section Cowansville, P.O. 131, Cowansville, QC, J2K 3H1 would be appreciated (forms available at the funeral home).

**CAMPBELL, Miss Phyllis (1917-2008)** - Peacefully at the Charles Lemoyne Hospital on January 24, 2008, at the age of 90, passed away Phyllis Campbell, daughter of the late Ethel (Martindale) and Edgar Campbell, sister of the late Marion (Ingalls) and late Clayton Campbell. Phyllis was born in Stanbridge East, QC and was a resident of Brossard. A spring burial will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements by Joseph Dion & Fils, 215 rue Rivière, Bedford, QC, J0J 1A0, Tel.: 450-248-2911 [josephdionfilstee@bellnet.ca](mailto:josephdionfilstee@bellnet.ca)

### Death

**WEBSTER, Diana** - Peacefully, on Friday, February 1, 2008, in the Palliative Care Unit of the Vancouver General Hospital. Beloved wife of Will, mother of Sean and Tara, mother-in-law to Christine and grandmother of her sweetheart Madison. Diana was a sunny, cheerful woman who tackled life's round with kindness, enthusiasm and good humour. Among her extended family, Auntie Di was legendary for her generosity and oceans of affection. Born on April 23, 1943 in Trail, BC, daughter of the late Bob and Babs Graham, Diana lived and worked in Vancouver, then Toronto, where she met and married William Webster, son of Eric and Ibbey Webster of Sherbrooke, QC. The family later moved to Vancouver. She leaves her husband, children, daughter-in-law and granddaughter, also sister Lori Werry of Dunrobin, ON, with husband David and son Matthew, sister Debbie Graham of Abbotsford, BC, brother-in-law Norman Webster of Montreal with wife Pat and children David, Andrew, Derek, Gillian and Hilary, and sister-in-law Maggie Gallagher of Oakville, ON, with husband Tom and children Karen, Matthew, Kerry and Casey. Diana requested no funeral be held, but a celebration of her life is being planned for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Variety - The Children's Charity, Tent 47, 4300 Still Creek Drive, Burnaby, BC, V5C 6C6.

### In Memoriams

**BLODGETT, Bruce Raymond:** August 4, 1934 - February 9, 2007.

Dear Bruce, Dad & Grandpa,  
In our memory you are near,  
Forever dear.

Loved, remembered and  
Longed for every day.

Forever remembered by your wife

SHEILA  
YOUR CHILDREN  
and GRANDCHILDREN

**BRUNGER, Edward** - In loving memory of Edward Brunger who passed away February 9, 1996.

Always loved and missed,  
LONA (wife)  
LAURIE (RAYMOND)  
(daughter)  
AND FAMILY

**MCCORMICK, June (nee Statton)** - In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who left us suddenly five years ago, February 10, 2003.

Wonderful memories of one so dear,  
Treasured still with a love sincere,  
In our hearts she is living yet,  
We loved her too dearly to forget.

Sadly missed by,  
DON  
AND FAMILIES

## Ascot Women's Institute Annual Meeting

On January 30, the members of the Ascot W.I. met at Eva Leith's apartment at the St. Francis Manor.

The president Marion Annesley opened the meeting with a welcome to fellow members and thanked Eva for having the meeting. The Collect, Salute to the Flag and the Oath of Citizenship were repeated.

The motto for the month 'Plant your dreams with passion and cultivate them with action.' Marion read a poem by Wayne Robinson entitled 'January'.

Four members of our branch answered the Roll Call with payments of dues. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read by the Secretary. Correspondence included a letter of thanks from Shawn Mimnaugh for our bursary which was presented to him on Galt Awards Night by Linda Hoy. A statement from the Royal Bank Shows our investment plus interest reinvested.

Annual reports were read by the Secretary Orma Kingsley who also read the treasurer's report prepared by Linda Hoy. Margaret Hall read the report of Agriculture and Social Services. Marion Annesley read the report of Health and Community Living. Eva Leith moved that these reports be accepted. Marion Annesley read the new program Margaret Hall moved its acceptance. Seconded by Eva.

Our next meeting will be March 7. The next county meeting will be held on February 13. Margaret Hall gave an excellent report of the last county meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and delicious refreshments were served by our hostess Eva Leith and a social hour was enjoyed.

Submitted by  
Orma Kingsley

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# It feels like sexual harassment

**Dear Annie:** I am a senior in high school and have been lucky enough to find myself in a relationship with a loving, caring and amazing young man.

I do not do drugs and plan to stay clean for the rest of my life. Unfortu-

nately, "Kevin" often smokes marijuana with his friends. I

don't think he smokes so much that it affects his life or his education, but it is an illegal drug and I am afraid of the consequences if he were to be arrested.

I have asked him to stop many times.

While I know he respects my opinion, I don't think it's enough. I am trying to trust he will make the right choice. Yet whenever he goes out with his friends, I find myself constantly anxious about him.

Annie, how do I ease my worried mind? — Layla

**Dear Layla:** You can't force Kevin to give up pot if he's unwilling. You also cannot protect him from being caught with an illegal substance. Either break up with him and find someone who shares your idea of clean living, or accept that whatever happens

## Annie's Mailbox

is of his own choosing and beyond your control. Worrying accomplishes nothing. Indifference can make the inevitable easier to endure.

**Dear Annie:** I have several friends who always say, "I can't afford that." What is a good response to this statement? — Like to Know

**Dear Like to Know:** It depends on the circumstances. If they say it when you have suggested going in on a gift for a friend, the response should be, "Then we'll get something else." If they say it when you have just purchased a fancy stereo system, the response should be, "I feel very fortunate."

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Terribly Confused," who had fallen for her gay friend, "Geoff." Here's what this situation looks like from a gay man's perspective: Geoff, as is true of many gay men, probably likes women and enjoys having them as friends. If a gay man spends a lot of time with female friends, straight women sometimes interpret this as "confusion about their sexuality." Most often, that is just wishful thinking. Most men are not confused about their sexual orientation. Either men turn you on or women do.

Here's what's frustrating: Gay men often clearly tell women friends that we are gay, always have been gay, have never been turned on by women, but would like to be friends. The woman often says she understands, but acts otherwise.

I have one such friend now. I've told

her parts of my gay history and joked with her like a woman would with a girlfriend when I see a guy in a restaurant I find attractive. It makes no difference. She incessantly calls me "Sweetie" or "Darling," is coy and seductive, and puts her hands on me in ways that make me cringe.

Women should ask themselves: How many times have you told a guy you are just interested in being friends, only to have the guy constantly hit on you, touch you or eye you lasciviously? It feels like sexual harassment. And then he accuses you of "leading him on." Makes you want to scream, doesn't it? Often you have to end the friendship if he won't accept boundaries.

Most men are pretty direct, whether gay or straight. If Geoff wanted her, he would have made his move. She shouldn't delude herself. You gave her good advice, Annie. If she can't accept Geoff as a friend, she should stop seeing him. Staying emotionally connected to a man she can't have may keep her from being hurt by someone else, but it also keeps her lonely. She deserves better. — Gay Shrink in Texas

**Dear Texas:** Too many women think all friendly men are flirting, and some women are challenged by the prospect of getting a gay man to be attracted to them. Thank you for spelling out the truth so clearly.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

## Fifty years and counting

Earlier this summer, representing the brethren of Ascot Lodge No. 30, R.W. Bros. Wyatt Savage and Max Salvas along with W. Bro. Gordon Humphrey paid a visit at the home of W. Bro. Warren Ross to present him with his 50-Year Jewel.

Bro. Ross' most memorable Masonic moment was when he became the Master of the Lodge. He became interested in the Craft, however, as a result of having to take his gravel truck to Bro. Don Martin's auto dealership for some repair work.

Bro. Ross also was lucky (in one sense) to be able to have ample opportunity to learn his ritual work. "I learned my obligation," he said, "while spreading manure with a tractor."

Lodge members fondly remember the sugar-season ritual of doughnuts and maple syrup supplied by Bro. Ross following the lodge meeting.

The brethren of st. Francis District in general and of Ascot Lodge No. 30 in particular extend congratulations to Bro. Ross on his attainment of this milestone in Masonry.

Submitted by W. Bro. Bruce Patton



Left to right are: W. Bro. Gordon Humphrey, R.W. Bro. Wyatt Savage, W. Bro. Warren Ross and R.W. Bro. Max Salvas.

PHOTO: BRUCE PATTON

## Coaticook Area Senior Citizens' Club news

Would a turkey dinner be complete without cranberry sauce? We are not the only living beings who feast on cranberries round christmastime.

Birds also depend on Canada's bright, native fruits to see them through the cold months. Actually, there is not much else to eat in wintertime: the seed bearing grasses of summer are long gone; most ripe seeds and nuts have been covered up by fallen leaves and snow. Berries are easy to spot, their vivid reds, pinks and purple leap out against winter's natural beauty. They are sweet and rich, thus become the perfect feast for our feathered friends after a few fall frosts.

So, to keep the birds feasting in your backyard, you will need a range of shrubs that are native to this area. Hungry birds need the berry-bearing plants when all other food is scarce.

We some times say that a person with a small appetite "eats like a birds." Did you know this is not really true? Birds eat more in relation to their size than most persons do, e.i., a fourteen ounce pigeon eats food equal to one twentieth of its weight in a day. To equal this appetite, a one hundred and eighty pound man would have to eat nine pounds of food in a day. The average person eats only about three pounds of food a day.

The Coaticook Area Senior Citizens Club met at L'Epervier, January 30, for the first luncheon of the new year 2008 with an attendance of fifty-five.

At 11:30 a.m., a short business meeting took place. Shirley Desruisseaux, president, welcomed all including the one new member, Stan Wiggett from Dixville.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in The Record, motion to adopt was seconded by Edward Bryant. The treasurer gave a full report of the year's revenue and expenses showing an adequate balance, his motion to adopt was seconded by June Brennan.

Committee reports: The telephone committee reported on members who are housebound because of illness, Barbara Sharpe, Durwood Cunningham, Murray Derby and Beatrice Grady.

Travel: No report.

Entertainment: Shirley Desruisseaux read a humorous article, "A letter from a redneck mother to her son." Lydia May followed with another reading "The senior citizen", submitted by Joan Baldwin. Five members won the numbered saucer game arranged by Lydia, Robert Shepherd, Sam Owen, Denise Sharpe, Therese Dionne and Carl Burczyk. They each received valentine sweets. Lydia is a member of the social committee, along with Roger Tétreault and Jackie Gosselin. Each month they form a plan for the activity time, we thank them for their efforts.

A thank you was extended to Mervyn Drew for his handling of the Christmas cake sales, \$71.00 profit, also to the members who have brought in door prizes.

Jackie Gosselin, "passed the hat," for the Cloutier family who, recently lost their home and possessions in a fire. Jackie, thanked all for the generous donation of \$200.00. Barbara Bellows, on behalf of the Cloutier family graciously thanked everyone for their show of compassion.

Jackie Gosselin adjourned the meeting.

Lunch time, while cranberries were not on the menu, we did enjoy the thick vegetable creamed soup, assorted sandwiches, hors d'oeuvres, birthday cake, tea and coffee. The January birthdays were acknowledged and wishes extended in song.

The half and half drawings were won by Mervyn Drew and Muriel Mosher.

Due to inclement weather, the bingo game was put off to February.

Next meeting, February 27.

Submitted by Leta Dustin, secretary

## Valentine's Day

Too much fuss; not enough trust,  
Very little real love; very much lust,  
That's how I have seen it for many a year.

Caught up with heartaches and many a tear,  
Searching for someone I could hold dear.

I turned to the Father in Heaven above,  
Asking: please send me someone; oh, someone, to love.

Then it seems I can hear Him say,  
"Patient, my child; he is not far away."

Give thanks to the Father and continue to pray,  
He will answer your prayers in His own special way.

Poem written by E.T. Writer,  
Elizabeth Haskell

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: T equals K

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION - "To see what is right and not to do it is want of courage." Confucius "From caring comes courage." - Lao Tzu

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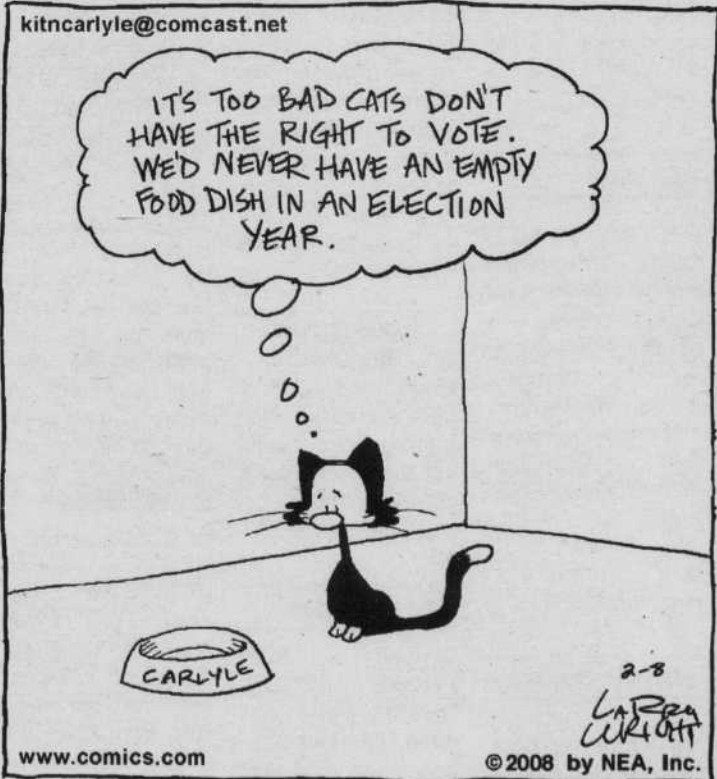
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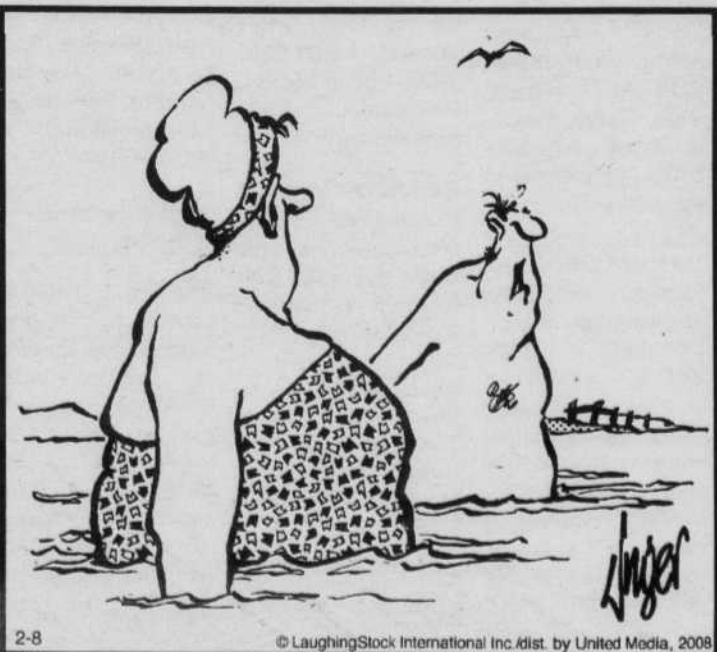
PREVIOUS SOLUTION - "After a while, you have no idea how old you are because you've lied so many times." - Sandra Bullock

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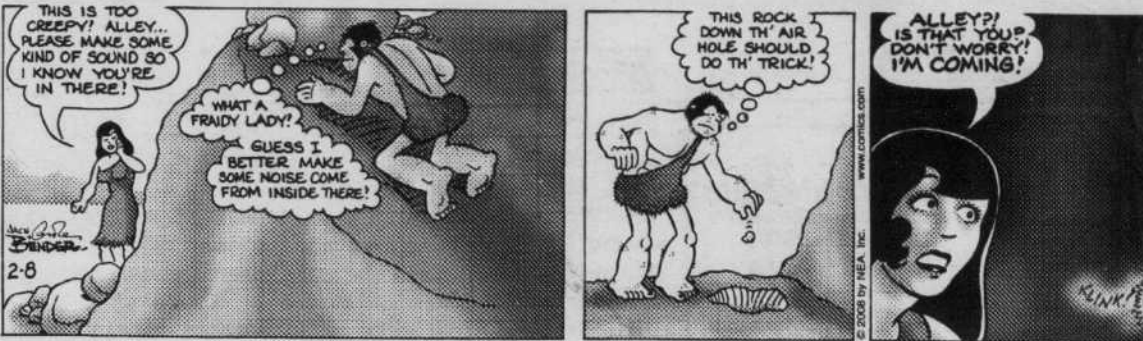
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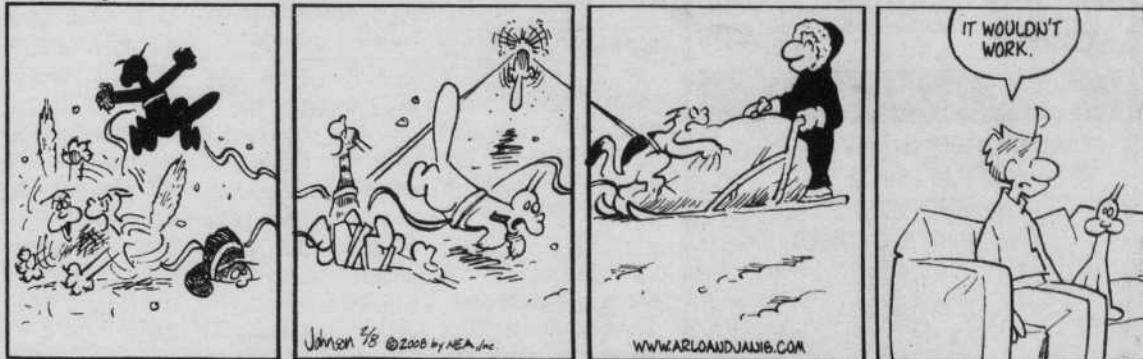
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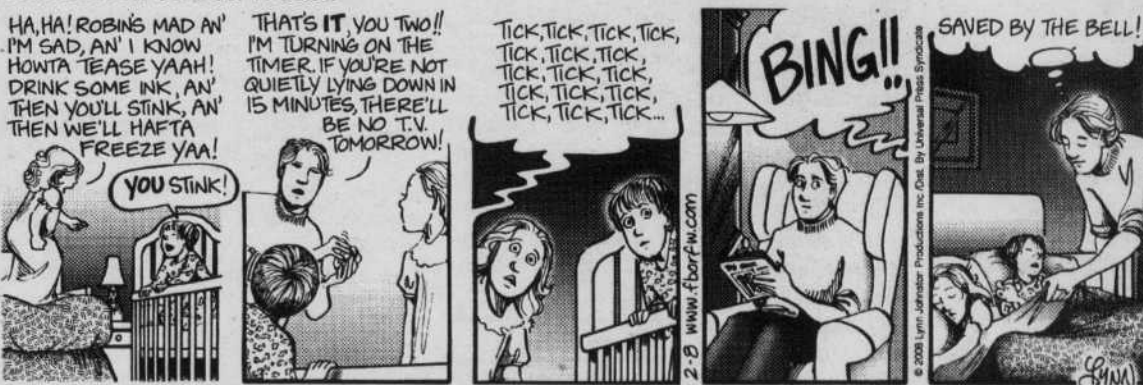
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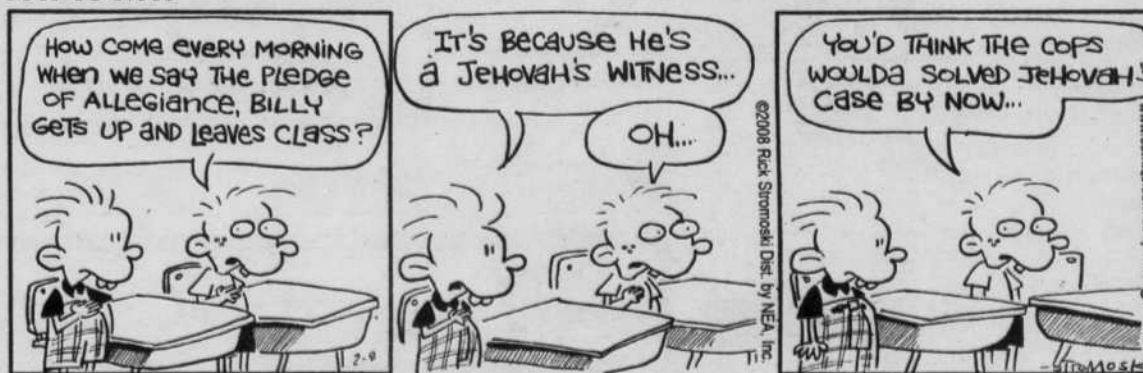
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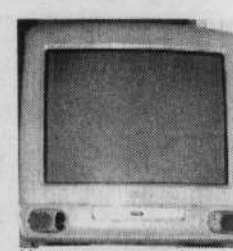
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♣ 4 2			
West		East	
♠ K 6 2		♠ 8 7 5 3	
♥ 4 3		♥ K 6	
♦ 9 6 4		♦ 10 8 5	
♣ K J 6 5 3		♣ A 10 9 7	
South			
♠ A 4			
♥ Q J 10 9 8 7			
♦ 7 3 2			
♣ Q 8			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
2♥	Pass	4♥	All pass
Opening lead: ♣ 5			

Friday, Feb. 8, 2008

## Don't be impulsive; give it thought

By Phillip Alder

Noel Coward said, "Trust your instincts. If you have no instincts, trust your impulses."

That is excellent advice for the bridge table, assuming you have good instincts. But since few below the expert level do, it would be a better idea to think things through, trying not to act on impulse.

In this deal, you are sitting East. Your partner, on lead against four hearts, selects his fourth-highest club. How would you plan the defense?

North knew that when he jumped to four hearts, he might have been bidding a contract that had no chance, especially on a black-suit lead. However, it pays to be aggressive in bidding game, especially when vulnerable. Maybe West would lead a red card. Perhaps South would have a black-suit singleton.

You can see two sure defensive tricks: the heart king and club ace. Since you cannot get a diamond trick or a second heart trick, you need two black-suit tricks. Partner, though, cannot have the ace and king of spades, because he would have led one of them, not a club. You must hope to collect one spade and one club. First, therefore, assume partner has the club king. If he also has the spade ace, it does not matter what you do. But if West has the spade king, you must resist the impulse to return partner's suit.

The only winning defense is a spade shift at trick two. And you should lead the eight, the high card to deny an honor in the suit. If you do anything else, South's spade loser eventually evaporates on dummy's fourth diamond.

Friday, Feb. 8, 2008

You will be coming into your own in the year ahead, and your imprint is likely to be felt in more areas than ever before. Utilize your time and talents in ways that can advance your hopes and dreams.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Persons who care a great deal about you will be the ones who have your best interests at heart and who understand both your material and emotional needs. Put your faith in them.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be optimistic about the outcome of events, because you are in an especially good period when Lady Luck will be handling your agenda. Your hopes and wishes could be gratified now.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Your chances for achieving your aims are better than they've been in a long time, so don't put off anything important that you can do now. It is to your benefit to strike while the iron is hot.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — If you feel lucky about an idea, trust your instincts and don't hesitate to share your thoughts with the powers-that-be who can promote what you envision. With your idea, everybody will win.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — Collective interests look especially promising, so team up with those who aren't afraid to go after what they want. Ride the momentum to success.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — One of your best talents is to bring people together for a mutual beneficial purpose. You'll be especially lucky for those who are floundering and need the support of numbers to give them strength.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — If a change is in order concerning your workaday world, consider what needs to be improved and try to implement it now. Fellow workers are in the mood to try something new and will be cooperative.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Decisions you make at this time are apt to be right on the money when it comes to dealing with your social life. Trust your judgment about people with whom you will be sharing your leisure hours.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Timing can be extremely important when it comes to trying to put a deal together with others. If you sense this is the right time, trust your instincts and don't delay taking action.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Even if you can't come up with an original concept of your own, you have the ability to polish what cohorts conceive. In fact, improving upon the ideas of others can be your most significant asset.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — All conditions look exceptionally favorable at this time, but your greatest luck is in dealing with situations or projects that can make or save a lot of money. Concentrate your efforts there.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you want a more enjoyable time, select your own companions and activities. Waiting for others to put something together will turn out to be iffy, and might not be what you truly would like to do.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008

In the year ahead, you are likely to be far bolder and enterprising in ways that could increase your income or holdings. It behooves you to channel your drive in a positive and sure direction that is both tried-and-true.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — When you start juggling accounts by robbing Peter to pay Paul, you will create more havoc in your financial affairs than need be. The only sure way to remain solvent is to live within your means.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — You are the one who will be setting the example for others to follow, so be sure the mood is one that you'll be proud of. If you are short-tempered, cranky or impatient, you won't like the clones you create.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — If you have to deal with a difficult person, it might be hard to keep your anger in check. But if you are smart, you will smolder in silence instead of responding as your emotions dictate.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Financial arrangements with friends could cause undesirable problems, so try not to let money get in the way of friendship. However, if that's not possible and a disagreement arises, suffer in silence.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — There can be a fine line between acting aggressively assertive and just plain pushy. If you can't figure out where the boundaries lie, be prepared to meet with strong resistance.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Although you might mean well, it is best not to butt into a testy situation that does not directly concern you. You won't be able to settle the other person's mess, and you might even be blamed for it in the end.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — What starts out as a trivial disagreement could quickly get blown out of proportion if the other individual is just as strong-willed and inflexible about his or her opinions as you are. Don't go down that road.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If someone whose support and cooperation is essential to you starts to waver, be as diplomatic about handling the situation as possible. He or she could quickly become an adversary instead of an ally.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be careful to whom you take something you want repaired or serviced, because the wrong person could make matters worse, not better. Take ample time to find a reliable serviceman.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you allow yourself to get too emotional about someone who is important to you, you're apt to become a trifle too possessive. Unfortunately, the more control you try to exert, the more likely he or she will rebel.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Outsiders should not be allowed into the picture to help resolve a disagreement between you and your mate. If you think things are heated to begin with, wait until they start pouring gasoline on the fire.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't allow outsiders to influence you to rush an important task or assignment that needs intricate detailing. Turn a deaf ear, knowing that haste can cause serious errors or complications you don't need.

Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008

By studying things of interest for which you have an immediate use, you will find that education and learning will come easier in the year ahead. Expanding your knowledge will be both gratifying and profitable.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you are just skating through life and merely trusting to luck to carry the load for you, don't expect any big returns. Rewards will come only in direct proportion to the efforts you expend.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) — There are no free rides in life, even when it comes to dealing with loved ones. Small, thoughtful gestures, however, will yield big returns. Do something considerate so that those close to your heart know you care.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — When working on something in unison with another that is turning out well, don't attempt to take all the accolades. Sharing the glory and rewards must be equally distributed.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — When you make decisions based upon existing, realistic facts, the outcome will be excellent. Conversely, shy reasoning that impairs your judgment will only lead you far from your goal.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — Avoid inclinations to blow small difficulties out of proportion and make them far more overwhelming than they actually are. Instead, use that splendid imagination of yours in positive ways.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Taking your business or financial problems to someone you know on a social basis is not only out of line — it would be a big mistake. It's much wiser to use an objective banker who knows how to advise you.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you can hit your stride, you will be a productive, industrious performer. But that is iffy, especially if you are looking for a free ride. To succeed, you must first have a sense of purpose and then total focus.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A discussion with friends can prove to be enlightening, but if it leads to advice about a business or financial arrangement, take what they have to say with a grain of salt. Thoroughly investigate all deals independently.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You are likely to get off to an ambitious start with a project, but you could quickly become disenchanted if you overreach or go after something beyond your skills. In this case, you will not finish what is begun.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Upon occasion, we can do a bit of harmless exaggerating and nothing will come of it. But a lack of candor now, especially with co-workers, will lead to a serious situation that will be difficult to untangle.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Even small financial dealings and transactions with others must not be taken frivolously; otherwise, you could be more concerned with their interests than with your own and give away the store.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You must be careful not to behave in a superior or condescending manner when dealing with others. Although all looks well on the surface, you're on shaky ground and could trip over your own feet.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS

- 1 O.T. book
- 4 Adhesive strip
- 8 "Two Women" director
- 14 Mil. installation
- 15 French religious figs.
- 16 Pop in more film
- 17 Giggler's treat?
- 19 Actress Moreau
- 20 Beehive State
- 21 Tycoon Turner
- 23 Bagnold and Blyton
- 24 Writer Dickens
- 27 Actor Mineo
- 29 "Enola \_"
- 30 Young men
- 32 Director Browning
- 34 "ER" network

- 36 Set in motion
- 40 Dwarfed tree
- 42 One for all and all for one treat?
- 44 L'chaim and prosit
- 45 Show on TV
- 46 H.S. subj.
- 47 Little one
- 49 Droop
- 50 Canad. province
- 52 \_ "King" Cole
- 54 Iditarod state
- 58 Nancy of "Pollyanna"
- 60 Gadgeteer Popeil
- 62 Vocalized team spirit
- 63 Bacchante
- 65 Astronomer's treat?
- 68 New York prison
- 69 Melancholy

- 18 Hot peppers
- 22 CD's competition
- 25 Interviewer Dick
- 26 "Born Free" writer
- 28 Cardinal flower
- 31 R-V hookup
- 33 You don't say!
- 35 Prehistoric tomb
- 36 Lawyers: abbr.
- 37 Generic treat
- 38 Lionel products
- 39 Approx.
- 41 Hummingbirds' eatery

- 43 London garden
- 48 Black goo
- 51 Pagliacci role
- 53 Mausoleums
- 55 Like cut wood
- 56 Light olive brown
- 57 Thus far
- 58 Bradley or Sharif
- 59 Table salt
- 61 Cairo's river
- 64 Pa
- 66 Unit of illumination
- 67 Vocal pitch

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 70 Just get by
- 71 Dealt in used goods
- 72 Lolita-ish
- 73 Morse unit
- DOWN
- 1 Concisely, briefly
- 2 \_ Domingo
- 3 From Tibet, e.g.
- 4 Tongue clucking sound
- 5 Goddess of folly
- 6 Sassy
- 7 Curvy letters
- 8 Erving of hoops
- 9 Bigfoot's shoe size
- 10 Street talk
- 11 Corfu's location
- 12 Generic treats
- 13 Fruit drinks

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By Michael T. Williams Clearwater, FL 2/8/08

ACROSS

- 1 Genesis man
- 5 Nehi and Pepsi
- 10 Gun maker
- 14 Gospel singer Winans
- 15 Wild way to run?
- 16 In any way
- 17 See-ya!
- 18 Calgary Stampede, e.g.
- 19 First name in denim?
- 20 River of Venezuela
- 22 Formed into a ball
- 24 Chita of "West Side Story"
- 25 Shove aside
- 26 Clairvoyant
- 28 Refer to incidentally

- 29 Greek letter
- 31 Complete extent
- 32 Hors d'oeuvres spread
- 36 Military tactic
- 38 Jazz sessions
- 39 In an upright position
- 41 "The Prisoner of \_"
- 43 Sea lavender
- 45 Superlatively ventilated
- 50 Actress Wright
- 51 Plowed but left unseeded
- 52 Pub patron
- 54 Course outlines
- 55 Questionable contraction?
- 56 Mount of Moses
- 58 Face features

- 12 Flatten
- 13 Three-pronged weapons
- 21 Popular cookie
- 23 \_ Kong
- 27 Confiscate
- 28 \_ Carta
- 30 Turn right!
- 32 Follow in time
- 33 Located on the front
- 34 Rip open
- 35 International understandings

- 37 Encouraging intellectual improvement
- 40 Data storage item
- 42 Sea of Asia
- 44 Roman autocrat
- 46 Most sick
- 47 Comic Boosler
- 48 Amen!
- 49 Plot surprises
- 53 Amusement park thrill
- 54 Gilbert or Teasdale
- 57 Ready alternative?

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

- 59 Carryall
- 60 Dress up
- 61 Annoying fit
- 62 Love god
- 63 Mark sale items
- 64 Vietnamese holidays
- DOWN
- 1 Players
- 2 Sweet-'ums
- 3 Moving here and there
- 4 Nastier
- 5 Cutting bits of wit
- 6 Melville's "Typee" sequel
- 7 Failure
- 8 Top cards
- 9 Capital of Macedonia
- 10 Keyboard percussion instruments
- 11 Worker's

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By Ed Voile Gillette, WY 2/9/08

## Anglican Priest speaks of service with Armed Forces to Stanbridge East Women's Institute

Special guest speaker at the November meeting of the Stanbridge East Women's Institute was the Rev. William Terry Blizzard, Anglican priest serving the Parish of Stanbridge East and Freighsburg. He spoke about his experience as a chaplain with the United Nations forces in Cyprus and his experiences serving with the Canadian Armed Forces in Germany.

Born in southern Ontario farming country, as a priest he served from New Carlisle in the Gaspé to the Pacific coast. In 1984, he was posted to Cyprus with the UN forces and in 1988, he spent two years in Germany. Fluent in French, he also knows rudimentary Turkish and a little Greek and learned German in the Rhine Valley. He told the group that you can open a door if you can greet in another language.

In Cyprus, he discovered that Greeks and Turks had similar points of view but they looked in different directions - East versus West. The Cypriots have lived on the same island for 1,000 years.

The Christian church in Cyprus was founded by the Apostle Paul. The church in England was founded 300 to 400 years later.

When Mr. Blizzard served in Germany with the Canadian forces, he made friends with the German and French people, met ordinary people and learned what went on in their lives.

"Fundamental human needs are safety, security, food, a place to live, someone to care for them," he said. The fundamental need is to be treated as a

human being and with dignity - a need to belong.

Referring to Afghanistan, Mr. Blizzard remarked that Afghans live in appalling poverty. "North Americans forget," he said, "that we have obligations. Teaching and medical missions are very important. We are born here by accident in the world's most powerful empire."

Ten members were present at this meeting, which was held in the Anglican Church hall in Stanbridge East. President Dianne Tait was in the chair.

The secretary, Pearle Ingalls Yates, read the minutes. There were two corrections. Tania Chamberlin has received the Ella Beach Brown Bursary.

Correspondence included a letter from Principal Renalee Gore of the Butler Elementary School in Bedford for a donation for books for the school library. A thank-you card was received from Gert Barand and a phone call was received from Dale Casey Gendron for a get-well card. Patricia Vokey also thanked the group for a get-well card.

Maggie Cummings gave the Treasurer's report in the absence of the Treasurer, Mary Boomhower. The October tea money has gone towards the travel fund.

For the new business part of the meeting, Dianne Rhicard has suggested changes in the yearly program, since the group has decided to have no more January meetings.

Dianne Rhicard and Barbara Harvey have agreed to serve on the Nominating

Committee. Maggie Cummings is automatically a member of this committee since she is Past President.

Barbara Harvey had made a list of persons to whom to send Christmas cards from the Women's Institute. It was also moved to send a sympathy card

to Colin and Louise Gage on the death of their daughter Kasey.

The group sang "The International Garden of Peace" and "Hymn of All Nations" and then sang the Institute Grace before lunch.

Jean Cogswell

## Stanbridge East Women's Institute enjoys Christmas outing

The Stanbridge East Women's Institute, along with several guests, gathered at "The Station" restaurant in Cowansville at 11:30 a.m. on December 6.

After a pleasant luncheon, members

and guests participated in a gift exchange.

This was a relaxing Christmas outing enjoyed by all present.


Jean Cogswell

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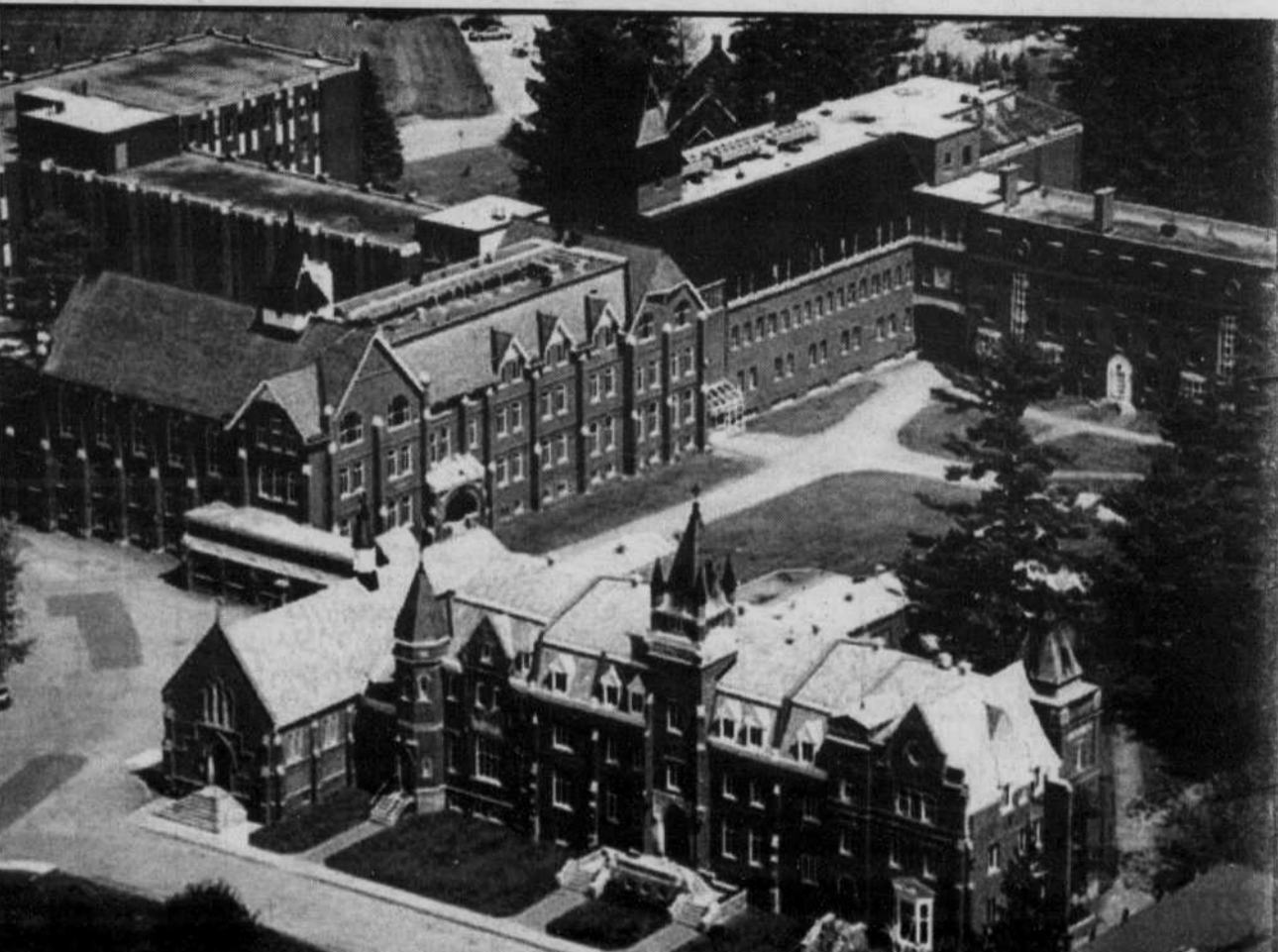


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