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By Rita Legault
SHERBROOKE

Waterloo resident Garry Anderson no longer has a pulse. His heart has stopped beating, but he is still alive and kicking.

After experiencing some shortness of breath, the 54-year-old went to the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Sherbrooke for some routine cardiac tests on July 25. Doctors soon realized he was suffering from congestive heart failure and he was hospitalized immediately.

After a few days in intensive care, cardiologists decided Anderson could not benefit from bypass surgery nor was he a suitable candidate for a transplant or a mechanical heart.

He has no heartbeat

'I'll read it if I'm still alive'

"The CHUS put in a defibrillator, but it didn't help," Anderson said. "One of the doctors said you are going to need more than this or you are going to die."

So Anderson's cardiologist called leading cardiac surgeon Dr. Renzo Cecere at the McGill University Health

Center (MUHC) in Montreal. The surgical director of the Heart Failure and Heart Transplant Program there is one of two Canadian physicians working on a revolutionary alternative to a heart transplant.

After an evaluation, Cecere told An-

derson he needed immediate surgery to install an artificial heart.

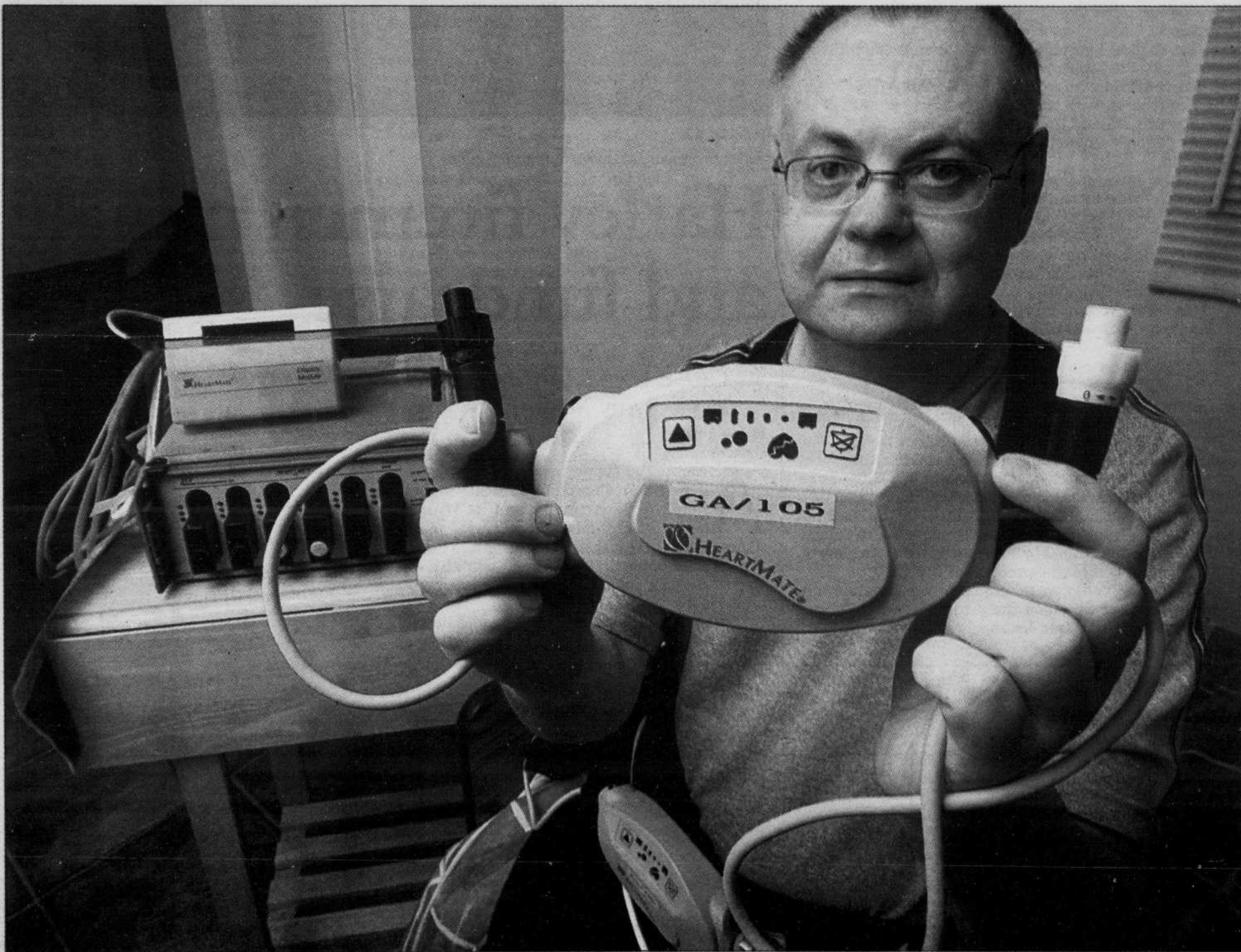
"He said you have to have something right away or you are going to die," Anderson said. "It clears your mind pretty quickly. I knew something was wrong. You can feel it."

"Garry was experiencing multiple organ failure. It was not visible, but he was going downhill fast," said his brother David Anderson.

His sister Lyn Warnholtz said doctors told the family there was a two-day window of opportunity. Medical officials came and explained the implant surgery to Anderson, but he was so sick he could not respond.

"He didn't even want to look at the

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DAVID ANDERSON

Garry Anderson is alive thanks to an experimental heart pump; this external controller is worth \$100,000. He has two.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Townshippers' Association has received a new job posting from the provincial government. You can obtain more details by contacting the association's Information & Referral Service at 819-566-2182 (1-877-566-2182) or info@townshippers.qc.ca.

Regional directors - Commission de la Santé et de la Sécurité du Travail.

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University degree or equivalent and nine years relevant experience in a leadership position.

To apply: www.recrutementquebec.gouv.qc.ca. For more information: Dominique Simard or Renée Veilleux at 1-877-502-4143.

CORRECTING THE CORRECTION

In a correction in Friday's paper, our reporter compounded the confusion created by The Record's coverage of Sherbrooke's New Democratic Party candidate Cheryl Gosselin with a new mistake.

The Record reported that Nancy Layton, sister of NDP leader Jack Layton, was the headmistress at Bishop's College School.

That was news to many readers, particularly headmaster Lewis Evans, who took over the job in 2003.

"I'm so glad I got my job back," he said when the reporter called to apologize.

The confusion arose from a hurried interview by our harried reporter with Jack Layton, who was in town to announce Gosselin was the party's candidate in Sherbrooke. Nancy Layton's achievements were confused with those of Gosselin.

"I know my brother Jack and I imagine there was a lot to process in what he said in a very short time," said Nancy Layton, who lives in Ogden with husband Joe Stairs.

The retired headmistress said Gosselin was quite surprised to find out she was a golf pro and that Nancy Layton's friends all got a chuckle out of the fact that The Record reported her husband was married to Gosselin.

"One of them said there may be more corrections to come," she said with a good-natured chuckle. She was right.

The Record once again apologizes for the confusion created by our story and subsequent correction.

To set things straight: Gosselin is the NDP candidate for Sherbrooke. She is not a golf pro and is not married to Joe Stairs, husband of her good friend Nancy Layton. That means Joe Stairs is definitely not a bigamist. Layton, Nancy not Jack, is the former headmistress of BCS. She was replaced by Lewis Evans, who is quick to point out that he is the headmaster, not the headmistress. Layton, Jack not Nancy, is the head of the federal NDP party. We're delighted the confusion created by our reporter led to such mirth, but hope this is the last correction on this issue.

On another matter, we miscredited the photographer in Monday's paper who took the pictures of deer. The pictures were courtesy Yvan Lachapelle.



PERRY BEATON

Hatley firemen at Saturday's fundraising dance.

Hatley firemen mingle and fundraise

'Close to \$1,500 raised,' says Bowen

By Jen Young HATLEY

Around 200 supporters of the Hatley fire department showed up Saturday night to help the department, and its 17 members, collect funds.

According to 17-year fire chief Madison Bowen, who took the opportunity to mingle while his wife worked the door collecting tickets, the event was a hit for many reasons.

"Everything seemed to go quite well," he said. "People were dancing and seemed to be having

fun. It was good to see people we knew and new people. One woman told me it was good to see us doing this because she hasn't heard of any other departments holding something like this.

"Volunteerism is diminishing so it's good to be able to get out there."

The event, which consisted of numerous two-steps and gallos performed by local country band Slightly Haggard who played old country favorites, brought in close to \$1,500. Bowen said the department depends on community support to help defray the cost of smaller items that add up over the course of the year - items like flashlights and safety hoods.

Weather

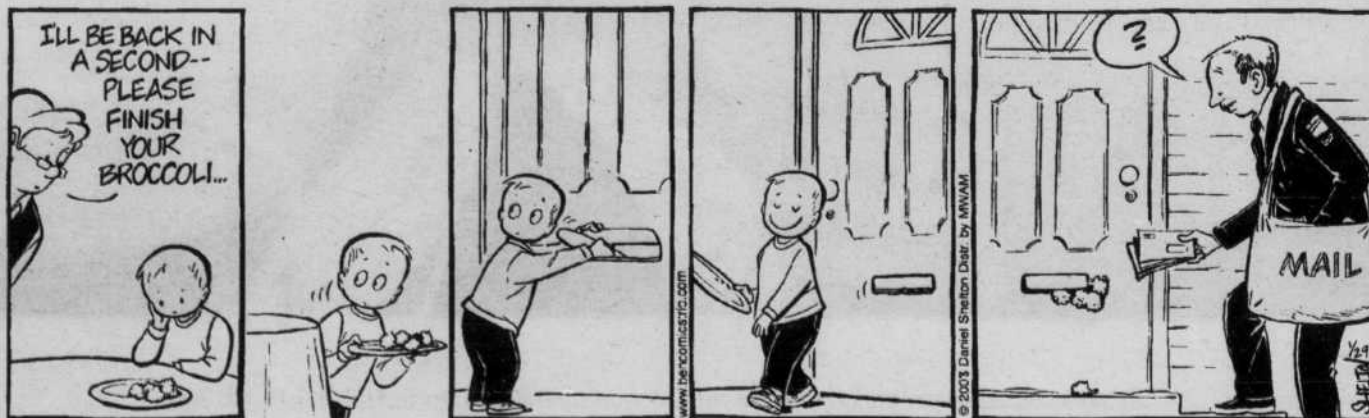
Today: Increasing cloudiness. 40 per cent chance of flurries in the afternoon and evening. High minus 4. Low minus 10.

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Thursday: Sunny. Low minus 11. High minus 6.

Friday: Cloudy with 70 per cent chance of flurries. Low minus 11. High minus 1.

Ben by Daniel Shelton



Lennoxville stays

Talk of abolishing borough is put off

By Sarah Rogers
SHERBROOKE

Any plans to abolish Sherbrooke's boroughs or change the city's electoral districts have been put on hold, at least for now. At this year's lac à l'épaule — a weekend work session for municipally-elected officials — Sherbrooke's city councillors decided to put off discussion on changing the municipality's administrative and political structure, much to the relief of Lennoxville's borough chairman, Douglas MacAulay.

"I'm very happy with the results as far as boroughs are concerned," he said. "This council has put the issue on ice for now."

"And if anything is to be done, it will be done by a future council."

Six years after the fusion of eight municipalities to form the new city of Sherbrooke, politicians began to bat around the idea of structural change that could see Sherbrooke's boroughs go. A debate sparked earlier this month probed whether the city was ready for that.

Elected officials would have had to adopt a resolution before March 3 if any changes were to be made to the city's districts. The issue will likely appear as a campaign issue leading up to the next municipal election, MacAulay said.

Sherbrooke Mayor Jean Perrault has himself said he

would prefer to see a municipal structure attached to wards and neighbourhoods rather than boroughs, although he admitted it may take awhile before that happens.

MacAulay said he expressed himself quite forcibly over the weekend session, which took place Friday and Saturday at the Manoir des Sables. Lennoxville has its own reasons to maintain itself as a borough, notably its bilingual status, which it could potentially lose if the borough blended into one city.

"It seems to be working well in Lennoxville," MacAulay said. "Why fix something that isn't broken?"

Also discussed over the weekend were the city's new urban plan, which will be presented at an upcoming council meeting, and discussion around Sherbrooke's bid for the 2013 Canada Summer Games. A local committee is working on a bid, due in late March. Attracting some 3,600 athletes to the city, the games would mean a significant economic boost for the region.

Regina, Saskatchewan, a slightly larger city than Sherbrooke, hosted the 2005 Canada Games and estimate its generated revenues at \$77 million.

MacAulay said that the games are "well-supported," particularly in Lennoxville where Bishop's University, Champlain College and Bishop's College School are all being eyed to make up the athletes' village.

The 2013 Canada Summer Games will run from Aug. 1 to 18; its host city will be chosen in March 2009.

On The Track



CHARLES CATCHPAUGH

The victim in Sunday's Magog accident, struck by a train when his electric scooter was caught in the tracks, is a 64-year-old man. His name was not released by The Record's press time.

Xtreme movies

Adrenaline fix on screen

By Sarah Rogers
SHERBROOKE

Not for the weak of heart, the Banff Mountain Film Festival touches down in Sherbrooke Wednesday night. Adventure film enthusiasts will get their adrenaline fixes on this tour, which features a line-up of seven films that follow the lives of snow-kiters, base-jumpers, rock climbers and sea-kayakers, to name a few.

Are these adventure seekers crazy or not? That's up to the audience to decide, said Stephane Corbeil, the director of the Quebec leg of the film fest's world tour.

The Banff Mountain Film Fest has been visiting Sherbrooke for the past eight years, he said, and continues to attract sold-out crowds at the University of Sherbrooke's Centre Culturel.

"I think the Quebec community is travelling more and more on outdoor-based trips," said Corbeil, of what draws audiences. "I think they enjoy seeing passionate people do what they love."

At the same, the extreme nature of many of the featured films isn't going to attract a lot of copy cats, Corbeil said, although it might inspire a few to register in a beginners' class.

"I'd be surprised to hear if even five per cent of the audience would even dream of having the same adventures (as seen in the films)," Corbeil said.

In this year's line-up, Corbeil has tried to strike a balance between action films and those with good content and storylines, which he believes he has achieved.

While Entropy explores the little-known culture of kite-skiing through mostly action footage from all over the world, the highly-acclaimed 20 Seconds of Joy offers view-

ers more emotion through its surprise ending. 20 Seconds of Joy, which picked up several awards, features a Norwegian model cum base-jumper through to the abrupt ending of her jumping career.

This year, over 300 films were submitted to the Banff Mountain Film Festival, which narrowed that number down to around 50.

The Sherbrooke leg of the tour shows seven mostly English-language films which will run in a two and a half hour viewing. Film-goers should also look for a photo exhibit of other award-winning adventure films from the festival.

The film fest starts Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Salle Maurice O'Bready at the University of Sherbrooke.

Tickets go quickly, Corbeil warns, but you can get them at the the Centre Culturel's box office at 819-820-1000 or at Boutique Atmosphere at 2325 King St. W. in Sherbrooke at 819-566-8882.

Bury, Coaticook funding

Staff

The federal government announced funding Monday for 121 projects under the New Horizons for Seniors Program, some of which will make its way to seniors in the Eastern Townships.

The announcement means \$2,305,375 for 117 communities in Greater Montreal, the Eastern Townships and Trois-Rivières. The New Horizons program funds community projects to better the quality of life for seniors across the country.

Some of the local recipients include Sercovie in Sherbrooke, which received \$25,000 towards its Bel Age Café. The Centre d'Action volunteer centre in the Coaticook MRC received \$20,000 towards its seniors teaching program and the Townshippers Research and Cultural Foundation picked up \$25,000 for Farms Alive! in Bury.

The federal government says it is addressing the needs of Canada's seniors through the introduction of a series of important measures such as the establishment of a National Seniors Council and access to increased benefits for low-income seniors.

BRIEF

Laptop stolen

Sherbrooke police are looking for the public's help finding a thief who recently robbed a local computer store.

On Jan. 19, a man entered Ordixtreme on Denault Street in Sherbrooke and left with a portable computer. When an employee tried to intercept, the man punched the clerk and fled the scene with the laptop.

The suspect is being described as a 20-year-old white male (pictured), 5-foot-4 in height and weighing 140 pounds. The suspect is French-speaking and had acne on his cheeks.

Anyone with information can contact Sherbrooke police at 819-821-5555.



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DAVID ANDERSON

At night, Anderson removes the compact external controller that he carries along with battery packs in a harness and plugs himself into the base unit beside his bed which also serves as a battery charger.



DAVID ANDERSON

Garry Anderson is one of about 100 patients in North America with an expensive piece of technology which represents a medical breakthrough for people with congestive heart failure who are unable to find a donor heart.

HEART:

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contract," said Warnholtz. "He said, 'I'll read if I'm still alive.'"

On Aug. 7, Cecere implanted a HeartMate II mechanical heart into Anderson's chest in a three-hour operation.

Anderson said fellow patients at the heart institute nicknamed him Turbo 5 because he is the fifth patient at the Royal Victoria to get a HeartMate II pump. He is the only Townshipper and one of fewer than two dozen Canadians walking around with the experimental artificial heart.

About the size of a D battery, the newfangled machine does most of the work for Anderson's failing heart. But unlike earlier artificial ones that mimic the heart's action — causing it to beat — the high-tech, heart-assisting pump provides a continuous flow of blood. That means Anderson has no pulse and no measurable blood pressure.

"My nephews think it's the coolest thing," said Anderson, noting they feel his wrist to look for a pulse.

Of course they can't find it, he said. Nurses cannot detect a pulse either and that presents a challenge in monitoring his vital signs. Every two weeks, when he goes for his check-up at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, they hook Anderson up to a machine that produces a flow chart which indicates how his mechanical help has been performing. He also gets regular blood tests to verify the efficiency of his new heart.

Following the August operation, Anderson hemorrhaged and required 14 transfusions. It was touch and go for a few days. All Anderson remembers is pain.

"I asked the doctor is it day-to-day now? He said 'No, it's hour to hour,'" recalled Warnholtz. "I can tell you one thing, there is a God."

After a few days Anderson started improving. He slowly gained strength and today looks like a much younger, healthier man. After more than a month, he was able to leave the hospital, but he returns regularly for check ups.

"He is very energetic now. He's walking a lot and he's alert," said heart transplant nurse Dee Cencic.

Cencic said that when she first met Anderson his memory was very bad due to low perfusion which lessened the blood flow to the brain.

He was also out of breath and had gained a lot of weight.

"When your heart doesn't pump properly you accumulate a lot of fluid," she explained.

Cencic said her heart patients improve dramatically after the installation of the HeartMate II.

"They can have a better quality of life and for

older patients there are fewer risks than with transplants."

When Anderson arrived at the MUHC he was in heart failure, said Anderson's cardiologist Dr. Nadia Giannetti, director of the MUHC's heart transplant program.

"He was very weak and his heart was unable to provide adequate blood flow to his organs," she said.

"I could not walk four or five feet without feeling like I would collapse," Anderson added.

"Ideally he would have needed a transplant, but we don't have very many donor hearts and he needed a very good match," Giannetti told *The Record*. Doctors decided a HeartMate II should be implanted to tide Anderson over until a donor heart could be found.

But even if a donor is not found, Anderson could live for a decade or more with the HeartMate II, said Giannetti. She said the cardiac program's half dozen HeartMate II patients, including the first recipient who got his heart pump in November 2006, are still living with their mechanical helpers.

While the HeartMate II is part of a clinical trial on end-stage heart patients in Canada, the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved the device as a bridge to transplantation for heart failure patients.

Giannetti said that thanks to mechanical hearts like the HeartMate II there are fewer patients on the transplant list. "We are also losing fewer patients because of this option," she added.

Heart donors are rare and that limits transplants to about 200 a year in Canada. About three dozen are done in Quebec.

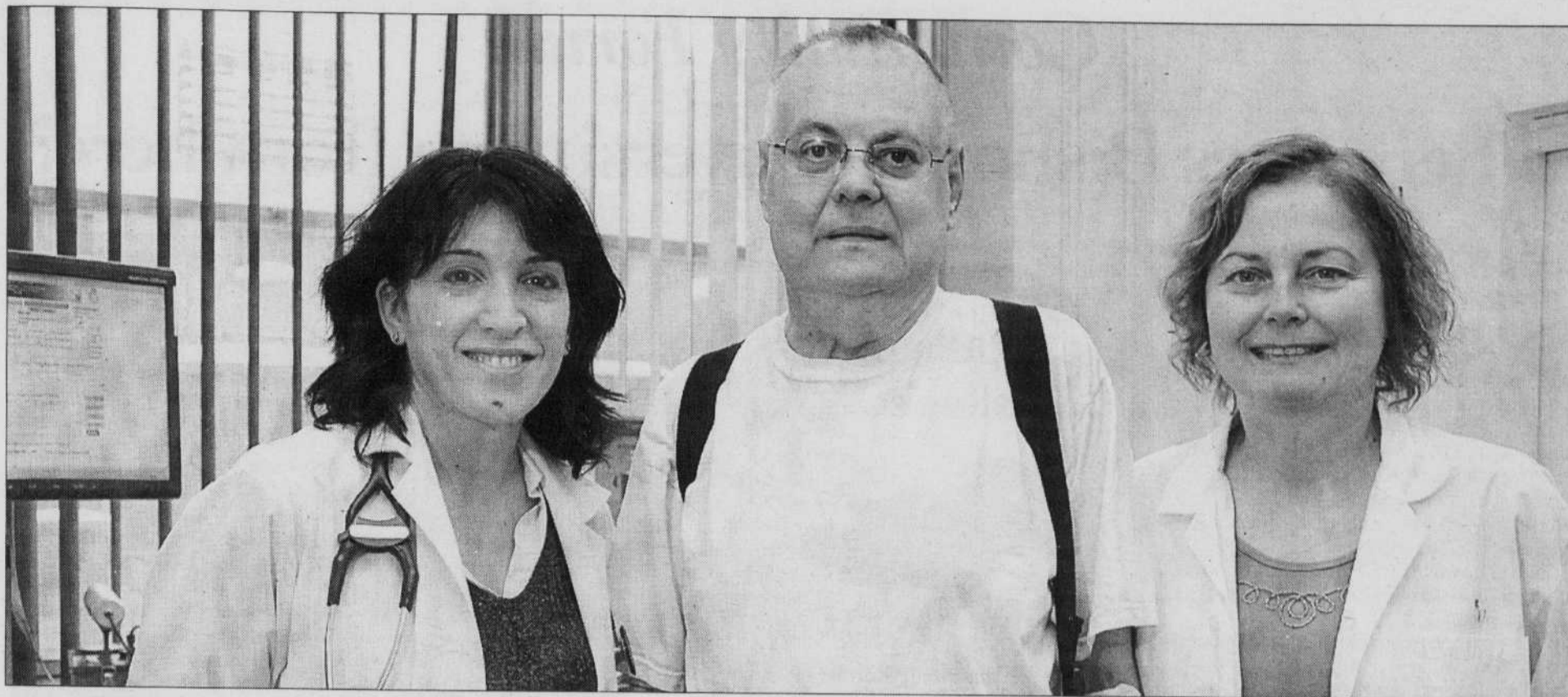
Because of the lack of donor hearts for people with end-stage heart failure, alternatives to transplantation are needed. This medical breakthrough can be considered a long-term option for many.

"For some patients it's destination therapy," Giannetti said, explaining some of her patients have decided to forgo a transplant and continue living with their HeartMate II.

Unlike a transplant, the heart pump does not require patients to take expensive anti-rejection drugs or other medication that can cause side-effects, she said. Its small size also contributes to a simpler and shorter surgical procedure and makes it a good choice for women, teenagers and smaller men with end-stage heart failure whose bodies aren't big enough for other devices.

Designed for people with severe congestive heart failure and few medical options, the HeartMate II is the first really good option for patients like Anderson, Dr. Giannetti said.

"Previous mechanical hearts were bulky and loud," said Gian-



DAVID ANDERSON

Cardiologist Nadia Giannetti and transplant nurse Dee Cencic say there has been a remarkable improvement in Anderson's health since he received his HeartMate II. This photograph was taken by Anderson's brother David, himself a regular contributor to *The Record*.

netti. "This is much smaller and very silent."

Doctors explain the continuous flow pump has a single moving part that is suspended within a magnetic field.

In the absence of friction there is no wear and tear on the components.

Predicted to last 10 years, the HeartMate II should match the life expectancy of a transplanted human heart and outlast similar devices already on the market whose lifespan is one to three years.

But there are inconveniences. Anderson must always be hooked up to a battery pack or an outlet. During the day he wears a harness that carries his batteries in pouches and the external system controller that is attached to the implanted pump through a thin, flexible cable that protrudes from his belly. At night, there is a unit at his bed side that he plugs into while his batteries recharge.

Anderson is not comfortable living with all the apparatus and would prefer a transplant.

"I don't like the encumbrances. I don't like all these wires and the batteries and being hooked up to machines," he said. "It's just a pain in the ass and I don't want it."

"If they can find a heart, I want to live as normal as possible."

Anderson's status on the organ donor list depends on a number of factors, including how urgently the heart is needed, said Giannetti. There are also a number of other variables.

"Garry is 100 kilos or so and he needs a heart from someone about his size," she said.

Over the Christmas holidays Anderson and his family were on full alert.

"It's the transplant season, unfortunately in some ways and for-

unately in others," Anderson said as he spoke with *The Record* over Christmas.

Anderson, who has been assigned a pager so he can be located immediately if a donor heart is found, said he had already signed his donor card. Now, he is an even firmer believer in organ donations.

"I've always thought it was wonderful program. If I pass away, my body is going to science."

As he continues to await a possible transplant, Anderson is learning to live with the expensive gadgets that are keeping him alive.

The HeartMate II is part of a clinical trial at a handful of hospitals in Canada and the United States. Only one other Canadian hospital, the Toronto General Hospital, is taking part in the study.

Giannetti said there are a few hundred people in North America walking around with HeartMate II. In Canada, there are about 20, including Anderson, the only patient from the Eastern Townships.

Controllers for the heart pump cost \$100,000 apiece, and Anderson has two — the one that is hooked up to his heart pump, and a spare.

"Every morning I have to test the system," Anderson said, showing how he checks his battery levels. The batteries need to be changed every few hours.

Anderson and some family members have also been trained on how to switch controllers if it stops operating.

"For a few seconds, when I dislodge the percutaneous lead I'm dislodging my heart," he said, explaining the lead

is the surgical wire that leads from the controller in his holster to the pump lodged below his heart.

The changeover is dubbed the fire drill, said his brother David.

"The protocol for changing the controller is very strict and must be completed as fast as possible," he explained, adding they had to pass a short test before Garry could be released from the hospital.

"It is a little stressful to do this test because the pump actually stops and then we had to get it going again," David Anderson explained, saying he admitted to the nurse who was responsible for the training he was a little bit nervous. "She looked at me and said with a little smile, 'Well David, you

were holding Garry's heart in your hands!"

"Wow, that really hit home!" Garry Anderson knows how lucky he is to be alive.

"I was thinking I was rather spoiled and selfish," he said. "It's a huge expense."

The experimental mechanical heart is provided and paid for by Thoratec, the California based company that designed the HeartMate II. The MUHC foundation paid for the surgery. Medicare covers his follow up care.

"I'm just really grateful to the Royal Victoria and Dr. Cecere and his team for bringing me back to this world — literally," said Anderson. "They're the best."



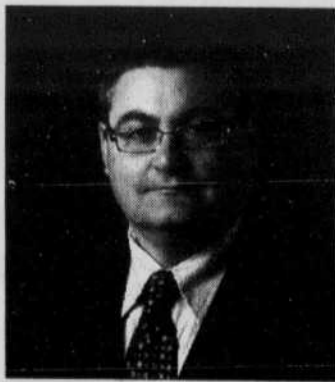
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Community Forum

Where does Bishop's University go from here?

Recruitment and consensus-building

Bishop's University turned a significant corner in November when the governing Corporation parted ways with the principal, in his fourth turbulent year. There was, as the news spread, a rejoicing in the halls among students, faculty and staff alike; it felt like a dark cloud had lifted, and there was a new sense of lightness and positivity in the air.

Now, however, the question of what comes next for Bishop's University is being asked.

The former principal (Robert Poupart) had proposed turning Bishop's into a trilingual university (English-French-Spanish), and spoke of mining the South Americas for potential students. I did not find this dramatic change in direction for the university very compelling.

In my view, Bishop's does not need to reinvent itself. This is not to say that changes do not need to be made — they do. But instead of reinventing ourselves, what we ought to do is look at what Bishop's does well, and try to improve on these strengths.

One of the areas desperately needing improvement is recruitment. When the former principal was asked about how large the Bishop's recruitment office was, he was not able to answer the question — despite the fact that his plan for the university meant increasing the student population significantly. This is an example of how recruitment at Bishop's did not receive the attention or resources it deserved.

Changes have already begun on this front, as of the past several months. A new recruitment officer has been hired, and more hirings are planned. In addition, a recruitment committee has been working hard at creating new strategies for attracting students to Bishop's, and for getting the word out about what Bishop's is all about more effectively.

Last semester, in an effort to revive my very rusty German, I took a course at Bishop's. On the first evening of class, the instructor divided us into pairs so that we could introduce ourselves to fellow classmates. The young woman that I spoke to came all the way from British Columbia. "What made you come to Bishop's?" I asked her, quite curious to hear her answer. She explained that she had attended the University of British Columbia, but that she had felt lost in first-year courses that had hundreds of students in them. Furthermore, she found that most of her academic interactions were with the tutorial assistants, rather than with the professors themselves. As a result, she felt frustrated, and she decided to try to find a smaller university. This is a reason why many students choose Bishop's:



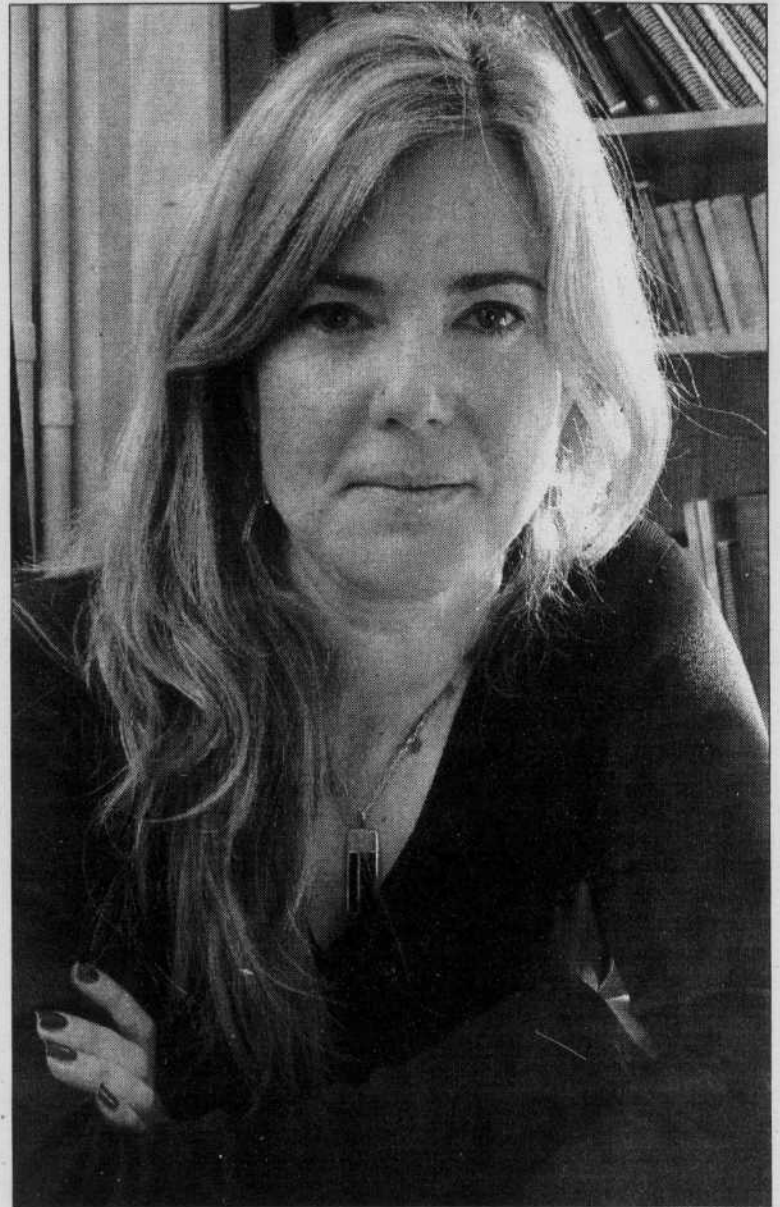
the opportunity to study in small classes, with lots of contact with professors. This student also had another reason for choosing Bishop's, however: she had done French immersion in high school, so when she was searching for a smaller university to attend, and came across Bishop's, she was absolutely thrilled. Bishop's offered her the perfect combination: the opportunity to study in English and the opportunity to practice speaking French.

Bishop's offers a unique environment in which to study, and this needs to be communicated more clearly, widely, and effectively. Ours is a particularly attractive setting for Canadian students who have done immersion in high school. The recruitment office at Bishop's needs to target immersion students — such as this young woman all the way from Vancouver — more effectively.

Older students — those ranging in age from their mid-to-late twenties and into their retirement years — are a largely untapped market for Bishop's. Such students bring valuable life-experience and wisdom to the classroom, and, from

personal experience, are wonderful additions to the classroom. We need to pay much more attention to these potential students; we need to make it easier for mature students to enrol (for example, by offering an increased number of evening classes, as well as courses in the spring and summer sessions). I am convinced that with effort and energy placed on recruiting, Bishop's will attract an increasing number of students. This will go far in relieving the current financial crunch that the institution is experiencing.

But a fundamental change is required beyond the campus of Bishop's University. What I am referring to is a change in governmental policy. If the government of Quebec wishes to have successful universities that attract top faculty and students, it will need to invest more funds in post-secondary education than it currently does. I am proud that students pay the lowest tuition in the country here in Quebec — but at the same time, universities need funding for their operating budgets. Quebec tuition simply is not sufficient for this. For a small university such as Bishop's,



PERRY BEATON

Michele Murray launches what is hoped will become a conversation on page 6 about the future of Bishop's University.

op's, this is a particularly difficult financial period. Out-of-province students, who comprise more than half of our student population, pay a higher tuition. But does Bishop's get to keep this money? No, it does not. It goes to the government. The government, which inadequately funds universities, furthermore expects balanced books from universities before providing the precious funding. This is an unrealistic expectation that is starving a small university such as Bishop's. Premier Jean Charest: A change is needed here, urgently.

Academic programs at Bishop's need to update their curricula in order to attract increasing numbers of students. This has been done on a periodic basis throughout the university for decades, but it has become even more important now. In particular, students are seeking programs that engage them both on campus (for example, in research seminars) and beyond (such as in-service learning opportunities, internships, and co-op programs). Active, experiential learning — rather than passive learning — is now a key component of successful universities. Because we get to know our students well and work with them closely, a "mentorship" sort of relationship often develops between professors and students at Bishop's.

This is the sort of relationship that usually is found only at the graduate level, not at the undergraduate. This is another attractive aspect of Bishop's that needs to be communicated to potential students.

With the vacancy of the office of the principal, Bishop's now has the opportunity to seek a leader who

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VIEWPOINT

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When I think of our elder son's adventures away from the Eastern Townships, that quotation comes to mind. He has travelled east, to Scotland and Austria, and west to British Columbia and Malaysia. Then, a month ago, when he had time off work, he headed south for a week — not to a location in a sunny, much warmer clime as one would suspect, but to a US city, a 12-hour bus ride away.

"Why Philadelphia?" several in his entourage asked, bewildered by his choice of destination.

"Because it's there, and I can," he responded. And, he went on to explain, because the cost of the bus ticket plus lodging in a hostel matched his budget.

"What's in Philadelphia?" everyone all wanted to know.

THE ZOO

His reply: the Philadelphia Zoo, the oldest zoo in North America. Among the creatures he saw were some he had never before seen: cheetahs, wild dogs, a snow leopard (of which there are only 3,500 left in the world), African penguins (the only breed of penguin that does not live on ice), a Meerkat (which resembles a cross between a ferret and a cat), plus some of his favourites — crocodiles, snakes and fruit bats.

The zoo also has an intriguing fibreglass tree; it's a reproduction of a Sahara Desert tree, known as the upside-down tree.

REMARKABLE BUILDINGS

Philadelphia has remarkable architecture — a host of historic buildings, lots of houses of three storeys or more, very narrow row houses and many churches.

The city is home to the Eastern State Penitentiary where, the story goes, Al Capone arranged to have himself jailed for close to a year as a way to protect himself from other gangsters who were out to get him. Capone's "Park Avenue" cell was furnished with his own things: oriental rugs, a bookcase/drop-leaf desk, an armchair and a floor lamp. The Aug. 20, 1929 edition of the *Philadelphia Public Ledger* described his accommodations in an article under the headline, "Very Comfortable" says Capone from Luxury Cell at Eastern Pen."

Here is its depiction of his quarters: "The whole room was suffused in the glow of a desk lamp which stood on a polished desk.... On the once-grim walls of the penal chamber hung tasteful paintings, and the strains of a waltz were being emitted by a powerful cabinet radio receiver of handsome design and fine finish...."

The State Pen tour guide also relates the controversial story of a dog that once lived therein. According to some sources, the pooch was incarcerated at the order of the governor for having killed his cat. Others claim that the dog was brought in to boost prisoner morale. Those who believe that the canine really was imprisoned use as their evidence photographs of the dog wearing a prisoner number, and the fact that its number was never used again.

MUMMIES AND BONES

At the University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, the vacationer spent four hours looking at historic items from all parts of the world — among them Alaska, South America, China, Japan and Greece. There were bones and dishes, pottery and

coins, and six mummies from Egypt, along with what had been buried with them.

The displays at the Mütter Museum were much less appealing and somewhat "shocking" according to the visiting young man. Here the theme is medical history and the exhibits feature not only old medical instruments but physical oddities such as skulls with bullets still in them, gangrene toes and "pickled" fetuses. Apparently this location came highly recommended by other hostel guests (who were, by the way, from New York City, New Jersey, Japan, England, the Ukraine and Italy, the latter being a boxer).



SUSAN MASTINE

OTHER ADVENTURES

One of his hikes took the adventurer across a bridge to Camden where he came across a vehicle bearing the following inscription on the rear end: "Prisoner transport keep back 50 feet." The car appeared to be empty. He approached to a distance of approximately nine feet to snap a photo, not thinking of any potential penalty. Fortunately, no one appeared to reprimand him.

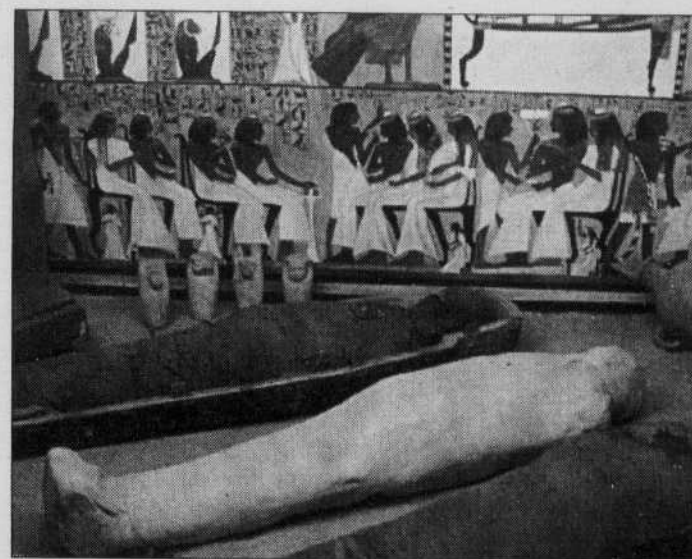
Washington, DC was just a three-hour bus ride from Philly, so the traveller toured this city as well, taking in the Abraham Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the Capitol building, FBI headquarters, the White House, the Pentagon, Arlington Cemetery and the Benjamin Franklin Memorial.

On the trip home, there was a stop-over of a few hours in New York City. Our trekker's description of it: "Too flashy, too big! I hate it! I'll never go back!" There, he went into the Hard Rock Café not far from the bus station — just to be able to say he had been there.

He was amazed that the entire main floor was a store selling Hard Rock paraphernalia. In the restaurant downstairs, he had a meal: a bacon cheeseburger for \$14 US and a beer for \$7.

IN RETROSPECT

According to the sightseer, the best part of the excursion was the zoo. The New Year's Eve fireworks from Penn's Landing were "fantastic," and he enjoyed the five-hour New Year's Day parade featuring costumed characters, skits, floats and music. Would he



COURTESY

Some of the zoo critters, and other sights of Philadelphia.

go back to Philadelphia? To the zoo, in the summer — some of the animals had been inside, out of sight due to the cold weather.

*"Travel east,
Travel west
After all
Home is best."*

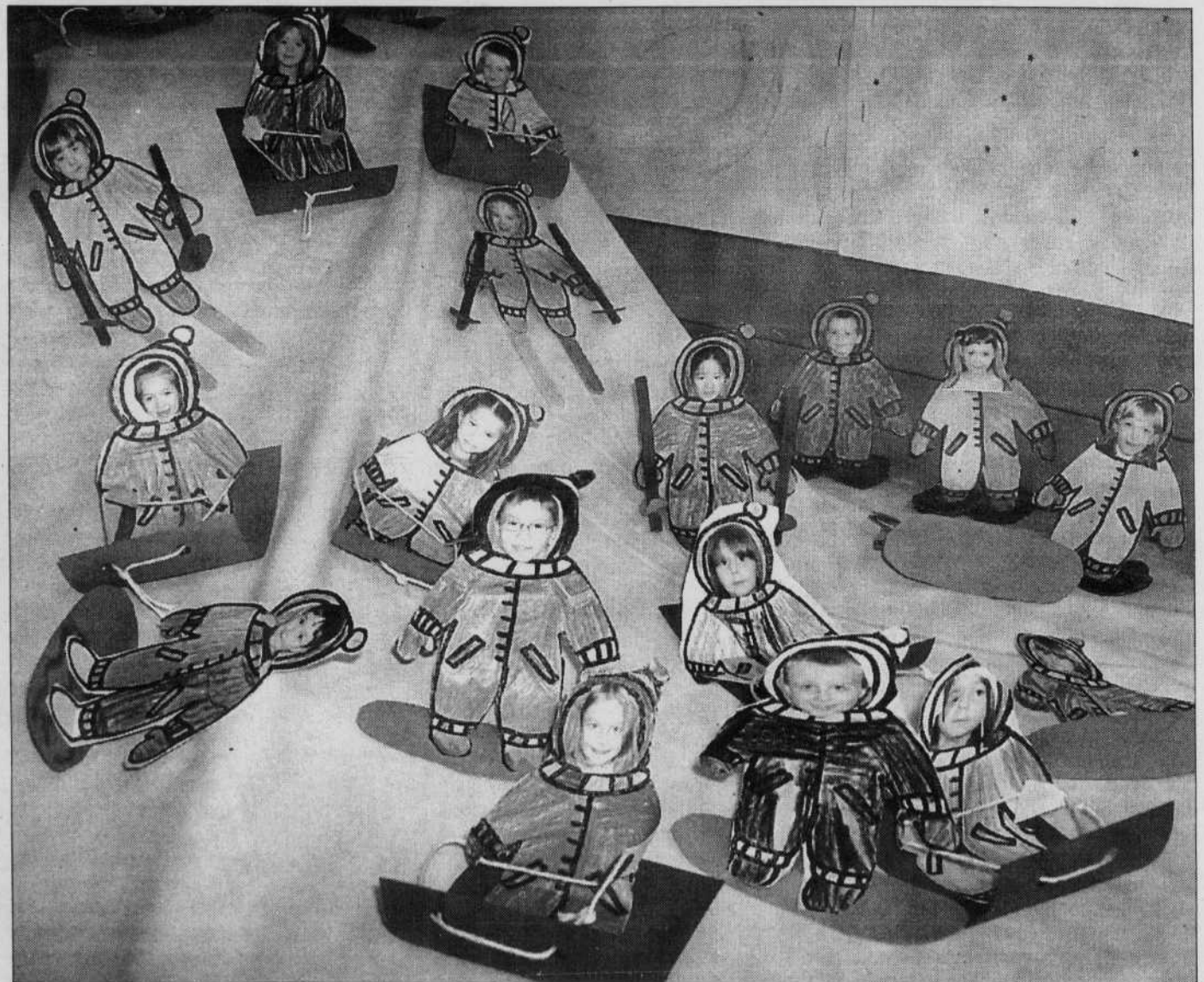
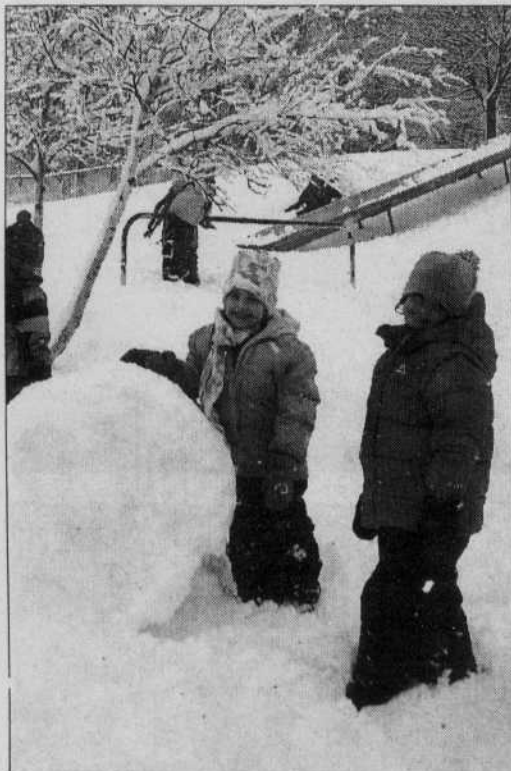
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Janvier, janvier, janvier
Dehors ou dedans
Il faut s'amuser
La neige est un présent.

On met les chaussettes
Puis les raquettes
On glisse en traîneau
Et on boit un chocolat chaud.

Les amis de la maternelle à L.E.S.



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will effectively lead the university. One of the lessons I learned from the past four years is just how deeply and significantly one person with power can affect — positively or negatively — an institution. I hope that, in contrast with our last principal, the next one will be a consensus-builder who will engage in transparent communication with the different strata of the university, rather than making autocratic decisions with little or no consultation.

The other week, I had a conversation with a student in my office that was invigorating. It was one of those interactions that reminded me of why I love my job, and why I find it so meaningful. This student spoke about how she felt like a different person as a result of her three years at Bishop's. When I asked her to explain, she said that the difference was in the fundamental change in the way she now thinks — she said that she could no longer think in simple, black and white terms, as she did before. As a result of her university experience, she saw the world in a more nuanced, complicated, colourful manner. I had to stop myself from shouting

"Hallelujah!" This was a student who got it.

Universities do, of course, teach students what to think in the sense that courses convey concrete facts in specific disciplines. But more importantly, universities teach a person how to think. The ability to think and work like a researcher is one of the most important qualities employers across the private and public sectors seek. The combination of possessing knowledge and understanding with the ability to engage in independent analysis and articulate expression is crucial for success in today's world. This is what we do at Bishop's: we teach people to think. I am confident that the student in my office will be successful in whatever she decides to do.

These are my thoughts about Bishop's future, and where we ought to go from here. Am I optimistic? You bet I am. I am surrounded by intelligent, passionate individuals — from administrators, to fellow professors, to staff members, to students — who love Bishop's and are committed to making it thrive. And it will.



PERRY BEATON

The Quebec government's financial policy is hurting Bishop's University, says Michele Murray.

MICHELE MURRAY IS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AT BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY.

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Exchange leaves teens more knowledgeable

'I think Canadian schools are better'

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Forty Chinese students, one principal and four teachers visited two Eastern Townships high schools last week and all were billeted with local families for three days.

And the experience was one that Alexander Galt Regional High School's Emilie Pauw and China's Cindy Gao will not soon forget.

When Pauw learned of the upcoming opportunity two weeks ago she signed up to be one of the 25 Lennoxville hosts.

"I wanted to do it to see, and learn about, a new culture," said the 13-year-old, who welcomed Gao into her home last Wednesday. "It was open to levels one and two students and I wanted to do it."

Twelve-year-old Gao, who speaks limited English, and Pauw, who speaks no Chinese, managed to communicate.

"I learned how to spell my name in Chinese," Pauw said Friday evening before Gao returned to her Chinese guardians Saturday morning. "I learned that there are a lot of things that are not the same. When I see them talking to each other it's different. They act differently. Things that we find just normal they think are fantastic and the things we think are fantastic they find just normal."

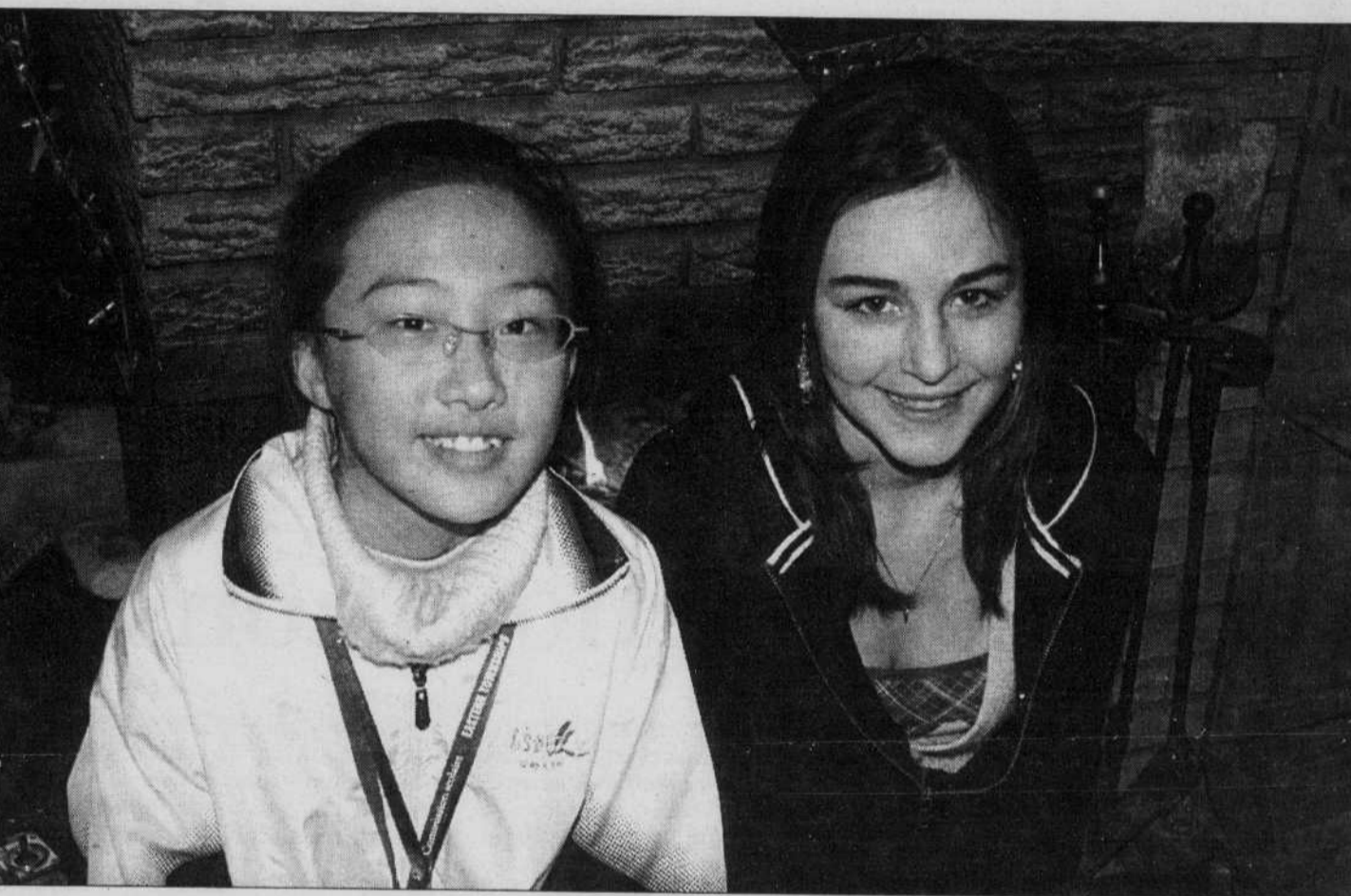
Gao used an English translation of her name, Cindy, during this visit, but her proper name is Xiaofei Gao.

Gao is an only child; it's the law in her country.

"In China most families only have one child," she slowly explained. "If more, then twins. Can't have more than one."

The government has made this rule due to what it considers the country's overpopulation.

Pauw learned of Gao's everyday routines in her Dalian City home and Pauw admitted she is glad to go to school in Canada. Gao said she spends more than 10 hours a day on school work, which exasperated Pauw, who like all Canadian students only spends approximately seven.



JEN YOUNG

Cindy (Xiaofei) Gao from China and Emilie Pauw from Sherbrooke spent three days together through an exchange between their schools.

"The school is a lot different," explained Gao, a middle school student with a surprised grin. "I start at half past seven morning and finish at five. In primary finish at four. I think Canadian school better. It's long day."

She attributes her English vocabulary to English class. Each of her eight classes a day are 45 minutes long and her school has no gymnasium. Instead students are expected to spend a couple hours a day outside in the playground.

Gao also spends two hours an evening on homework. "I come home, do work, eat supper, and go to bed at 9."

Even supper was a culture shock for Gao as she said that rice and noodles taste much different, and not as good, as do hamburgers and pizza.

"Only eat bread in the morning. Had hamburgers before but not very often. I don't like rice and noodles. Like better hamburgers."

Staying in a two-storey house was also much different than Gao's two-

level apartment on the eighth floor.

"In China our house not like this. Some house have 30 floor and mine have eight. Most family only have one floor," she said. "I like Emilie house."

The girls woke up every morning and followed Pauw's regular rituals. Though brushing teeth and getting dressed for school were familiar to Gao, waiting for a school bus in last week's subzero temperatures was a new experience.

"Our school, only two bus," she tried to explain, adding that her parents usually drive her. "China warmer than here and summer warmer."

Neither this reporter nor Pauw could understand Gao when she tried to explain her parents' careers, but her mother works in an office.

Gao stated that when she hears people talking French she has "no understand" of the tongue.

Gao, who does not own her own cellular phone, said that the first thing she will tell her family and friends back

home is how different the schools are.

"I will talk about Canadian schools and Canada is cold, but very beautiful," she said. "I learned Canadian peoples."

The only negative for Gao was her fear of dogs, which made staying with Pauw, who owns two small canines, more exciting than expected.

Both girls called the experience enriching and Gao, like Pauw, would be keen on doing it again. Pauw said she would like to visit China to see the things she has learned from Gao, and Gao said she would like to return to Canada.

The Chinese visitors headed back to Montreal on Saturday where they will spend a couple days before returning, with a pit stop in Vancouver, to China.

Twenty-five of the Chinese students were in Lennoxville; the other 15 spent their stay in Richmond. The exchange was sponsored by the Kids to Kids Exchange Project.

It was the end of the world

Yeah, there was some panic

"Clearly, the Lord God Yaweh was having a breakdown..."

- Timothy Findley, *Not Wanted on the Voyage*

Timothy Findley's *Not Wanted on the Voyage* (1984) is another novel that will be featured during the CBC's annual radio program, Canada Reads.

Findley elects to re-tell the story of Noah's ark and the great flood. Easy? Hardly. He battles against a tale that already lives in people's imaginations, as well as a host of stereotypes and a great potential to sentimentalize.

But right from the first sentence — which follows a quote from Genesis — readers know they're going to get a different version of events: "Everyone knows it wasn't like that."

The Bible makes the flood seem so uncomplicated, "as if there wasn't any panic... as if there wasn't any dread.... It wasn't an excursion. It was the end of the world."

In Findley's pre-flood world there are demons and faeries, unicorns, angels and dragons. God is an old man ("a walking sack of bones and hair") who keeps two cats named Abraham and Sarah and refers to Himself in the royal

"we". The flood is in fact inspired by a magic trick that Noah performs when Yaweh comes to visit, to keep him from falling into depression. Noah's wife has a taste for gin and has taught her sheep to sing — though you can't stop them once they start, until they recognize the end of the song.

Japeth, one of Noah's sons, is blue — literally — from a run-in he had with ruffians (I won't spoil it by giving details; it is one of this novel's countless delightful tangents).

Findley does not stoop to sentimentalism at any point. The beginning of the flood with its death and destruction is horrendous, and the actual voyage is fraught with terror for both humans and animals. On the ark Findley thinks of the things we would otherwise ignore: the darkness, the food and water rations, the smell, and the difficulty of getting along with a man like Noah in such close quarters. As for the unicorn's extinction — that is a scene not easily forgotten.

The imaginative twists Findley adds to this story are too numerous to mention but I will name my favourites: Lucy, an "angel" who marries one of Noah's sons and is definitely not what she seems; Noah himself, the paragon of religious fanaticism and misogyny who inspires readers to ask some hard questions about what it means to follow God's word; the decision to use the

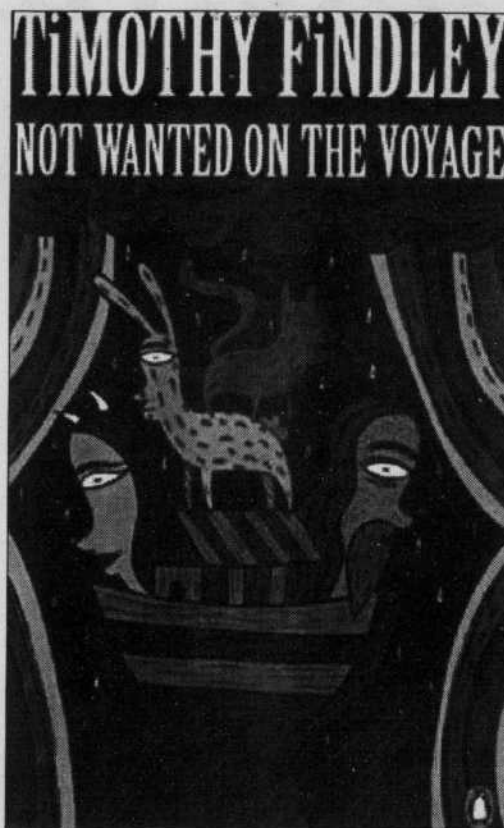
point of view of a half-blind cat named Mottyl who seems wiser than any of the humans and whom readers can't help but love.

Findley's compassion, his ability to re-imagine a story that readers already think they know, and particularly his characterization of Mottyl, make this novel truly memorable. After having read three of the selections, I would cast my vote for this one... but that could change by next week!

You can find *Not Wanted on the Voyage* at the library. The radio discussions and voting will take place during the week of February 25th and the library will host its annual Lennoxville Reads on Feb. 26. For more information about Canada Reads, go to www.cbc.ca/canadareads.

SATURDAY ON THE FARM

Fourteen children visited our library



"farmyard" on Saturday afternoon for stories, games and crafts. The children played Duck, Duck, Goose, and made animal paintings. Thank you to everyone who made the afternoon a success.

BOOK ENDS

The next meeting of the Books and Brown Bag Lunches reading club will be on Wednesday, Feb. 6, from noon to 1 p.m. Bring a book you have enjoyed, as well as your lunch. Everyone is welcome.

The next children's activity is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The theme will be "Things that Move."

For information on all library events, call us at 819-562-4949 or visit our website, www.lennoxvillelibrary.ca. You can also reach us by e-mail at bibliolen@netrevolution.com.

— by Michelle Barker

\$400,000 of renovations unveiled

'A positive experience for students and community'

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

With free food, a jazz trio playing in the background, and regional and store managers scurrying about, the Bishop's University Book Store officially unveiled \$400,000 worth of new fixtures, books and more last Friday afternoon.

The book store, managed by the Follett company for the past several years and located in the Marjorie Donald Building on campus, saw dozens of visitors, new and old, and Follett Regional Manager Pat MacAulay said the hard work was worth it.

"We worked our butts off to get this done," said the former store manager of eight years, who accepted the regional manager position last summer. "Renovations started on June 4th (2007) and they were finished on the 3rd of July."

Today, with more than 700 stores across Canada and the United States, Follett generates more than \$2.3 billion in annual sales by providing universities, libraries, schools, and school districts with a wide range of educational tools and services.

MacAulay, who now travels exten-

sively to 13 Follett stores (including those in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia), said that the BU Store is now better equipped to cater to its customers.

"There is lots more seating room,

new fixtures, more textbooks, and the store is wheelchair accessible," she said. "I travel all over the place now but my favourite place to be is still Bishop's. I know all the numbers to get ahold of

people and I know which doors to knock on to find people."

With MacAulay getting used to her new position the store hired new manager Jessie Pomeroy last October.

"I think Pat has done a tremendous job and I want to continue in her footsteps," said the 2006 BU grad. "I like working here a lot. I worked here part time while I was a student so it's not a huge change for me. I enjoy creating a positive experience for students and the community."

Pomeroy says that the ribbon cutting generated positive feedback.

"A lot of people were impressed," she said. "They enjoyed the new feel, and the warmth. And there were a lot of people impressed with the free food."



There was quite a spread for the celebration.

COURTESY

Teacher discretion is advised

I sense that there will be some professionals in the field of education who will find this piece offensive and I say, read attentively. Teacher discretion is advised.

My inner alarm clock has been forcing me to wake up earlier than some roosters.

As it rang loud and clear at 5 a.m. I decided to pop on the DVD I recorded of CNN with Lou Dobbs the night before. I work better with disturbances so as I sat groggily checking my emails it was soothing background static. That is until Dobbs mentioned a "revolutionary" decision by a Chicago high school to fire 130 teachers and support staff due to a 95 per cent student failure rate. It sparked my attention like a piece of chocolate cake does for a diabetic.

I have never heard of a teacher being fired based on poor student achievement rates.

Harper high school officials in Chicago stated that the drastic measures could be a solution, at least in part, as well as a way to introduce keener and better-trained educators. This movement is obviously facing opposition by, need I even mention, the professionals' union. Drastic, I thought, but then again such a large percentage of failure is even more disastrous. What woke me up faster than Irish Spring could dream of was the response spewed out by a Chicago union representative. Holding teachers responsible was "unfair", she stated, as there is "student accountability, parent accountability, and board accountability" to take into consideration.

What is it with the excuses that surround this profession? What gives some teachers the inability to see the job they have to do? The job is to teach every single one of their students, regardless of how difficult, how much money they are paid, how students are coded (from a mild case of dyslexia, to hyperactivity and right up to autism nowadays), regardless of what the child's parents are like, their own personal problems, of the child's hygiene, and, yes, even regardless of a lack of textbooks.

The profession is one of great importance and was never "coded" as easy. I've always been the first to say that I wouldn't be able to do it. It takes special people to be able to give so much of themselves.

Teachers should be held 100 per cent accountable for their students' achievement. I am aware that there are children who need extra help. I know that some parents really don't care and aren't positive influences on their children, and I know some students have characteristics that make teaching a class of 30 very difficult. But none of these excuses takes away from the fact that a teacher standing in front of that class at the beginning of the year has a job to do.

No teacher can expect to reach every child, but I don't think expecting a yearly 80 per cent achievement rate is unreasonable. I believe teachers should be evaluated regularly, especially considering the influence and impact involved. (Teachers under the Eastern Townships School Board are evaluated once every three years by their school's administration.)

It's a given that if a shop worker messes up 40 per cent of the pieces they are working on and doesn't take time to repair the damage they will be fired. If a reporter takes two weeks to write one story that doesn't make any sense, they will be fired. So why is the profession of education exempt from stiff standards? Students who underachieve, though they too could pass the blame on parents, teachers, or learning disabilities, are forced to attend summer school if they want to pass. And I believe the same should be expected from under-achieving teachers.

I believe the teachers who do do the job they are expected to deserve two months off in the summer, planning days, and March and Christmas vacations. Teachers who go to work for 9 a.m. and teach the same lesson they have taught for the past couple years, which entails zero to little lesson planning, take their hour at lunch, leave at 3:30 p.m. for home, and have 10 students out of 25 who are not achieving, should be forced to get some extra training; on their own time.

Allow me to cover my bases. I realize that a student's underachievement probably stems back to their past teachers. This makes the present teacher have to work even harder.

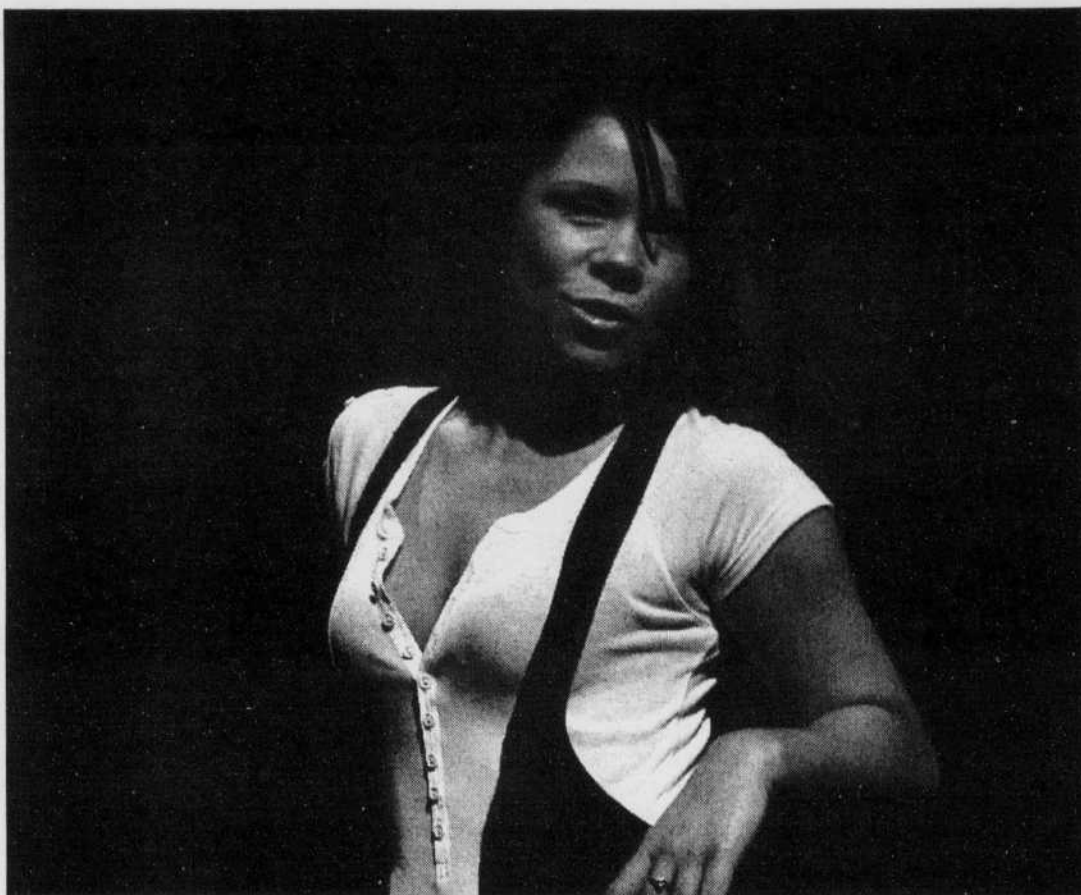
For the professionals who read this and sit comfortably in their skin, probably with a mild headache because they missed lunch helping little Johnny, I say, plan yourself a really great, relaxing vacation this summer because you deserve it.

For the ones who took offence to the idea of having expectations and accountabilities held against them I say, I know some amazing teachers who might give you some lessons this summer. Probably at a really stiff charge since they could instead be on the vacation they deserve.

Jen Young is The Record's Lennoxville Link correspondent.

VIEWPOINT

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PERRY BEATON

Volunteers strutted for the audience and showed off their snazzy fashions.

'Jam packed' fashion show success

BU fundraiser

By Jen Young
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

The second ever Bishop's University fundraising fashion show saw a "jam packed" production Friday night at Centennial Theatre and though final numbers aren't in yet organizers estimate they raised more money than last year.

According to publicist Emma Stainton, the final results will not be in for a few days.

"It went so well," she said. "Haven't finished with the final amount of sales yet but I believe we will have made more than last year since our expenses were significantly lower."

Last year the show raised around \$3,000 that was donated to the Children's Wish Foundation and this year the production will donate to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, which is near and dear to the show's director Lisa Grybowski.

"I think we raised about \$4,000 after expenses," said the graduating student. "My mom has multiple sclerosis and there is a possibility that I could have it too because it is hereditary, so it feels good to be able to help her."

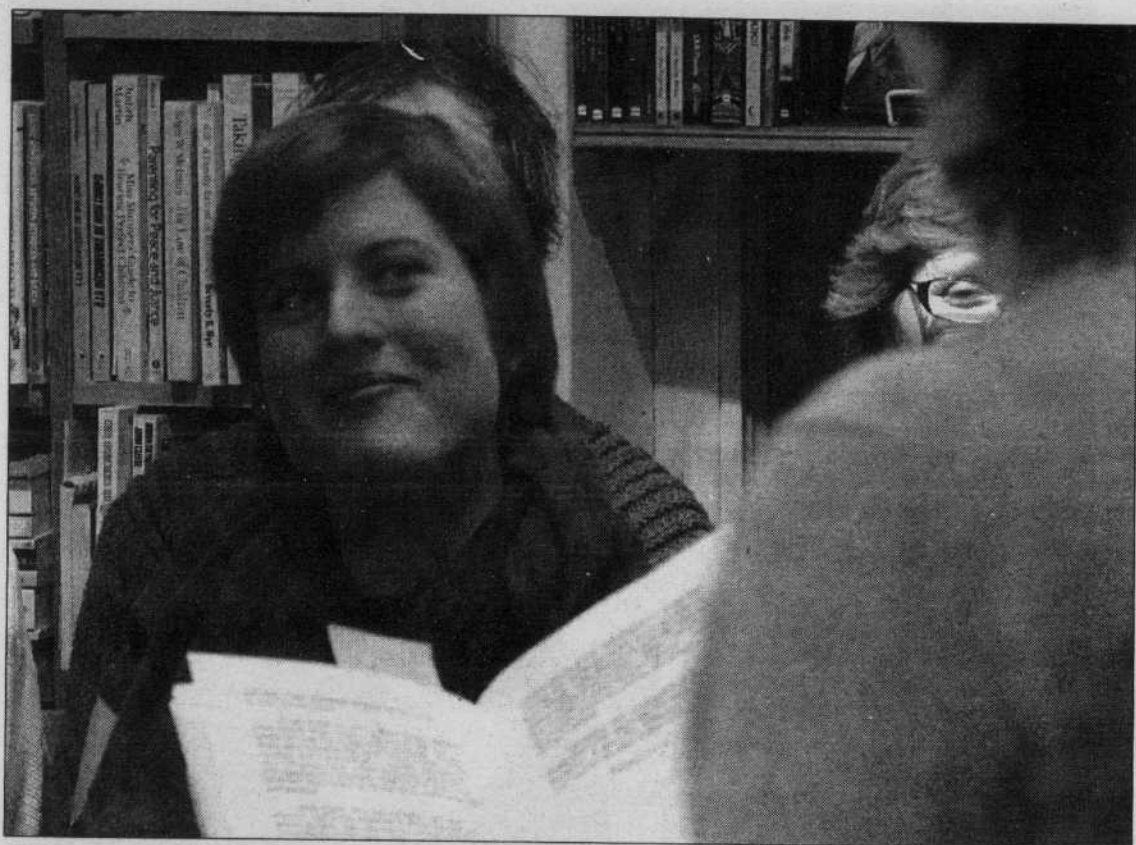
Grybowski said she and other organizers have prepared a folder to help students carry out the event next year.

"I won't be here but we hope this will happen again next year," she said. "It is a student project so it will take students to organize it."



PERRY BEATON

She said that without the aid of the Williams School of Business for publicity costs, the production might not have been possible.



PERRY BEATON

... and of course, to listen to the writings of others, read out loud.

A perfect excuse to write

And to sit and sip scotch

By Jen Young
RECORD
CORRESPONDENT

Though temperatures dipped into the subzero Friday night it was warm and cozy at the Black Cat Bookstore as around 23 people sat, read, and sipped scotch to celebrate Robbie Burns' birthday.

The Black Cat Writing group, which has been meeting for nine years at the Queen

Street location, hosted the event and according to the group's creator the event was inspirational for all.

"(Burns) was just an ordinary guy who turned out a ton of material that we know today," said Janice LaDuke of the well-known composer and lyricist who died in 1796. "He did it for the love of it and he's a prime example for all of us."

LaDuke says that much like Burns, the regular members of the writing group "do it for the love of it."

"I know through my own experience that I want, and enjoy, writing, but I need a push. It's hard to find the time. Because the group has such a loose structure I know that for at least [a few] hours a week I will sit down and write. I know that I just wouldn't make the time to do it on my own."

LaDuke, who said she has a notebook full of beginnings, said she plans on holding more readings in the future.

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Remembering an Expos pioneer

John McHale

By Bill Young
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

John McHale, the principal architect of the Montreal Expos in their early years, passed away in Palm City Florida on Jan. 17. He was 86 and had been in failing health.

"John McHale's hiring in 1968 was the key," says Jacques Doucet, long-time radio voice of the Expos. "His presence gave the new Montreal baseball franchise instant credibility."

Because of McHale's determination, along with the commitment of team founders Gerry Snyder and Charles Bronfman — "three of the biggest names in Expos history" according to author Danny Gallagher — major league baseball took hold in Montreal, and then more broadly across the country.

"They paved the way for the Blue Jays and stimulated grass roots programs throughout Canada," said Tom Valke of the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. McHale was inducted into the Hall in 1997.

The story of the Expos starts with Snyder, who also died recently. A well-known sports figure and indefatigable Montreal city councillor, he was Mayor Jean Drapeau's go-to man whenever big ideas were on the table.

And when the mayor decided that Montreal was ready for a major league baseball team, he sent Snyder out with instructions to bring one home.

Which, to the amazement of all, he did. On May 27, 1968, the National League announced that it was expanding and that Montreal would be granted a franchise.

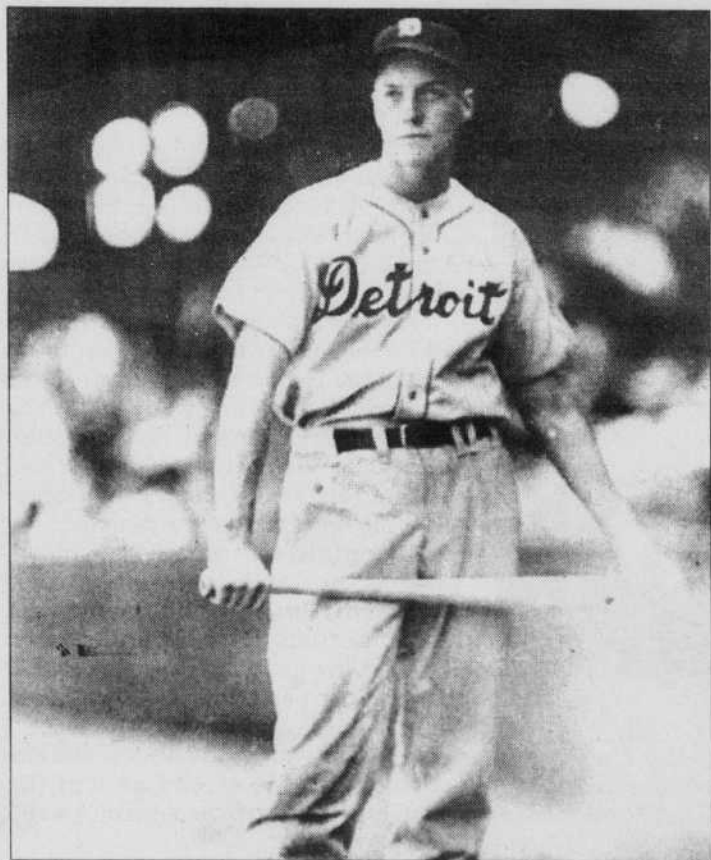
This, as it turned out, was the easy part! Now Snyder had to find owners, set the financing in place and enlist a savvy baseball man to kick start the operation.

He was able to convince Seagram's head Charles Bronfman to bring his considerable financial resources to the team as majority owner.

And he enlisted John McHale as team president and chief executive officer.

The challenges facing them were daunting. They had less than a year to build a team — and find a suitable place to play. The 1969 National League schedule showed the new Montreal club opening at home on April 14.

The nucleus of a team grew out of the 1968 expansion draft and, by opening day, the freshly-minted Expos, now augmented by two of McHale's most



COURTESY DANNY GALLAGHER

John McHale as a young player with the Detroit Tigers.

risked losing the franchise to another city such as Buffalo or Milwaukee, both now salivating in the wings.

This danger was never more apparent than on the day he and senior officers from the baseball establishment were driving around Montreal, scurrying like key-stone cops from one potential site to another, and becoming more desperate all the time.

"Then," McHale told author Gallagher, "Two journalists, Russ Taylor and Marcel Desjardins, suggested [we] check out Jarry Park."

The mini-cavalcade tore up St. Laurent Boulevard to the park, an ex-

pansive play area with tennis courts, swimming pools, soccer grounds — and a ball diamond that included a small grandstand.

McHale recounts that when they asked about that facility, "the recreation director said there were only about 3,500 seats at the time but that up to 30,000 could be ready for the first pitch in 1969. We told him to get going! "Jarry Park: just the name itself is enough to set off a rush of happy memories."

That charming band-box of a stadium was ready on time, more or less. Even as the players began their pre-game warm-ups, volunteers were shoveling snow out of the stands and general manager Jim Fanning was wrestling with folding chairs behind home plate.

Opening day was beautiful; memorable beyond belief. And 29,184 newly-formed fans came to the game. A full house, and not one complaint.

"We were totally new to this," Charles Bronfman remarked to *Gazette* scribe Ian MacDonald in testament to McHale's genius. "John had to take us by the hand and lead the way."

And so he did. For the next 18 years.

The ubiquitous Jim Fanning, the most faithful of all Expos employees, was a front-office colleague of McHale's in the Braves organization before coming to Montreal.

He describes McHale as "a fantastic

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brilliant acquisitions, Rusty Staub and manager Gene Mauch, were more or less ready to take the field.

And of course McHale did get his ball park. But not without some difficulty.

We have forgotten it now, but in 1968 there was no baseball stadium in Montreal. The old Delormier grounds, home of the Montreal Royals, were gone, and the temporary Autostade down by the waterfront was beyond the pale.

McHale was keenly aware that unless he could locate an appropriate facility, and quickly, Montreal

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Snow, last 7 days (cm): 10
Open trails: 60/129

SUTTON

Snow, last 24 hrs (cm): 0
Snow, last 7 days (cm): 25
Open trails: 50/53

Inouks breathing down Champlain's necks

Both teams lost on the weekend

By Mike Hickey
SPECIAL TO THE RECORD

The Champlain College men's hockey team is in Vaudreuil tonight to play the Mustangs in the second game of an important four-game road swing. The Cougars enter tonight's contest in first place in the Quebec Junior AAA Hockey League's Sherwood Division, although the second place Granby Inouks are breathing down their necks as the two teams battle for the divisional title in the final weeks of the regular season.

Both teams lost their last games over the weekend; Granby was beaten by the Joliette Action 5-2 Sunday while the Cougars suffered a rare shut-out loss on the road Friday night when they were blanked 5-0 by the Kahnawake Condors.

Entering tonight's game the Cougars hold a four-point lead over Granby although the Inouks still have two games in hand. As the race tightens in the final month of regular season action the Granby-Champlain match-up scheduled for Feb. 22 in Granby could determine the regular season champions.

Champlain was never in Friday's game as the Condors scored a pair of unanswered goals in both the first and second periods. Karl Blain and Hugo Martin started with a power play goal in the opening period. Calvin Smith and Nicholas Albany scored in the second period while Martin rounded out the scoring with his second goal of the game and 44th of the season in the final period.

Kahnawake goaltender Matthew Murphy was sensational in nets as he earned his first shutout of the season with a 32-save performance. Champlain net minder Alexandre Dubois had a rare poor outing and was replaced by Vincent Lamontagne in the second period.

The league's players of the week were announced Monday with the offensive player of the week selection going to

Marc-André Huot, of the Saint-Félicien-Dolbeau-Mistassini Multiconcessionnaire. He compiled a record of seven goals and two assists for nine points in two games. His offensive output included two hat tricks, four power play goals, and a shorthanded goal as he became the league's first player to reach the 50 goal plateau this season. The winger scored four goals and added an assist in his team's 11-8 win in Saint-Jérôme on Friday, while the next day he scored three goals, including his 50th of the season in a shootout loss to the Trois-Rivières Laflèche College Titans. So far this season, Huot leads his team in scoring with a record of 50 goals, 38 assists and 88 points in 43 games.

The defensive player of the week honours go to defenceman Ken Dufresne of the Terrebonne Cobras. The 20-year-old took part in two games during the week, picking up eight assists. Dufresne started the week collecting three assists in a 9-0 win over the Laflèche College Titan on Friday and the following day, he picked up five assists as he helped his team rally from a 6-0 deficit to win 9-8 in a shootout against the AssurExperts in Quebec. So far this season the veteran rearguard leads his team's defencemen in scoring with three goals and 27 assists in 36 games. In the voting, he beat out goaltender Danny Mireault of the Joliette Action and defenceman Christopher Rodrigue of Sherbrooke's Champlain College Cougars.

The league also announced that it was asking fans to help select an all-time QJAAHL's all-star team to highlight the league's 20th anniversary. Before releasing the names of candidates the league would like to get in touch with several players and is asking for assistance in tracking them down, including Stéphane Bureau, Dean Dugan, Marc-Alain Duchaine, Martin Gascon, Patrick Jeanson, Jean-François Lanoue, Serge Lanthier, Stéphane Lapointe and Léon Martin. If anyone knows of their whereabouts they are asked to send an e-mail to info@lhjaaq.qc.ca.

McHALE:

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man who knew every aspect of baseball. I don't think there was a blemish on his record."

In fact, Jacques Doucet is convinced that McHale turned down the ultimate career opportunity to come to Montreal. "I believe in my heart," he said, "that John passed up the job of baseball commissioner for Montreal."

McHale's years in Montreal were ones of growth and triumph, but never to their full extent. He didn't win a championship, and he certainly knew his share of dark moments.

Probably Blue Monday and the Rick Monday homerun in 1981 cut deepest of all. "We had our bags packed," recalls Doucet. "We were all set to go to New York. None of us could believe it." Many say McHale never really got over this dis-

appointment.

And the sad depths into which the club had descended by 2004 hurt as well, even though he was no longer involved. In March of that year McHale told MacDonald that he was "depressed and concerned."

"I just wonder" he said, "why somebody in Quebec can't see the possibilities for a major-league franchise to succeed and step up and save the team."

It never happened, as we know — but we do have the memories. Much as Casablanca's Rick and Ilsa understood that they "would always have Paris," so we faithful few will always have the Expos.

And John McHale.

Charles Bronfman recently told the *National Post's* Jeremy Sandler that "Montreal and baseball in Canada were both very, very lucky to have had John McHale as our leader."

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Lennoxville Golden Age Club

January 22, the members met at the United Church for cards. 500 cards and bridge were played high score Inez Dutton 2720, Eva Leigh, 2780, low score Audrey Hopkins 1080, Emily Damon 1160.

Mr. Robert Downey, notary from Sherbrooke (Lennoxville) was speaker at our meeting touched different subjects, how to prepare our wills, selling our homes, power of attorney, etc. he offered to give advice if anyone needed it by contacting him.

Donna thanked Peggy and helpers for preparing a delicious supper.

Grace was said then 87 members enjoyed a delicious cabbage roll supper with veggies, pickles, homemade rolls, tea, coffee and chocolate pie for dessert.

Door prizes: Helen Matthews, May Hodge, Elsie Ramage, Kate Hartwell.

Seventeen new members were introduced to our club. Hope you'll enjoy it. Welcome to all.

Madeleine Beaulieu received her certificate as an honorary member. Madeleine thanked everyone for all the good wishes she received.

Pearl and May will set tables for the next meeting.

Next meeting, Feb. 5 will be Military Whist. Please be there by 1:45 p.m. God bless and take care.

Submitted by
Margaret Vintinner

Cards of Thanks

FINDLAY - Our family would like to thank all the people who touched our hearts and gave us their support during this difficult time of Terry's death. Also for all the heartwarming telephone calls, offers of help, the delicious goodies, flowers, cards and donation to the Sunday School. You will be always remembered in our hearts.

Lovingly, your special Nanny & Papa,
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SANBORN - I would like to thank all the doctors and nursing staff for the fine care received while at the B.M.P. Hospital and the great care received from all the medical staff at the CHUS. Thank all of you very, very much! A tremendous thank you to Callum McKinven for helping us in our time of need. Also to Leslie Poll. It is greatly appreciated. Also thanks to all the well-wishers who came to visit me, called, or sent cards during my stay at the BMPH. It meant a lot to see faces like Lyndon Larose, Allen Barr, Red Turnbull, Val and Abby Marchand, Wayne Johnston; Robbie Steingruber and Grace Bullock. Also thanks to Barbara for all the work that she was left to do at home. Thanks to Janet and Grace who regularly checked in on her. Thanks to my children Annette, Gordon, Randy and Norman for all their help and concern. A big thank you to our neighbours too.

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Death



BONSANT, Jeannine (Audy) - Jeannine passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, January 27, 2008, at the age of 75. She was a loving wife and mother, someone who made a difference in our world. Always had kind words and always willing to help in any way. She enriched and blessed everyone who knew her. Jeannine was born in St-Adolphe, Quebec on February 28, 1932 to the late Meranda and the late Lionel Audy. She lived many years in Asbestos, QC. before moving to Berlin, Connecticut in 1967. She retired from the Webster Bank in 1991. She was an avid ballroom dancer and yoga instructor. She was also a member of the Ladies Guild at St-Paul's Church in Kensington, CT. Jeannine will be truly missed by her loving husband of 52 years, Joseph Léo Bonsant, her daughter and son-in-law Michele and Steven MacNaughton, her grandchildren Eric and Elizabeth MacNaughton, her sisters, Helene Audy, Micheline Frechette and Denise Ouellette, her brothers-in-law, all her special nieces, nephews and all her wonderful friends. Resting at the Cass Funeral Home, 3006 College St., Sherbrooke, QC. (Lennoxville). Tel.: 819-564-1750 / www.casshomes.ca where friends may visit on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 from 12 noon to 2:15 p.m., followed by a funeral mass at St-Antoine Catholic Church at 2:30 p.m. Interment will be held at a later date.

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Death

MILLER, George Elbert - The death occurred peacefully, after a lengthy illness, on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Charlottetown, PEI, with his sons Stephen and Alan by his side, of George "Bud" Miller of Elmwood, age 77. Bud was the loving husband of 53 years of Evelyn Norma (nee Bradley). Besides his sons Stephen (Merle) of Calgary and Alan (Mary) of Elmwood, he was the beloved Poppa of Benjamin (Katherine), Elmwood; Brian (Kristie), Cornwall; and Sarah of Charlottetown. He is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Bruce Miller and Susan Nellie (Hall) Miller of Birchton, Quebec; his sisters Evelyn and Ruth; and brothers Charles, Robert, Lawrence and recently, Donald. George was the last surviving member of his family. Resting at Central Queen's Funeral Home, New Glasgow, PEI. There will be no visitation by personal request. Cremation will take place. Cremains to be interred in the Kingston United Church Cemetery following a graveside funeral on May 4, 2008 at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow at the Church. Donations in Bud's memory to the Kingston United Church, P.O. Box 795, Cornwall, PEI, C0A 1H0 would be appreciated. centralqueensfh@pei.aibn.com, www.peifuneralcoops.com.

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SWIFT, Gordon A - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who was taken from us one year ago, January 29, 2007.

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NORTH HATLEY

St. Barnabas Anglican Church welcomes you to their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to be held on February 5, 2008 at the North Hatley Community Centre from 5 to 7 p.m. Pancakes, syrup, sausages, baked beans and more. Admission charged.

AYER'S CLIFF

Valentine's Brunch at Beulah United Church, Ayer's Cliff on Sunday, February 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your sweetheart and enjoy a menu of bacon, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, homemade baked beans, pancakes, pure maple syrup, toast, fruit salad, juice, coffee and tea. All are welcome.

LENNOXVILLE

Valentine Tea and Food Sale, Saturday, February 16, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, 256 Queen St., Lennoxville. Sponsored by St. Andrew's Guild. Admission charged.

SHERBROOKE

The Canadian Club of the Eastern Townships dinner meeting will be held at Hotel Le President, Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker: Jim Slocombe, Instructor, Champlain College

and Bishop's University. Topic: "The Enduring Appeal of Arthur". Why should an obscure sixth century Chieftain hold a place in the hearts and minds of contemporary enthusiasts.

LENNOXVILLE

St. Francis Valley Naturalist Club annual general meeting, Wednesday, January 30 at 7 p.m. at the Amedee Beaudoin Community Centre, 150 Samuel Gratham, Lennoxville. Speaker: Judy Cassidy. Topic: "The Eclipse Chasers". A travel log and science presentation of an eclipse of the sun in Turkey.

LENNOXVILLE

The Three Plates with Danièle Starenkyj. Danièle Starenkyj, well-known nutritionist and author, is back at the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre! This first workshop in a series of three will illustrate how different choices of meals mean different levels of energy. The workshop will take place on January 31 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lennoxville & District Women's Centre, 257 Queen St. (Borough of Lennoxville). Admission charged. Please call 819-564-6626 to register.

LENNOXVILLE

There will be a Valentine's Day Tea on February 9 at Uplands (9 Speid St, Lennoxville) between 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. We will be featuring a special: 2 traditional cream teas (complete with cakes, cucumber sandwiches, scones, etc.). Admission charged. In addition, se-

lect Valentine's goodies will be served. There's no place like Uplands for a traditional romantic ambiance. February 9 also marks the beginning of our regular Saturday tea schedule. For more information and to reserve, please call (819) 564-0409.

LENNOXVILLE

Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre is proud to launch 2008 with our new exhibit, Early Decorated Furnishings and Tinware. Come to discover the art of stencilling in the works of Janet Gale and her students. The public is cordially invited to the Vernissage at Uplands, 9 Speid Street, in Lennoxville (Sherbrooke), to meet the artists on Sunday, February 3 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit will continue through March 9, 2008. For more information, please call (819) 564-0409.

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Lennoxville and District Community Aid will hold a Blood Pressure clinic on Friday, February 1 at the Library, 165 Main St. N., from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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DANVILLE

The Royal Canadian Legion will having a Valentine's Party on Saturday, February 9 from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Everyone welcome. Admission charged.

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People who want to beat me up

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: "Dennis" has been my boyfriend for over 10 years. We have lived together and apart, and the reason for the apart has been a conflict over marriage. I am 55 years old, he is 57, and we are both divorced. Over the years, I have brought up the subject of marriage three times and it has been the cause of a great debate each time, resulting in my moving out. We then get back together because we still care about each other.

I recently told Dennis how important marriage is to me. I understand it's just a piece of paper, but to me, it makes us a team. Just living together gives me a sense of impermanence.

I moved out after the last argument and Dennis has not called much. I am pretty sure he feels I am giving him an ultimatum, which I guess I am. Is there any happy medium for this sort of issue? — Resentful

Dear Resentful: Not really. Either you're married or you're not. Based on prior experience, Dennis believes you will come back even if he doesn't agree to marry you. So decide whether you want Dennis or that piece of paper, because it doesn't look as if you are going to have both.

Dear Annie: I am 14 years old and in the eighth grade, and I LOVE baseball. My goal in life is to play shortstop in the Majors. I'm not a small kid, but I don't want to hurt myself and take away my chance of making it to the big leagues. The problem is there are people who want to beat me up. And to make it worse, some of the girls I have huge crushes on call me "gay."

I go to school every day with a knot in my stomach. I have no friends and I

don't know why. My parents are making me see a therapist for my ADHD. I am getting good grades in school, but the only time I'm happy is when I'm playing baseball. I used to be a really bubbly kid. Now I just want to stop being bugged and concentrate on school and baseball. What can I do? — S.S.

Dear S.S.: Eighth grade can be a really difficult time. If other kids are taunting you or threatening to beat you up, you and your parents should report this to the principal. It's bullying and needs to stop. It will also help if you can find some friends, and this means expanding your participation in after-school as well as school-related activities so you can get to know kids with interests other than baseball. You should discuss this problem with your therapist and ask for specific suggestions. It will help.

Dear Annie: I have additional advice for "Cathy," the snoring girlfriend. I've been through four sleep studies, two surgeries, two years with a CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) machine and various face masks, and two oral devices. The CPAP didn't work for me. I couldn't stay in that position all night and have air blowing on my face. I eventually quit using it.

After she has a sleep study, Cathy should ask about an oral device from her dentist. I use the Adjustable PM Positioner, which has helped both my snoring and my sleep apnea — and I can cuddle with my husband. — Sleep Like a Baby in Jackson, Mich.

Dear Jackson: Thanks for the recommendation. Readers who are interested

should discuss all options with their doctor. Here's more:

Dear Annie: My husband and I each use a CPAP, sleep comfortably and quietly, and cuddle all night. Travel is no problem; we take them with us and there are now travel-sized machines. — D.

Dear Annie: My husband snores louder than a lion and won't go to the doctor, so I bought a \$17 sound generator that stays on for up to one hour. Now when his snoring keeps me up, I press a button and drown him out with the sound of crickets or waves or wind. — Grass Valley, Calif.

Dear Annie: Wow! The letter from "Frigid Mom" just knocked my socks off. She admitted she hasn't been interested in sex for years. I'm having trouble in my own home on this same matter. But her letter sure made me feel better, knowing there are other couples out there going through the same thing.

I'd like to thank "Frigid Mom" for having the strength to tell her story, and the courage to admit her contribution to the problem. I took that clip straight home and read it to my wife. It didn't make much difference to her, but it made a world of difference to me, knowing there is one woman out there who cares enough about her man to ask these questions. Frigid Mom, thank you, thank you, thank you! — S.D.

Dear S.D.: Opening the lines of communication is the first step. We hope it will help your wife be willing to address the issue.

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

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by Luis Campos

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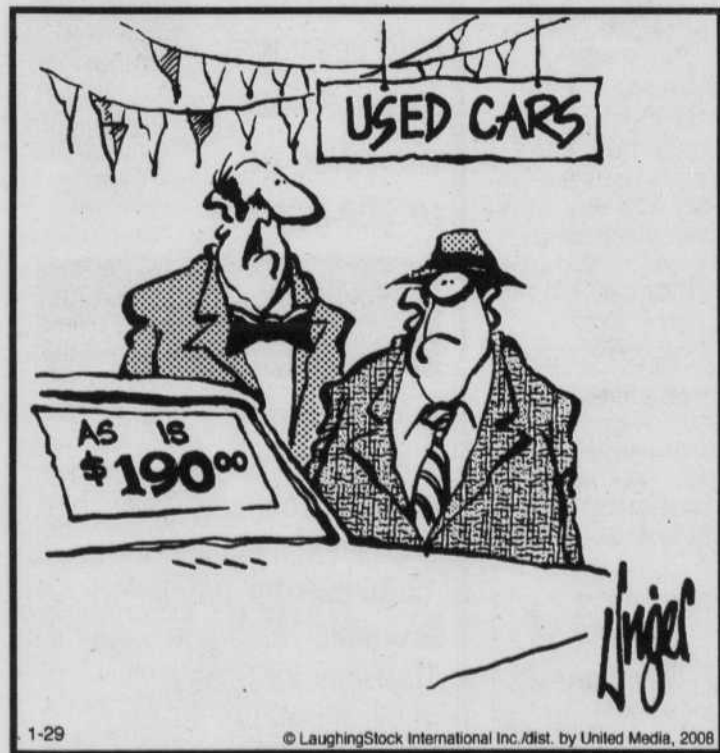
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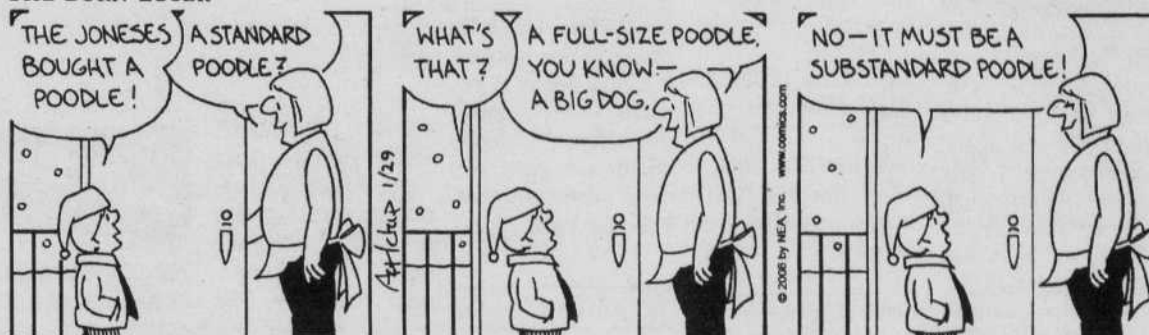
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Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008

You can enjoy larger successes than usual in the year ahead with endeavors or projects that call for utilizing your wonderful imagination and resourcefulness. Be as creative, inventive and bold as possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Something opportune will develop, stemming from your own past hard work and effort. However, what makes this truly big is the involvement of an old friend who brings his or her luck to the project as well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Elevate your expectations and anticipate good things to happen, because conditions look exceptionally hopeful for you. Any positive thinking you can lend to events will bolster things even further.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Substantial accomplishments are possible right now, although you may not initially think so, especially if you see challenges as being too tough. In reality, you're up to the task and can do quite well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Something that has turned out to be quite fortunate for a friend can be so for you as well, but in order to have the same outcome, you must first liberate your spirit of adventure and give it a try.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — In order to lessen the odds of failure, you should restrict your commercial involvements to persons or firms you know and trust. Conducting business with strangers could be hazardous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The last person you would expect to go out of his or her way for you will turn out to be very helpful. It'll all be because of the wonderful, cooperative spirit you exhibit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't be reluctant to go out of your way for co-workers, because your efforts will not go unnoticed or unappreciated — especially when you do things from the goodness of your heart, without any compensation in mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It all depends upon the company you keep, but this could turn out to be a fortunate day, with friends of long-standing being the luckiest for you. Their good luck will rub off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Things that are normally inconvenient will not be considered any kind of imposition right now. Dig into those endeavors that had been a pain in the neck. They'll actually bring joy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Even though your plans meet with some resistance, don't scrap them. In fact, once you get past the first sign of this, you'll actually enjoy what needs to be done and garner success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's vital to be realistic with regard to your financial position. Only then can you make the necessary adjustments to get back on track and bring good fortune to yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You can get past what has been blocking your path and start to advance your self-interests if you use your own initiative; don't wait for others. Focus on your goals and move forward.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008

North 01-29-08			
♠ J 4 3			
♥ 5 2			
♦ A J 6 3			
♣ Q 9 7 2			
West		East	
♠ A 6	♥ Q J 10 9 8 7	♠ K 8 5	♥ 6 3
♦ 9 4 2	♣ A J	♦ 10 5	♣ K 10 8 6 5 3
South			
♠ Q 10 9 7 2			
♥ A K 4			
♦ K Q 8 7			
♣ 4			
Dealer: South Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♥ Q			

prisoned in Spain (during the civil war; Franco sentenced him to death), France and England (both in World War II), said, "Creativity is a type of learning process where the teacher and pupil are located in the same individual."

This deal might look familiar, but it is subtly different from yesterday's. The contract is four spades. West leads the heart queen. Who should come out ahead, declarer or the defense?

As I mentioned yesterday, South is worth a four-spade rebid. But if he settled for a three-diamond game-try, North would accept by jumping to four spades. North has a near-maximum and help in diamonds.

South can see three certain losers (two spades and one club), so must avoid losing a heart trick. He can eliminate this heart loser by ruffing it on the board. South wins with his heart ace, cashes the heart king, and ruffs his last heart with dummy's spade jack.

Now East has a chance to be creative. If he overruffs with his spade king, the contract will make. But if East discards his diamond 10, starting an echo (high-low) with a doubleton, the defenders can prevail.

Declarer will call for a trump. East would probably play low (but might put up his king, which would be the only defense if South had the club ace instead of the four). If so, West wins with his ace and returns a diamond. East takes the next trump trick and shifts to a club, West winning with his ace and giving his partner a diamond ruff.

Not quite the same; a different result

By Phillip Alder

Arthur Koestler, the Hungarian-English author and journalist who was im-

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ACROSS

- 1 Place for pumpkins
- 6 Stuff to the gills
- 10 Pestors
- 14 Waikiki greeting
- 15 Sole
- 16 Farmland parcel
- 17 Himalayan kingdom
- 18 Grimm beast
- 19 Branch of Islam
- 20 Do the utmost
- 23 Prickly-topped plant
- 25 Potash
- 26 Braggart's problem
- 27 Winding curve
- 28 Scatterbrained
- 31 Kitchen cover-up
- 33 Marshal Dillon

- 35 Nurse a drink
- 36 Botanist Gray
- 37 Flaunt boundaries
- 43 Period
- 44 August sign
- 45 ___ since (as of)
- 46 Tropical plant with brilliant flowers
- 49 Massive amounts
- 51 Musical sensitivity
- 52 N.A. country
- 53 Mushroom top
- 55 Periods of readiness
- 57 Find a scapegoat
- 61 Driving expense
- 62 Your majesty
- 63 Reluctant
- 66 Sandwich cookie

- 21 Old Testament prophet
- 22 Try to get one's goat
- 23 Interim worker
- 24 Jacob's twin
- 29 Deadlock
- 30 Magic incantation
- 32 Bleached out
- 34 In the past
- 36 Profession
- 38 Leaflet handout
- 39 Hillary Clinton, ___ Rodham
- 40 Pigs out
- 41 Bog fuel

- 42 Misses the mark
- 46 Tradition
- 47 On land
- 48 Carpenter, at times
- 49 Man-lion figure
- 50 Tack on snow
- 54 Bewildered
- 56 Play the ham
- 58 Floating ice
- 59 Therefore
- 60 European capital
- 64 Kind of pot or bag
- 65 60 min. multiples

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Moving shot
- 2 Tankard fill
- 3 Schooner features
- 4 Wild disorder
- 5 Cut in two
- 6 Latch (onto)
- 7 Brand symbol
- 8 Rambunctious
- 9 Itsy-bitsy
- 10 Spaceflight org.
- 11 More sore
- 12 Foreigner, in Latin America
- 13 Add herbs

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By Diane C. Baldwin
Columbia, MD

1/29/08

Red Party 2008



All down through history the name 'RED' has been applied as a nickname to popular heroes. The guy who came close to discovering Canada, if in fact he did not, was called 'Eric the RED'. As many of the Semitic race are 'red headed', there is no reason to believe that one of Adam's sons was not really called 'RED', after all one of his sons was called 'Able'. Many of you hockey fans will perhaps recall 'RED' Kelly or 'RED' Horner? RED Kelly, if he is still living is about 99 years old. Who does not remember RED Skelton or RED Buttons? In sports there are teams like the RED Sox and the RED Wings. In fact, if any popular hero comes to town, we roll out the RED carpet. If he is really well liked we probably will dine at the RED Lobster. So you will have to agree with me that RED is, and has always been, a sign of popularity.

Well all of this brings me to mentioning that last Wednesday, Jan 23 was 'RED' Party night at the Sherbrooke Snow Shoe Club. We did not roll out the RED carpet but RED Party did take over head table, complete with their own RED chairs. It is a wonder that they had not painted Pres. Mel's throne chair a bright RED. They even persuaded the cooks to serve RED strawberry shortcake. YUM! In order that this old scribe would not make too many mistakes, that friendly chorister Lenny Beland offered to give me a copy of the agenda for the first part of the evening. The 'ki-bosh' was soon put on that, but I was allowed to keep a pencil and a piece of paper, and to sit with the overflow of Red party members. Conversation: Well I thought that I had taken a beating from the latest 'slide' of the stock market but apparently Dr. George MacDougall feels that he perhaps made some errors in judgement in selecting his portfolio. I instantly felt better: Misery does indeed love company!

I was lucky! We had such a full

house that I even had to park alongside the clubhouse. "Pick any snow bank" I was told! Ah Well! After all I had got to the Club late. Rushing into the Club to pay my admission who did the Treasurer introduce me to? Another Noble, this time Steve the Treasurer's son from Toronto, no 'shorty' he! As I have said before: this Eastern Townships gets into one's heart and we just cannot stay away, even one of my daughters has returned.

I think that this Club should have another sub-title 'The SSSC Repertory Theatre'. WHY? Because each year seems to bring out so much talent, and on so many pertinent subjects, that we could easily find ourselves at the 'Emmy Awards'. Thank Heavens Hollywood has no scouts in the area! Tonight's 'Off Broadway' production, 'Follow The Money' was under the direction of Judge Notrub, with such other notables as Prosecutor Bruce Nottap. T.V. coverage was by Announcer Mike Gruffy. The cast of characters covered such distinguished gentlemen as P.M.s Brian Baloney, and John Christian. On trial were Messres Baloney and Jack Heinz Shyster. One witness, a Monsieur Lucien Moutard, refused to speak English and an un named translator, who looked strangely like Roger, was hard put to wear two hats as he changed characters by changing hats, each hat defined which character he was playing and which language he was to speak. Confusing for both him and the audience! There were brown paper-bag sandwich containers that seemed the source of surprising 'changes of opinion' when found- strangely- to contain \$100 bills. The Sgt-At-Arms had put these bags through the 'Scanner' and could only note that, as sandwiches, they were either paper thin or, as a dessert, thin layers of 'mille feuilles'. What surprised me was that Judge Notrub, whose reputation was even fiercer than that of 'Hanging Sam', whose character is impeccable, whose moral fibre is beyond reproach, seemed to be slipping. I was aghast to note, that when he found that his bank account had suddenly gained \$100,000, he seemed to lose his steel. As if to add insult to injury, the Sgt-at arms

turned out to be a savage (Wyatt) from some tribe in Adanac. Vindictive, he soon accused the Judge of "stealing their land, polluting their lakes, killing their buffalo etc! A little more persuasion and said Sgt-at-arms was on his way to be elected 'Prime Minister in Waiting', 'Heinz' ketchup was to be given preferential treatment in the Country of Adanac, the whole trial was to be hushed up, records destroyed and video tapes erased. I went away feeling proud that such a situation could never happen in Canada (Adanac) Whew!

Going back to the business meeting: one other guest was introduced, Peter Jones. RED Party presented the Pres with a "Squirt" gift, and new Secretary Ken Dezan with a 'special gift'- spare pencils and erasers. Don Lougheed was praised for the Club photos that he passed around; and 2nd Vice Phil Kerwin was cheered for his excellent description of the location of exits. Red Party V.P. Max Salvias arose to describe the latest addition to 'Memorial. Plaques'; the minutes of both the meetings of Jan 09 and Jan 16 were approved; Doug Beattie suggested that the washrooms be cleaned, someone lost a snowshoe out on the course- ??; Howard Davies and Ed Mills shared winnings on the Draw; and Steve Moore needs a '2004/5 ribbon to completely cover has sleeve(he lost his own). All in all we had a great meeting, loud, exuberant, and ribald. RED Party is to be congratulated. Thanks Guys! The Club is back in full swing, the hall was crowded, the Choristers are back and brought a great sing-

a-long with "Me and My Gal", "Harvest Moon" and finalizing with "Old Time Religion"; a jubilant, noisy, and joyful meeting with the only bad news brought by Treas. Jack Noble. Attendance is down; Membership is down; and Revenue is down. So guys:- Get out your phone books, invite your friends, forget that little emphasis has been put on membership this year; and lets get this Club 'Back on track'. We've got eight regular meetings left, Remember Auction Night. Mark your calendars that the 'Sugaring Off is changed to April 05 from 2:00 to 4:00.

Invite fellow members to join you at any and all meetings. Attendance is the secret of increasing revenue. Next meeting is Jan 30 'Competition Night' and Brian Heath is really 'itching' to put you and your friends thru their paces. See you there!

Respectfully submitted,
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