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175 YEARS OF PHILANTHROPY AT BISHOP’S UNIVERSITY

Bishop’s was born on December 9, 1843 – long before Confederation. It is true that it owes its beginning to the persistence of many, including Edward Hale, who represented the constituency of Sherbrooke in the Lower Canada House of Assembly.

However, philanthropy has also played a key role from the very beginning. Construction of what is now known as McGreer Hall was completed in 1846 on 40 acres of land donated by Lieut.-Col. William Morris. This donation was the foundation of 175 years of university life in Lennoxville.

In 1846, Isaac Hellmuth was named Professor of Hebrew and Rabbinical Studies. He and Rev. Jasper Nicolls, Bishop’s first Principal, were the core of the professorial staff. However, they were much more than academics – they were also fundraisers par excellence. For instance, Hellmuth travelled to England in 1849, and returned with donations totaling $4,000 – a princely sum at the time. The donor was a physician named Thomas Churchman Harrold who never set foot on our campus and it was in his honour the Dean of Divinity’s residence (now the Principal’s residence) was named. Hellmuth went on to found both Huron College and the University of Western Ontario, no doubt calling on the formidable fundraising skills he honed at Bishop’s to bring these projects to fruition!

Transformative donations have shaped Bishop’s and in the late 1800s a $25,000 bequest from Robert Hamilton, DCL, with additional contributions from his children, enabled great improvements in the Arts Building, including dining halls, a council chamber, new student rooms and lavatories.

After the death of his son and namesake (and Bishop’s student) Rodolphe or “Roddy” in World War 1, Rodolphe Lemieux, a long-serving Speaker of the House of Commons, donated a prize in French Literature to Bishop’s in his memory. When Lemieux left public life, the Speaker’s Chair was given to him and, in turn, he presented it to Bishop’s. This is the chair that is used by the Chancellor at Convocation. Although Roddy never returned to Bishop’s to receive his own Bishop’s degree, he has indirectly participated in the awarding of literally thousands of others.

A number of remarkable gifts to Bishop’s ensued that have forever marked our campus. In 1949 it was a donation, and later a bequest, from Harry Norton that funded the construction of Norton Hall. The construction of Pollack Hall, which opened at the same time, was made possible by a contribution from Maurice Pollack, a wealthy merchant from Quebec City.

In the mid-1960s, the University launched the Bishop’s 70 campaign. Proceeds of $3 million, in combination with government grants, enabled the construction of the new wing of the Johnson Building, Dewhurst Dining Hall, Kuehner and Munster Halls, and Centennial Theatre. Later, donors to the Learning for Life and then the Partners in Learning Campaigns further enabled the University to enhance the student experience.

The generosity of alumni and other benefactors has continued with overwhelming support for our wonderful university. For recent examples of what our donors have made possible, please refer to the final report on the Leading the Way Campaign in this issue.

—Jacqueline Scott ’90
Bishop’s turned 175 in 2018, a major milestone in the history of the University.

While the legacy of the University’s first 125 years is important, I would like to focus this note on the last 50 years. After all, we did welcome the classes of 1967, 1968 and 1969 for their 50th Reunion during Homecoming last fall. Listening to their stories brought home to me just how much has changed at Bishop’s in the last half-century.

In 1967, students still wore gowns on campus, though they were staging sit-ins in the administration building to have that practice abolished. Our residences were strictly single-sex. Again, more student demonstrations.

The Principal would meet with every new male student, while female students would be greeted by another staff member.

Male residence rooms were cleaned by staff once a week and their beds made daily, while women were expected to tidy up after themselves. University life as a whole was still very much patterned on traditional gender roles.

Obviously, all of that has changed.

McGreer was a residence back then. Now it is home to administrative and faculty offices. Abbott, Kuehner and Munster were brand new residences 50 years ago, but had received very little care since. Now Abbott and Kuehner have been fully renovated, and Munster is set to re-open this spring. Renovations on campus are ongoing, with the Student Union Building next on the list this year.

The Memorial Gymnasium (affectionately known as “The Pit”) was built in 1950. In later years it became the Bish Pub and is now the Gait, but through thoughtful planning and renovation it now serves as a multi-functional space with classrooms on the second floor.

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The Library was built in 1959 and extensions added in 1971 and 1990. After a major transformation, it was reopened as a Library Learning Commons this past fall.

We still had a Faculty of Divinity in 1967. Today we are hoping to give Divinity House a new mission and a complete overhaul.

Enrolment in the late 1960s was about 1,000 versus almost 2,900 today.

But just as things change, the core values that are the bedrock of the University endure. What was the case 175 and 50 years ago, is still the case today.

Our enviable professor/student ratio and liberal interdisciplinary tradition encourage deep relationships between students and professors. Ours is an education of participation and engagement in intense intellectual relationships. Identities are developed here. Broad skill sets are learned. Lifelong friendships are formed, and they endure because they are meaningful.

At the same time, we continue to be innovative, to take risks, and to find the means to try new things. Take the Sports Studies program for example, which we established in 2009. We took a chance on that. Today it is among our most popular programs, providing an intensive study of sports and exercise in society. And this fall, we will be launching programming in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems, among other new course offerings to our students.

So many things make me optimistic about Bishop’s going forward. The extraordinary success of our recent capital campaign has not been lost on the government in Quebec. It is more likely to offer its financial support when alumni, students, faculty and staff, parents and other supporters have shown how much they care about the University.

Now that our books are balanced and we are in a better place financially, we are poised to sustain our model of undergraduate education. Our goals are ambitious both on the academic and research fronts with a view to making an outstanding experience for our students even better.

—Michael Goldbloom, C.M.
JULIE LEBOEUF ’19: WINNING WITH THE BACKUP PLAN

If life teaches us anything, it’s that second choices sometimes end up being our best option. This was especially true for undergraduate Julie Leboeuf ’19, now graduating from a university that wasn’t part of her original plan.

“I actually picked Laval University,” says Leboeuf. “I wanted to go all the way to my doctorate in psychology, so I chose it because it offers the Master’s and PhD programs, whereas Bishop’s does not.

“My thinking was that if I got into a university where they have those programs, maybe the professors would get to know me and it would be easier for me to get into graduate school at the same university.”

A wise decision from a purely practical point of view. But Leboeuf quickly realized that bigger didn’t necessarily mean better when it came to finding the right fit for an ambitious scholar.

“I ended up sitting in classes with four hundred other students,” she says. “It’s a great university and they do amazing research but I soon realized that no professor would get to know me in a class that large. This environment was not for me.”

So she made a new plan.

Having spent her CEGEP years at Champlain College, Leboeuf was familiar with Bishop’s, its smaller class sizes and teacher-to-student ratio. So she made the difficult decision to leave Laval behind, and begin again at Bishop’s.

It proved a smart choice. Leboeuf has excelled in our Applied Psychology program, so much so that she was awarded a $7,000 scholarship from the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Endowment Fund for Study in a Second Official Language. Winners of this award are selected on the basis of academic excellence, leadership, volunteer and community involvement, and on a demonstration of motivation, adaptability and of a well-defined plan of study. Julie was one of only three undergraduate level students who received this prestigious scholarship in 2018.

At the recommendation of Vice-Principal Academic Dr. Miles Turnbull, and Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Stine Linden-Andersen, Julie also received funding from the Bishop’s University Foundation to attend a prestigious Borderline Personality Disorder conference in Barcelona, Spain this past September.

“I honestly wouldn’t have been able to afford the flight and hotel in Barcelona,” says Leboeuf. “The conference was an amazing experience. I met a lot of people and we had very interesting discussions in regards to our fields of study. But it also made me decide to pursue my graduate studies in Europe, and to experience a different country’s way of doing things.”

For now, though, Leboeuf is reflecting on support she may not have found at a larger institution. “All those people just helped me make it happen,” she says. “I’m so grateful to them. I look forward to giving back to the Bishop’s community and enabling future students to achieve their own goals.”

After Convocation, Julie will be heading across the pond! She will be a “Study Abroad” Visiting Student in Experimental Psychology at St. Anne’s College, Oxford University in 2018–2019. This is a very distinguished accomplishment, as she is one of 40 out of 500 applicants from around the world to be accepted into the Program. Julie wishes to thank The Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation whose recent donation to Bishop’s in support of the Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation – Hugh Cowans Scholarship will help finance this opportunity. She is also grateful for the support of the Goldberger Global Experience Fund created by Linda and Bob Goldberger ’79.
Jacob Gerlofs ’19: A World of Possibilities

Jacob Gerlofs ’19 is out to change the world. The aspiring professor and researcher has enjoyed many experiences that have enriched his time at Bishop’s University.

For instance, he was selected to receive funding from the B.E.S.T. Project Fund (made possible by an anonymous donor who is a graduate of Bishop’s) to study sleep/wake cycles at the Lyon Neuroscience Research Centre in France. He later studied episodic memory cognition at the East China Normal University in Shanghai thanks in part to a grant from the McConnell Student Opportunity Fund.

Multiple campus involvements
In addition to his academic endeavours, Jacob worked as a freelance photographer on campus. He also volunteered with Alegria, a student-run initiative that focuses on body image and mental health. Last but not least, he was on the Executive of the Neuroscience Club and of the Photography Club.

Jacob, who majored in Psychology (Neuroscience Concentration) and minored in Drama, likes to seize all opportunities when they present themselves.

He describes Bishop’s as the perfect place to do so. “Bishop’s offers an environment that encourages students to do more with their degree,” he says. “The experience is about learning both the hard skills you need for your career and the soft skills for your life like critical thinking because it builds character.” One of the things that attracted Jacob to Bishop’s University was the encouragement to go beyond his major. “Many universities want you to stay within your program, but Bishop’s encourages you to explore different courses to take full advantage of your liberal arts education.”

Going beyond the easy path
When asked about the most important thing he has learned from his experiences at Bishop’s, Jacob brings up the importance of taking initiative. “Most people think that if you don’t have a specific skill set for something, then it remains impossible and out of reach. Really, if you put yourself out there and bring all your abilities to the table you would be surprised at what you can accomplish and learn. The more you reach out for something the more you will step outside your comfort zone, and develop skills that are applicable to any career path.”

Jacob expresses his sincere gratitude for all that Bishop’s has given him, including being a finalist for a Rhodes Scholarship. As he prepares for graduate school at UBC, he feels like he has gained the necessary confidence and valuable experiences that will help him in the next chapter of his journey.
NICOLAS VIENS ’19: 
AN EMERGING VOICE IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A strength of Bishop’s University is the opportunity for undergraduate students to conduct research alongside full professors. One such student is Nicolas Viens ’19.

When Nicolas first arrived at Bishop’s, he planned to take regular classes, obtain his degree and then immediately join the work force. After taking courses with passionate professors, he had a change of heart and started to explore the added opportunities of his liberal education.

Nicolas explains, “Bishop’s University encourages you to take more electives and you have the chance to choose what you want to learn.” As such, Nicolas pursued an independent study course where he looked at sustainable development and climate change. Thanks to a grant from the B.E.S.T Project Fund, Nicolas traveled to Rome, Italy in September 2018 to present his research findings at the 6th International Conference on Sustainable Development with his supervisor Professor Denise Fortier from the Williams School of Business. This resulted in two publications in the European Journal of Sustainable Development.

In January 2019, Nicolas had the opportunity to participate in the 8th Academic International Conference on Multi-Disciplinary Studies and Education in Oxford, UK, where he presented the framework with Professor Fortier.

“There is so much you can benefit from at Bishop’s by learning beyond the classroom walls because you have the chance to develop and challenge yourself.”

In terms of what the future holds for Nicolas, we are pleased to report that he has been awarded a prestigious SSHRC Scholarship to pursue his Master’s in Development Studies at York University.
THE ROAD TO DOCTORAL STUDIES:
AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY FOR VEERESH PAVATE BSc ’05, MEd ’18

Veeresh Pavate ’05 graduated with an undergraduate degree in Computer Science and Business Administration from Bishop’s in 2005. He returned to complete a Master of Education in 2018.

Veeresh’s time in Lennoxville started when he was studying Computer Information Systems at Champlain Regional College. He immediately fell in love with the campus. “For me there was no question that I would go to Bishop’s.” After graduation, he worked in the IT sector as a data analyst and then went on to teaching. “Helping people is something that came naturally to me. When I was thinking of moving on to another job somebody told me that Richmond Regional High School was looking for someone to teach math, so I applied.” After one year of teaching high school and eight years at the Cégep level he returned to Bishop’s to complete a Master of Education. “Knowing the campus and its people as I did, choosing Bishop’s University for my graduate studies was a no-brainer.”

From teacher to “back to school”
Veeresh thrived in the graduate studies environment at BU, and it was this enthusiasm that led Dr. Christopher Stonebanks from the School of Education to encourage him to pursue doctoral studies. “He noticed I was very interested in the research side of things. At first I was reluctant, but Dr. Stonebanks persuaded me to apply.”

Fast forward to today and Veeresh is now a doctoral student at McGill working in the Faculty of Dentistry.

Veeresh’s dissertation will focus on the challenges of living with Thalassemia, an inherited blood disorder characterized by less hemoglobin and fewer red blood cells than normal. This may cause anemia leading to fatigue. Some may experience chronic pain.

His thesis supervisor, Dr. Richard Hovey, is an expert on chronic health conditions, chronic pain, patient centered care, and communication in healthcare. It was Veeresh’s strong research proposal that caught his attention. When asked how Bishop’s has influenced his doctoral studies journey, he explained, “At first I was apprehensive about going to McGill, but I knew that Bishop’s, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels, gave me a solid foundation and prepared me for the rigour McGill demands.” Veeresh hopes to complete his PhD in 2022.

People living with Thalassemia rely on blood donations in order to survive. The Students’ Representative Council at Bishop’s regularly holds blood drives on campus. If you would like to know where you could donate blood, please visit www.hema-quebec.qc.ca if you live in Quebec and www.blood.ca if you live elsewhere in Canada.
Q&A WITH JACQUELINE JENKINS ’02, MD

Dr. Jacqueline Jenkins ’02 is a real-world triple threat: triathlete, world traveler and physician. She’s also a proud graduate of Bishop’s University, having completed her Bachelor of Science (Biology and Neuroscience) here in 2002. Now an ER, family and rural care doctor in Calgary, Dr. Jenkins has fond memories of how her Bishop’s years helped shape the life she’s created.

You must have been faced with many choices for your post-secondary education. What drew you to Bishop’s?
I was looking for a small school that would be a lot of fun. I was shy in high school, and felt like Bishop’s University wouldn’t gobble me up. There were lots of clubs to join, a great science program, and the ski team was important because I competed in the Canada Games in my freshman year. Plus, it was just far enough away from home!

Was there any apprehension or culture shock, coming from Lunenburg, Nova Scotia to the Eastern Townships?
I’d already been to Quebec for ski races at Mont-Tremblant, and Lennoxville was cute and personable, not like a cookie cutter town. Everybody was really welcoming, and there were all these events for freshmen to meet people. I felt nervous, but really excited at the same time.

And as you settled in, did we live up to your expectations?
Yes. Everyone was friendly, and going through their own self-discovery period, so I slowly came into my own, made lots of friends and began to overcome my shyness. I joined the rugby and ski teams, and really appreciated the incredible school spirit. People were always dressing up for games, and really supporting their teams.

How do you feel Bishop’s helped prepare you for your career path?
The confidence I gained on sports teams and in social settings was especially important for me. You were recognized for your efforts and sportsmanship, but also made to feel that it’s okay to make mistakes and not be perfect. It was a safe place to experiment and grow, and decide with the help of supportive peers and teachers what to do after graduation.

You did a lot of traveling after graduation, rather than diving right into a Master’s program. That’s a pretty brave move for a shy kid from Lunenburg.
I had really grown into my own. I was a more outgoing and confident woman. In between jobs, I backpacked around Costa Rica and worked on organic farms, then did a working-holiday visa for a year in New Zealand and Australia. After that, I decided it was time to go back to school, so I did a Master’s at Dalhousie University in kinesiology, then went on to the Saba University School of Medicine in the Caribbean Netherlands.

People always ask what advice alumni would give to students considering Bishop’s University. But what advice would you offer their parents?
Well, it is definitely a really affordable option. Tuition is very competitive, and your kids aren’t going to be in a big city where anything can happen. My aunt and uncle met at Bishop’s forty years ago, and my sister and two cousins enrolled after visiting me there. Your kids will be in good hands, get a great education, and have some of the most memorable years of their lives!!
Q&A WITH PIERRE BLIER ’78, MD, PhD

Dr. Pierre Blier (’78 BSc Biology and Psychology) was inducted into The Royal Society of Canada on November 16, 2018 in recognition of his basic neuroscience and clinical research to improve the treatment of major depressive disorder and attenuate suicidal ideation. Since graduating from Bishop’s, Dr. Blier has held tenure professor and researcher positions at various institutions across North America. We recently had the opportunity to speak to him about his time at Bishop’s and his career.

What are your fondest memories of Bishop’s?
I have so many! On my first day in September 1974, I was assigned to live in Pollack Hall, an all-boys residence at that time. I remember very rapidly making friends, and going to Dewhurst Dining Hall together. The comradery between us was incredible and we are still friends to this day. Actually, when I celebrated my 60th birthday two years ago, ten friends from my time at Bishop’s joined me for a wonderful reunion. My years at Bishop’s were some of the best ones of my life.

How did Bishop’s prepare you for the next step in your education?
Extremely well! Bishop’s offered the opportunity for Science students to have hands-on experience in the lab and I had the chance to carry out extensive experiments and studies. My honours project was very practical as well, and once I started my graduate studies I had more experience than most of my colleagues.

What sparked your interest in neuroscience?
It happened in my last year, when I took an abnormal psychology course taught by Dr. Stuart J. McKelvie. I became fascinated by how simple molecules could affect human behavior and thoughts. From then on, it became my passion.

Can you tell me more about your work as a professor and your research?
After I completed my medical training and postdoc, I joined McGill University as a faculty member in 1988. As I have at every institution I have worked, I set up my own research lab and treated patients with mood disorders (mostly depression). I take the basic results obtained in the lab and I work to find ways to improve the treatment of depression.

After 12 years at McGill, I had the opportunity to work at the Brain Institute of the University of Florida as a professor and researcher in psychiatry and neuroscience. I then moved back to Canada in 2004 to work in the Departments of Psychiatry and Cellular & Molecular Medicine at the University of Ottawa. I was awarded the Tier I Canada Research Chair in Psychopharmacology, and received an endowed chair in Mood Disorders Research at The Royal Ottawa Institute of Mental Health Research.

What do you like most about your work?
I love being able to advance the field, especially with breakthroughs for the treatment of depression. I have the opportunity to apply basic pharmacology to treating patients more effectively while training graduate students, residents, and bringing new developments to my clinical colleagues to improve patient management. I have given over 70 invited lectures in 24 countries in academic settings in the last 6 years. I enjoy interacting with my colleagues from around the world.

You recently married. Tell us about the Bishop’s connection.
In early September 1974, at 7:30 in the morning, I met a classmate Althea Duhaney ’78 (BA Psychology) in a calculus class taught by Professor Peter Wilson. We started dating in our last year at Bishop’s, but parted after one year as our studies took us to different locations. Thirty years later, after each having our own families and careers, life brought us back together as single alumni in our fifties. We married on May 20, 2018.
The Bishop’s Alumni Association’s Esprit de Corps award recognizes a graduate who has made a difference through service to the University, the Alumni Association, a local chapter or the broader community. The 2018 recipient is David Perlman ’00. David was nominated by Eric Desbiens ’99 and Eric Cormier ’02, Co-Founders of the annual Beyond the Bubble networking event in Montreal.

From Lennoxville to the big city
David Perlman graduated from Bishop’s with a Bachelor’s degree in Finance. While a student, he was actively involved in the SEED Portfolio Program, which he says triggered his curiosity in the capital markets sector. From 2002–07 David was at Desjardins in institutional equities; from 2007–12 he worked at TD Securities as a Director, Equities. He is currently at GMP Securities where he is Head of the Montreal Office and Managing Director, Institutional Equities.

Giving back to the next generation
David’s involvement with Beyond the Bubble stems back to its very beginning, when it was called Bankers’ Day. He recalls: “Eric Desbiens and Eric Cormier asked me in the first year of the program to be a speaker, back when it was geared towards those specifically interested in banking careers. I was Master of Ceremonies at the second annual event and have been for the last nine years.” Among David’s favorite parts of the event is interacting with the students. “I love to see the energy the students bring with them to the event. It is a learning experience for both students and alumni – a great exchange, and a way for generations to connect and gather insight.”

Bishop’s lasting impact
When asked how he felt about winning the award, David expressed his sincere gratitude at the honour. “Bishop’s University brought a lot to my life and has helped shape the person I am today. It encouraged me to be more extroverted and confident, and provided me with opportunities to step out of my comfort zone. I learned to listen to and respect different points of view. Being able to give back and to develop a lifelong relationship with the University is something that makes me extremely proud.”

Congratulations David on this well-deserved honour!
ALUMNI NEWS

TIFF WELCOMES BISHOP’S ALUMNUS AARON RIES ’12

Landing a spot at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) is a dream come true for any filmmaker. This annual showcase of cinema sees a staggering array of movie stars, directors and glitterati each September. Last year, they were joined by Bishop’s very own graduate Aaron Ries ’12 (BBA).

Ries’ short film, Dziadzio, made a favourable debut at TIFF in 2018. It’s the story of a Polish Canadian girl (Sydney Herauf) living with her elderly grandfather (Otto Friedman), and the clash of generation and culture between the two makes for rich viewing. The setting is suburban Toronto, and the theme is one inspired by the filmmaker’s own personal history.

“I lived with my Dziadzio, my grandfather, for one summer while I was in university,” Ries says. “It was a great experience for me, and I learned a lot from him. The film is fictional, but a lot of it comes from my life.”

The university Ries refers to is actually the University of Toronto, where he first began his studies before realizing that things weren’t working out as planned. He left after one year. “I needed something that wasn’t a big institution,” he says. “Bishop’s seemed a perfect fit.”

“I decided to study business on the advice of my parents,” Ries continues. “I’d always been involved in the arts, and was in theatre and music in high school. But there is definitely a creative aspect to business and marketing. You have to decide how you’re going to communicate, and the best way to convey your message to your target audience. You’re dreaming up a new world and selling it to people.”

That’s not to say Ries completely abandoned his interest in the Arts. “I took a few classes in film, including one horror film class that I absolutely loved,” he says. “I have to admit that’s where I got my best marks.”

Still, the world of marketing exerted a strong pull for Ries. His passion for the creative arts seemed to complement the skills he was learning as he worked towards a degree in marketing, and he found a strong parallel between the two worlds.

“Some of the hardest things, like presenting big ideas and getting people on board, require the same skills as creating a project in film. I think they overlap in more ways that people realize. Both require storytelling and strong people skills, as well as the ability to implement your plan.”

These skills certainly served Ries well during the making of his first film. Dziadzio was made on a shoestring budget, and required a herculean effort of planning and organization.

Ries pays tribute to Bishop’s for helping him to master these skills, and to bridge his two passions in a practical and creative way.

“I was able to explore my academic pursuits and my personal growth at the same time,” he says. “Bishop’s provides an environment where that is possible. It was a safe place to learn, to fail, and to try new things.”

STEVEN MORRIS ’84 BRINGS R&B HISTORY TO BANDEEN HALL

The Bishop’s community and local film buffs were enchanted on January 19, 2019 when Bishop’s graduate and IMAX movie producer Steven Morris ’84 returned to campus to screen his film, Vann “Piano Man” Walls: The Spirit of R&B.

The fascinating documentary film, directed and produced by Morris, captures the life of Kentucky born and Montreal transplant Vann Walls (1918–1999), and features many of the pioneers of the R&B movement including Ruth Brown, Dr. John, and legendary record producer Jerry Wexler.

Steven spoke with the audience in Bandeen Hall following the screening where he described the 20+ year saga in producing the film. Morris met piano legend Vann in 1990 but it was not until 2014 that his documentary tribute to Vann and Rhythm and Blues was released underscoring his tenacity to see the project, now regarded as a history of the musical form, through to completion.

For more information, visit http://vannpianomanwallsthemovie.com/

As regards his current labour of love, Steven explains: “At 65, my dream is to make one last IMAX film on jaguars, the only big cats of the Americas. It is fascinating science and the one species that seems to have a strong chance of survival, as tigers and lions are seriously in threat of extinction.”

We look forward to screening Steven’s film at BU upon its completion!
When they were students at Bishop’s, Mike Lewis ’83, Alex Paterson ’83, and Kenneth Irving (Irv) ’84, were in a production of the BU Drama Guild set in a men’s room. Thirty-eight years later, the three graced the stage together once again, presenting the Canadian premiere of Jan Ericsson’s comedy The Men’s Room. As the title suggests, and to add to the nostalgia, this play was also set in a men’s room. The three performed at Toronto’s Crow’s Theatre during the second week of February. All proceeds were donated to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. What makes this even more special is the fact all three live in different countries, spanning nine time zones. Irv is based in Canada (Victoria, British Columbia), Mike is in the USA (Boston, Massachusetts), and Alex in Sweden (Stockholm).

Where it all began
Alex and Irv, who were high-school classmates, met Mike when they were part of the same theatrical production on campus. Their time at Bishop’s was filled with great moments shared with many people. “We acted in plays directed by teachers,” Alex recalls, “They would invite people from different departments to participate so it really brought us together.”

Mike remembers one of his professors as being particularly inclusive. “He didn’t stereotype people. He reached out to the whole community and offered people from different backgrounds the chance not only to enjoy theatre, but also to get involved.”

“The three of us were quite active in various aspects of campus life,” Irv reflects. “The beauty of being a student at Bishop’s was the ability to get to know people outside of your own area of academic, athletic or community focus. Departments and organized student groups were not walled gardens, the Drama Department being a perfect example. All it took was one student or professor to make a case for trying something different, and the next thing you knew you were giving it a go. Showing up in Lennoxville in 1980, acting had never crossed my mind as a possibility, and even less so for life after graduation. Maybe it was the ‘why not’ ethos from Bishop’s that got us back on stage together.” Irv hesitates and adds, “The prospect of seeing friends for a post-performance party, reminiscent of a Bishop’s Pub Night, may also have had some influence.”

A friendship as strong as ever
The trio had a reunion not so long ago, and this is what sparked the idea of their theatrical comeback. Alex described, “We were at Irv’s cottage in Maine and were reminiscing about our time at Bishop’s. Then we asked ourselves, ‘Wouldn’t it be fun to put together another play?’ But it was difficult because we live in three different countries and have families, but because we said it was impossible we absolutely had to do it.”
They were definitely up to the challenge! “Alex sent an email to someone about what we were planning, and that person gave us a list of reasons not to do it. To us, it became a list of reasons why we should do it,” Mike explained.

Rehearsing for a play in three different countries was a challenge, but they did it thanks to dedication and technology. “We used an online platform called Zoom. Two or three times a week we would read the play, practice, and discuss. We video-rehearsed in our kitchens, bedrooms, even airports! Finally, we had two weeks in Toronto to prepare in person,” Alex explained with enthusiasm.

Rehearsing in person became an unforgettable experience. “I felt like we didn’t miss a beat,” Mike recounted. “Everyone was the same great people they were. To me, it felt like we had just finished a Bishop’s production the week before, and were now working on this one. It was like there was no lapse in time from Bishop’s to today.”

**College days linger ever in our hearts**

Interestingly, the performances at Crow’s Theatre became a reunion for many of the trio’s classmates as well. Some travelled great distances to cheer on their friends including **Ikuo (Henry) Murata ’85** from Japan and **Kevin Nealis ’84** from London, England! Mike described an incredibly emotional moment. “I found it extremely humbling and powerful that so many people from so long ago came together. It was an almost surreal experience and one of the most memorable adventures in my life. It is also a great testament to Bishop’s and the loyalty the school fosters from its students and alumni. I graduated from UMass Amherst after leaving Lennoxville, but my time spent at Bishop’s and the incredible friends I made there were hugely impactful and incredibly positive. The fact my family was witness to all of this was the proverbial icing on the cake (purple icing, of course).”

Alex emphasized the rarity of such an event. “It is mind blowing because I hadn’t seen most of these people since I was at Bishop’s. This has touched a nerve in a way I didn’t expect – it was so exciting. I’m shocked, but touched – truly a once in a lifetime opportunity.”
SHEDDING LIGHT ON A MYSTERY:  
THE FILM PREMIERE OF “What Happened to Sherman Peabody”

On January 23, 2019, Bishop’s University was proud to present the premiere of the documentary film What Happened to Sherman Peabody. Directed by Sarah Fournier ’17, filmed by Ben Tracy ’17, and narrated by Royal Orr ’78 – with Dr. Steven Woodward (English Department) overseeing its production – this project was a true Bishop’s family affair.

Made for the 175th anniversary of BU, the 18-minute film tells the story of Sherman Peabody, a Science Major who, during the Second World War, left Bishop’s before finishing his degree to become an RCAF Flying Officer and the pilot of a Lancaster heavy bomber. On July 28, 1944, while taking part in a raid on Stuttgart, his plane was shot down over eastern France by a German night fighter. Two men managed to parachute out, and three bodies were recovered at the crash site. However, Sherman’s body and that of one of his fellow crew members, James Harrington (Harry) Doe, were never found.

In 2016, Jon and Robert Peck, relatives of Sherman Peabody, contacted the University to see if the History Department would be interested in conducting research into Sherman’s fate. Under the guidance of Dr. Michael Childs and Dr. Jean Manore from the History and Global Studies Department, three students, Spiro Trent ’17, Megan Whitworth ’17 and Sean Summerfield ’17 followed the trail of Sherman Peabody from the Old Library in McGreer, to the National Archives in Ottawa, to the Public Record Office in London, to Cirey (population 48) in the Vosges Mountains of France. Through intensive research, including interviews in France with present-day villagers, the students determined the pilots were likely captured and then brought to the nearby Natzweiler-Struthof concentration camp where they were killed.

While this project was initiated by the Peck Family, the students surmised that Harry Doe’s relatives would also want closure. They eventually found his nephew Richard Doe, who lives in California.

Sean Summerfield ’17, who recently completed his MA in History at the University of Waterloo, called this experience unique. “I was approached by members of the faculty because they knew I had an interest in the Second World War and specifically in aviation and military history,” he recalled. “More often, at least at the undergraduate level, students aren’t given nearly the amount of responsibility that Megan, Spiro and I were given,” he says. “Not only did I have the chance to conduct secondary research on campus in the Old Library (where Sherman Peabody would have spent hours as a student) but I also got to do field research throughout Canada, the United Kingdom, France, and Germany.” The experience helped Sean as he continued his studies. “When I started graduate school, I already had the core skills that are so important in the development of a historian, and these skills were honed by the work I did on this project”. He adds, “It was a unique experience for me and one that is unique to Bishop’s educational model.”

Jon Peck describes the moment that he received the news of Sherman Peabody’s fate as shocking. “It was a blow because you always hope for the positive. I remember my father and I would travel to France and Germany looking at gravestones to see whether we could find Sherman. The family lore was that he survived the crash and had amnesia.” As for Richard Doe, he felt relief to finally get answers, even if Sherman and Harry met a tragic fate. “It was comforting to meet Sherman’s family, and we will be friends forever. We all experienced a deep sadness knowing they died at the hands of this brutal killing machine, but I keep thinking that at least they were together until the very end.”

You can watch the documentary on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=iagXHKxUoiE&feature=youtu.be
DUAL AWARDS FOR DUAL Passions:
DR. SARAH-MYRIAM MARTIN-BRULÉ

It’s no secret that Bishop’s gains top marks when it comes to student satisfaction. Our culture of inclusion and support is a major draw for applicants from around the world. But it’s important to note that Bishop’s also supports faculty members who bring a commitment to research and knowledge mobilization into their classrooms. Dr. Sarah-Myriam Martin-Brûlé is one of those teachers.

A professor in the Department of Politics and International Studies, Dr. Martin-Brûlé was presented with the 2018 William and Nancy Turner Award for Teaching Excellence at Convocation. Her nomination came courtesy of Junru Bian ’19, an Honours International Studies major with minors in Political Studies and French as a Second Language.

Bian characterized Dr. Martin-Brûlé as a professor who “has not only been able to provide unique learning opportunities through her simulation-oriented courses, but has also exhibited a significant level of empathy towards her students in respect to their personal backgrounds and situations. She is also willing to include them within the frameworks of her own research, exposing them to even more opportunities and platforms to gain practical experience.”

Dr. Martin-Brûlé’s United Nations Practicum course is one of the most sought-after classes at BU, bringing students to the New York Model United Nations simulation organized by the National Collegiate Conference Association. Teams from Bishop’s have repeatedly been presented with the Outstanding Delegation Award, which is granted to only the top 5% of delegations out of 200 participants.

Beyond Bishop’s
In March 2018, Dr. Martin-Brûlé hosted a conference at Bishop’s titled Engendering International Security: Canadian, NATO, and UN Perspectives. This examination of women’s involvement in international security featured such panelists as the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, who at the time was Minister of International Development; Kerry Buck, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council; Marc-André Franche, Chief of the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund; and Larisa Galadza, Director General of Peace and Stabilization Operations, Global Affairs Canada.

Dr. Martin-Brûlé has been researching UN peacekeeping operations for over 15 years. Bishop’s has supported her with grants for field research, notably to attend courses offered by the United Nations. In 2015, she attended a UN Joint Mission Analysis Centre Course as a participant. She is now a senior instructor for that program. The following year she was hired by the UN Operations Crisis Centre to write the first employee handbook for intelligence analysts.

Fullbright honours
It’s this level of excellence that led to Dr. Martin-Brûlé’s award of the Fulbright Fellowship for 2018–2019. As a Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Peace and War Studies at the College of Liberal Arts of Norwich University, she is continuing her research and work training UN intelligence analysts.

“It is a privilege to receive such honours,” says Dr. Martin-Brûlé. “It is important for me because I love my work both as a professor and a researcher.”

Why Bishop’s
When asked about her career at Bishop’s University, the professor speaks with obvious pride. “The institutional culture at Bishop’s is incredible because it supports innovative pedagogical methods and provides generous support to researchers.”

The unique close-knit community and student engagement at Bishop’s also gains high marks from Dr. Martin-Brûlé. “The small class sizes, coupled with the enthusiasm of the Bishop’s student body and the collaborative and supportive environment of colleagues, have been incredibly exciting. I look forward to developing more projects that generate rigorous and stimulating learning opportunities.”
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n the years since 9/11, talk of terrorism has become a recurring and seemingly permanent part of our lives. Indeed, it’s difficult to imagine a day free of news reports detailing some new atrocity. But what drives these acts of violence and intimidation? And, more importantly, how do we make it stop?

Dr. Heather Lawford is one of a handful of researchers asking these questions. As an Associate Professor in Bishop’s Department of Psychology, who was appointed as a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Youth Development on January 16, 2019, Dr. Lawford’s work regarding the radicalization of youth by violent extremist groups has offered some interesting answers.

Partnering with youth to find solutions
“It’s really about seeing youth from a positive point of view,” says Dr. Lawford. “If we don’t start partnering with youth, including them in decisions and listening to their voices, then bad things will happen.”

Dr. Lawford became interested in youth issues while completing a post-doc with the Students Commission of Canada (SCC). She’s now a co-director of research for that organization, helping to create positive platforms for youth to share their own experiences and insight in a public forum.

“The dominant view is that young people don’t have anything to offer until they get an education, until they’re older or until they have a job,” she says. “If they are not listening to us, it might be because we’ve told them they don’t matter yet.”

One of Dr. Lawford’s outreach activities is through the SCC’s Sharing the Stories conference, where youth are encouraged to share their experiences and perspectives. She’s also involved in a national conference called The Canada We Want.

“It’s a conference that young people come to for a week,” Dr. Lawford says. “They pick a change they want to see in our country, and talk about how to attain it. The Prime Minister has actually tweeted about it.”

The power of engagement
Another aspect of her work involves working in conjunction with the RCMP, courtesy of a five-year grant from Public Safety Canada.

“Youth engagement is probably the most effective practice in preventing young people from being seduced into these radical groups,” she says. “That’s how we got partnered up with the RCMP.”

“We’re looking at the different ways that young people understand their identity in a societal context. The idea is that if young people feel empowered and engaged in mainstream society, there will be no need to reach out to these radicalized groups.”

And while terrorism may seem a distant threat, Dr. Lawford offers a reminder that radicalization is not simply an international problem.

“I’ve always thought it was something the States has to worry about,” she says. “Certainly the attack on the mosque in 2017 in Quebec City contradicts that idea. The RCMP is highly aware of any cells operating in Canada, and especially the rise of the radicalized right.”

It’s the influence of groups like the SCC and sharing her research in her classroom at Bishop’s that keeps Dr. Lawford optimistic in regards to tomorrow’s leaders.

“It’s added enormous meaning to my life to bring my students to that world,” she explains. “To say, ‘Look what you can do, and look at how much can be done,’ and see how they carry this knowledge back to the campus with them. It’s inspiring and energizing.”

Dr. Lawford is one of three Canada Research Chairs at Bishop’s University. The others are Dr. Matthew Peros (Climate and Environmental Change) and Dr. Jason Rowe (Exoplanet Astrophysics).
September 22, 2018 was a special day for the Bishop’s Gaiters Men’s Rugby Program. Over 125 alumni and friends returned to campus, from far and wide, to celebrate Coach Bill Robson and his 35-year legacy of rugby at Bishop’s. The day opened with the undefeated 1992-1993-1994 teams being inducted onto the Bishop’s Athletic Wall of Distinction. It continued with a lunch and speeches on the TD Terrace, followed by cheering on the 2018 Rugby Team that beat cross-town rival Université de Sherbrooke before a closing cocktail. Thanks to a challenge gift from Roger Hardy ’93, the reunion raised almost $110,000 for student-athletes.

New Head Coach, Andy Cowell ’89, commented, “The support our players receive from the rugby alumni every year is legendary and unique in our league. The funds raised allows a small school like Bishop’s to be competitive at the top levels. Our current players know this and appreciate the support. The success of an event like this is in recognition of the dedication and hard work of Bill Robson, Lissa McCrae, and in recent years, Charles Goode ’01. It is another example of what makes this school so special!”

For Coach Robson, it was a unique celebration. “No matter what year the players came to Bishop’s, there was an instant connection,” he said, “It was incredibly rewarding to see their smiles when everyone was together.” He also described the joy of hearing about former rugby players. “What pleased me the most was to learn about the contributions they have made to rugby and to their communities after graduation.”
ATHLETICS

GARTH SMITH (1932–2018)

The celebration of Bishop’s 175th birthday cannot take place without remembering those who have made life at the University so special. Athletics at Bishop’s has been, and will always be, a focal point for school spirit but sadly two pioneers of the Athletics program passed away in 2018. The last issue of the Bishop’s Magazine paid tribute to the late Bruce Coulter and just prior to press time, Garth Smith passed away on July 31st at the age of 86.

In his note to the Bishop’s community Principal Goldbloom wrote: “Garth leaves a unique and enduring legacy at Bishop’s. He was an inspiration throughout the 38 years he gave to this institution, to its athletes and his colleagues. He left an indelible impression on our community both here at Bishop's and in the Eastern Townships.”

Garth was a pioneer of our Athletics program. In the 1950s, he took charge of what was still an emerging, informal organization and helped build the great sports tradition that is synonymous with Bishop’s today.

If you have golfed in the Eastern Townships, the odds are you have met Garth in one way or another, especially at the Old Lennoxville course. He was the resident pro there from 1957 until 1991. He was also at the core of the group that launched the Milby Golf Course and a pro at both courses for a dozen years in the 1960s and 1970s.”

November 10, 2018 was the date chosen by the Smith family to celebrate Garth’s life. The mid-afternoon celebration took place at the Old Lennoxville Golf Club where over two hundred of Garth’s family, friends and former players gathered to remember and honour him. A feature of the memorabilia table was the score clock that hung in the Memorial Gymnasium (known as “The Pit” to so many) through the 60s and until the mid-70s when the John H. Price Sports and Recreation Centre opened. Several speakers representing the different facets of Garth’s life offered reflections on Garth, “often with pipe in hand, his dry sense of humor, his incredibly smooth golf swing, and an ever-willingness to help in his quiet and shy manner.”

Bruce Stevenson ’76, a former Gaiter who played basketball under Garth in the early 70s, recounted how Garth and one team manager were the only ones responsible for the development of the team and the home game productions. There was one row of chairs around the outside of the court, admission was free, there was no videotape, no physiotherapists, and only two referees, who were chosen at Garth’s discretion and as part of his responsibilities to provide officiating at home games. The key was still narrow and there was a “no-dunk” rule designed to keep the rims attached to the old wooden backboards. He spoke of how the game of basketball had changed over Garth’s lifetime but as much as Garth embraced the changes, a part of him loved the simplicity of the past. Bruce described watching the 1973 NCAA final with the entire team at Garth and Sylvia’s home – the first
Monday night final and the beginning of a tradition both for the NCAA and the Smith family. Bruce ended his remarks with: “Garth was truly a pioneer of the game but his legacy is that of an avid sportsman, a devoted teacher, the ultimate gentleman, and above all, a wonderful family man whose life was so well-lived. Only hindsight informs us how fortunate and privileged we were to have Garth Smith as our coach, our mentor, and our friend. Rest in Peace Coach…and Go Gaiters!”

A truly special moment followed when Principal Goldbloom unveiled a plaque and a sign naming the clubhouse, Chalet GARTH SMITH Clubhouse, in honour of Garth’s devotion to athletics at Bishop’s and the promotion of golf in the local community.

Later, the group proceeded to the Mitchell Gymnasium for the 2018-19 Gaiter season home openers. Between contests, Garth was honoured again with some caring words by former Gaiter coach Eddie Pomykala and a moment of silence ensued. Two hard fought victories over the UQAM Citadins rounded out a perfect day of celebration for Garth and the Smith family. Undoubtedly, this would have been the best part of the day for Garth.

We extend our most sincere condolences to Garth’s widow Sylvia ’55, and his children Kimball ’85, Jocelyn and Vicki.

Related to the celebration of Garth Smith’s life, many former basketball Gaiters returned to campus to participate in the activities of the day, including the ribbon-cutting ceremony to inaugurate the men’s and women’s team rooms.

The renovation of the team rooms produced spaces that would be the envy of professional organizations. And once again the generosity of Bishop’s alumni and friends allowed for the completion of this venture. Special thanks are extended to Blair Shier ’79 and Bob Goldberger ’79 for their contributions toward this project and to the many other donors, including fans and former women’s basketball players from the classes of 1953 to 2016.

The new team rooms provide our student-athletes the finest in athletic facilities during their time as Gaiters and they serve as incredible recruiting tools for our basketball coaches as they search for the next Gaiter great.
ALL-STAR STUDENTS: 
BOTH IN COMPETITION AND THE CLASSROOM

Samuel Marceau ‘19 and Maude Archambault ‘19 are Academic All-Canadians. This means they maintained an academic average of 80% or higher and are elite athletes. We had the chance to chat with them in the fall about their daily routines and the impact donors have had on their BU experience.

Samuel Marceau  
_Home town: _Saint-Henri, QC  
_Age: _22  
_Sport / Position: _Lacrosse, Defensive Midfield  
_Program: Major in Sports Studies with a minor in Business  
_After Bishop’s: Graduate Studies in Physiotherapy

Samuel’s life has always revolved around sports. Prior to Bishop’s, he played high school lacrosse at Hebron Academy in the United States. Samuel recalls how he felt when he came to try out for the Bishop’s squad: “I knew immediately that Bishop’s was the perfect place for me, and I was right — it was easy to adapt to the BU environment.” He shared what a typical week looks like. “We have practice, at night, three times a week, and on Tuesday we actually do yoga”, he says, “it’s a lot of work, but we are tight. We are there to support each other and challenge each other to be the best that we can be.” Samuel is also involved in initiatives off the field such as volunteering for the Pumpkin Patrol (a yearly initiative to ensure the safety of children at Halloween), being a teacher’s assistant, tutoring French, and shadowing at the Sports Clinic on campus. He is very grateful for the many scholarships he’s received thanks to donors to Bishop’s University: “I consider myself very fortunate for my awards, because it allows me to focus on my academics and sport, instead of worrying about how to pay for school.”

Just prior to press time, Sam received the Lacrosse Coach’s Award at the Athletics Awards Banquet on April 4, 2019.

Maude Archambault  
_Home town: _St-Augustine-de-Desmaures, QC  
_Age: _23  
_Sport / Position: _Basketball, Guard  
_Program: Double Major in Accounting and Finance  
_After Bishop’s: Graduate Studies in Accounting to acquire CPA

To say that Maude’s schedule is packed is an understatement. On her busiest days she will start basketball practice at 6:30 am, do some weight lifting, prepare for school and six hours of classes, and many evenings she will be found coaching high school basketball at Mont Notre-Dame in Sherbrooke. “I always make sure I am having fun in whatever I am participating in,” she says. She also volunteers for the Junior Gaiters on weekends. Maude’s love of basketball relates to teamwork. “When we work together, we each bring something to the team. We develop skills that will help us later in life.” Maude describes her experience at Bishop’s as enriching. “I love all the support I get from coaches, faculty, administrators, and everyone at the University. There is a strong sense of community, and you really feel like you belong here.” Maude also feels confident about life after Bishop’s and she is most appreciative of the many generous donors who support student-athletes and the many academic scholarships that are available.

Maude is already off to a good start. In February, she was one of four young women in Quebec selected to receive the Relève award from the Association des femmes en finance du Québec. As such, she has earned a three-month work placement with RBC Royal Bank upon graduation.
COMING HOME AFTER 50 YEARS

Gabrielle Lesage ’18, Advancement Associate, shares her impressions of the return of graduates from the classes of 1967–1969 for Homecoming 2018 – half a century after they left the “Mighty Massawippi Shore.”

Homecoming Weekend at Bishop’s means different things to different people. For some, it is a time to spend with friends, or catch up with a favorite professor. For others, it is watching the Gaiters roar on Coulter Field. For an extra-special group of alumni, it was an especially memorable journey back to their purple home.

In September, we welcomed the graduating classes of 1967, 1968, and 1969 to celebrate their 50th reunion. Many of them had not been back to Bishop’s since their Convocation. This was my first Homecoming as an alumna and as someone now working at the Advancement Office, I had the privilege to spend time with this amazing group of people.

Something to cheer about

On Friday, attendees were greeted by enthusiastic cheerleaders who officially welcomed them back to our beautiful campus. After smiles, laughs, and a lot of pictures, the group was invited to a reception in the lobby of the new Library Learning Commons. A student orchestra created a soothing ambiance and greetings from Principal Goldbloom made for a perfect start to the weekend.

At dinner, our guests entered the Cleghorn Room in McGreer to the sounds of the most popular songs from the 1960s. Before the main course, they were entertained by a Power Point presentation featuring many pictures from their yearbooks. To the alumni, it was nostalgic; for me, it was a chance to learn about a Bishop’s I did not know. Memories were shared throughout the evening, and as the night went on, it was as if the years spent apart melted away.

On Saturday morning at the Pancake Breakfast, our special guests had the opportunity to mingle with current students and more recent graduates.

Bishop’s then and now

Later, the group took a campus tour. Each building we visited held memories of good times past. The alumni commented on how things had changed. To them, Centennial Theatre was brand new when they...
were students, and Bandeen was the dining hall. Mackinnon was an all-female residence where the Dean of Women was ruthless about enforcing the rules! The area where the Gait is currently located was known as the Memorial Gymnasium or “The Pit.” For me, this was like stepping through time. I had the chance to experience Bishop’s in a completely new light, and in some ways, I felt closer to our University than ever before.

Another highlight of the weekend was when the group, led by a bagpiper, walked out on Coulter Field wearing gowns – yes, Bishop’s students wore gowns to class until 1970 – to perform the ceremonial kick-off before the football game. The alumni smiled as their 50-year milestone was applauded in true Bishop’s fashion.

Reunion attendees also brought back tokens and objects from their time at Bishop’s. There were pins from the Carnivals, “Froshie” hats, yearbooks and countless photos. These items were donated to the Archives, leaving a lasting legacy of the ‘67,’68, and ’69 group on our campus.

Common connections
Even though we graduated 50 years apart, I felt like we connected on many levels. The reunion allowed me to learn more about my alma mater and what it means to be a part of the Bishop’s family. For the group, it was an unforgettable experience that I hope brought them as much joy as it gave us planning and hosting the event.

The passing of time has brought a couple of wrinkles and a few grey hairs here and there, but the excitement of the reunion group was captured by their youthful glow that reinforced the line from our school song: “College days will linger ever in our hearts!”

A special thanks to our Class Chairs Will Webster ’67, Jayne (Pearston) Suzuki ’68 and Graham Moodie ’69. We couldn’t have pulled this off without you.
MAKING BISHOP’S HISTORY ACCESSIBLE TO THE WORLD: 
THE DIGITIZATION OF THE MITRE

This was followed in 1866 by The Student’s Monthly, which highlighted topics on literature, education, poetry, the classics, as well as events happening at the college. Neither lasted beyond a few issues. The Mitre however, withstood the test of time and is now the longest running university publication in Canada.

During World War I, the problems of war and peace consumed almost half the magazine, with news of former students who were at war, or lost in battle. Twenty-five years later it was wartime again, and students were urged to do their part “in the campaign to stamp out the Axis.”

With the introduction of The Campus in 1944, The Mitre devoted itself to being an arts magazine. Photography was introduced as a new artistic focus in 1969, with paintings and musical compositions making periodic appearances in the ensuing years. Today, The Mitre still highlights the literary and artistic creations of Bishop’s students, staff, and the community.

Dr. Grogan’s Project
The idea of digitizing The Mitre began when Dr. Grogan taught a “War and Literature” course in the winter of 2015. “I was pondering how to help my students better understand the impact of the war at an individual level when at the Remembrance Day Service in 2015 the Chaplain, Reverend Heather Thomson, quoted an excerpt from a student’s letter published in The Mitre of 1915,” she explained. “I was surprised since I only knew The Mitre as an annual publication of creative writing and artwork. When I discovered the journal ran a special section entitled ‘Our Fighting Men’ I knew I had a means to allow my students to shadow their peers from 1914 through World War I.”

Dr. Grogan’s class had the opportunity to learn about the war through the experiences of past Bishop’s students, and these primary sources proved to be instrumental for the final semester projects.

Once the course was over Dr. Grogan knew there was more to be done. “I realized that such a fantastic trove of material, only available in hard copy in the Old Library, should be electronically accessible,” she said. “So I began,
what became a fairly slow process, to bring this project to completion.” The project was a collective effort among Dr. Grogan, students, staff and librarians at the Library Learning Commons and the Old Library, along with Julie Fradette, Bishop’s webmaster. Each volume of *The Mitre*, from 1893 to the present day, was scanned and then edited using an Optical Character Recognition program. One can now search the database by year, author, or keyword.

**The Result**

Today, everyone can peruse previous editions of *The Mitre* with the click of a button. Easy access to all volumes allows readers the opportunity to travel through time to discover what was happening at Bishop’s. To access and enjoy *The Mitre* visit: www.ubishops.ca/library/old-library/the-mitre-archives/

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### TEACHING TIME

**T**ime, the great enigma. It slips through our fingers. It drags, then it flies. We both waste it and save it. It’s no wonder that philosophers and scientists have spent lifetimes trying to understand and define this universal constant.

“There are so many ways to look at time,” says Dr. Michele Murray, Dean of Arts & Science, and Professor of Religion at Bishop’s. “Different perspectives offer a wide variety of insights.”

**A Maple League collaboration**

With that in mind, Dr. Murray worked alongside professors from three other universities in the Fall 2018 semester to create TIME, a multidisciplinary course presented on several fronts. The premise? Each professor brings his or her own field of research and expertise to an expanded, virtual classroom.

The participating professors are part of the Maple League, formed in 2013 as a collaboration among Bishop’s, Mount Allison, Acadia and St. Francis Xavier universities. These small, liberal arts, primarily residential institutions share a focused commitment to the undergraduate experience. “In the past, courses have been offered on one Maple League campus, with students from the other three universities being able to attend via technology,” Dr. Murray says. “But this Fall we decided to take a broad theme and examine it from different perspectives. One professor from each of the four campuses would approach the concept of time from his or her disciplinary field.”

**Combining forces through technology**

The original proposal for TIME came courtesy of Dr. Michael Cardinal-Aucoin, Professor of Biology at St. Francis Xavier University. He and Dr. Murray joined forces with Dr. Jeff Hennessy, Professor of Music at Acadia, and Dr. David Hornidge, Professor of Physics at Mount Allison, to plan a syllabus that would see all four of them instructing the class through video feeds.

“Each campus has a telepresence room,” says Dr. Murray. “Ours is the RBC Videoconference Hub in the new Library Learning Commons, and it’s just fantastic. Teaching that way is a bit of an adjustment at first, but it worked out very well and the students were really engaged.”

**Different perspectives**

Looking at time from the perspective of religion, Dr. Murray approached the subject from a personal point of view, exploring issues such as human mortality. “We’re all going to die,” she says. “Cognizance of that brings questions of how we can create a life that’s meaningful.”

“Then I segued into religious tradition, and how we create sacred rituals to mark time. For instance, many Jews mark the Sabbath, honouring the account of creation in the book of Genesis. God rested on the Sabbath, and humans are enjoined to do likewise.”
Dr. Murray also had her students write their own obituaries. “I think that was initially a bit shocking for them. I wanted them to think about how they would like to look back on their lives and what they would want people to say about them. Such an assignment provides insight into what matters most to a person.”

As a busy academic, Dr. Murray had initially planned to limit her involvement to teaching. But she quickly became fascinated by her colleagues’ presentations.

“My mind was blown away so many times throughout the semester,” she says. “David Hornidge approached the subject from a physics point of view, talking about how the body understands the passage of time. He noted how astronauts age more slowly because time operates differently in space.”

She was also interested in Dr. Hennessy’s discussion of differences between Western and Eastern music, and the influence of the Roman Church on Western concepts of timing. “He pointed out that, thousands of years ago, monks would pound the floor with canes to keep the beat in chanting. The beats would be in threes, because it was considered the perfect number, reflective of the concept of the Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – within Christianity.”

Dr. Cardinal-Aucoin’s contribution included a discussion on how bodies understand the passage of time. He cited animal behaviour and cycles of mating and shedding, and the possibility of an internal clock to observe time.

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Student praise
Jeremy Audet (BA English) praised the course for allowing him to explore topics outside his field of study: “As an English major, the opportunity to learn about black holes, the physics of time, eastern religions, the circadian rhythm of animals, and the different time measurements in music was completely out of my educational world. Exiting my field broadened my perspective on the world, too often limited by schools and careers. Having the opportunity to step outside my comfort zone and challenge myself, all the while in an open, interesting learning environment, was beyond delightful.”

Georges-Philippe Gadouy-Sansfaçon (BSc Double Major Mathematics and Psychology) added: “We all knew something different about the four fields. This allowed us to cooperate and to not only gain knowledge from the teachers, but also to get help from our peers and to share interesting additional information and experiences, which rounded everything up perfectly.”
For the third year in a row, Bishop’s University is offering an innovative spring course for participants both within and outside school walls. Shakesperience (ENG 225) is an immersive learning experience open to students (for credit) and to students of life (alumni, parents of students, staff and professors).

For eight days in June, Shakesperience immerses students in the full experience of theatre, combining time spent in the classroom with a road trip to the renowned Stratford Festival. This blends the best of page and stage, while encouraging critical thinking and a deeper understanding of the texts under analysis.

Shakesperience students range in age from 18 to 75. It has included retirees, working professionals, faculty members from other universities, and students from the Maple League of universities – Acadia, Bishop’s, St. Francis Xavier, and Mount Allison. Last year, ten of the 19 participants took the course for credit while the rest enjoyed it as a non-credit experience. Bishop’s alumni who have participated include John Luxton ’67, John Macaulay ’62, Judith Rinfret ’62, Jeff Reichheld ’92, Robbyne V. MacKenzie ’12, Paul K. Turner ’59, Max Crowther ’98, Asha-Maria Bost ’17, and Tim Campbell ’93.

Travel and accommodation are included in the course. While in Stratford, participants engage in aspects of theatre that they may never have experienced before. They watch six plays featured at the Stratford Festival across different genres and styles, including three works by Shakespeare, musicals, plays from the Greek and Roman Theatre tradition, and newly commissioned works by Canadian playwrights.

The students also learn about the backstage life of the largest repertory theatre in North America. They participate in dance and combat workshops, tour behind-the-scenes stages, dress up in vintage costumes from the vast costume warehouse, and meet with cast members from various shows. Post-show Question and Answer sessions offer students the unique opportunity to learn from the actors themselves.

Shakesperience allows students to view theatre through multiple lenses, and helps them form a deeper understanding of the time and deep engagement that goes into planning and executing a theatrical production.

For more information, please visit www.bushakesperience.com.
Leading the Way
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Campaign Final Report

The impact of YOUR giving

Thanks to the generosity of our donors,

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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

When the Leading the Way Campaign was launched, we had hoped Bishop’s alumni and friends would support our goal of raising $30 million over five years. We could not know you would do that and so much more. Thanks to your loyalty, generosity, and the leadership of Principal Michael Goldbloom, $30 million became a record-breaking $44.5 million.

The original target was considered a stretch. Everyone said raising that amount was impossible. But donors really stepped up to the plate and the objective was reached over a year ahead of schedule.

We felt we had momentum on our side and said “let’s go for $36 million”!

We continued to encourage contributions, and eventually went back to some previous donors, with the nerve to ask, “Would you consider increasing your gift?” Some said, “Are you out of your minds?” But a surprising number said that they would get back to us, and then actually increased their commitment.

Though foundation and corporate donors contributed about 29% of the total, in the final analysis, it came down to individual donors: mostly graduates. They were extraordinary!

It’s astonishing how loyal alumni are to their alma mater. Also impressive is the fact that Bishop’s students also put their shoulders to the wheel, and voluntarily contributed $1 million. Faculty and staff rose to the occasion too and supported the campaign at a rate of 80%. Without a doubt, the success of the Campaign was a collective testament of our community’s profound commitment to Bishop’s.

Donations to the Campaign will have a significant, long-term impact on several aspects of the University. And in the following pages you will find examples of how you have helped build a better BU.

Your generosity has allowed Bishop’s to plan for a bright and shining future with renewed confidence. We speak for our fellow volunteers in the Leading the Way Campaign when we say, “Thank you for your outstanding support!”.

—Daniel Fournier (proud parent)
and Tim Griffin ’71

Tim Griffin ’71 and Daniel Fournier
Student Support and Academic Initiatives
ENSURING STUDENT OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Bishop’s prides itself on preparing students to enter an increasingly complex world through collaborative and interdisciplinary approaches to education. But it cannot do this alone.

Fortunately, donors at all levels showed their passion for education by funding scholarships, bursaries, opportunity funds and other awards through the Leading the Way Campaign. The majority of those funds are endowed, meaning the proceeds will benefit generations of students to come.

Marie-Soleil “Sunny” Provençal ’19 will graduate in June with an Honours degree in Fine Arts with a studio concentration. She intends to pursue her research interests at the Master’s level at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University, where she will investigate the evocative power of materials as co-participants in a contemporary art practice. In 2017 and 2018, Sunny had already distinguished herself when some of her artworks were selected by the Art Mûr contemporary art gallery in Montreal for its annual exhibition of the most promising artists from Canadian universities.

As a student, Sunny received financial support from the Rozynski Opportunity Fund and the Peggy and David Savage Memorial Scholarship. Both funds were created during the Leading the Way Campaign, further to bequests to Bishop’s from the Late Wanda and Stanley Rozynski and the Late Marguerite Savage respectively.

Sunny shared the impact these donations – in particular, bequests to the University – have had on her Bishop’s experience.

“Bishop’s was a practical choice for me. I had the chance to learn English and to benefit from amazing studio space for such a small school. I think the size of the classes offered more opportunity to learn and to excel.”

“Thanks to the recommendations of my professors I was lucky to be awarded two scholarships that opened doors for me. One, the Rozynski Opportunity Fund allowed me to study in the United States, and to interact with student artists and professors there. It was an amazing experience.”

“The second, the Peggy and David Savage Memorial Scholarship was essential in providing financial support. It came in the fall of 2018 toward the end of my studio time. I was struggling financially, and stressed out about my future. I was worried that I had only slim chances of getting into graduate school. I was doubting myself and every pencil mark I put on paper. Then, I learned I had been nominated just three weeks before the end of the term. It was a pat on the back and reassured me I was on the right path. I produced more work in those last three weeks than during the entire semester.”

“Bishop’s changed my life. Faculty have had a critical impact on me, but donors ended up being really important to my development. When donors support students, they open many doors for them. My gratitude to them is eternal for allowing me access to a great education at Bishop’s University and the keys to the world beyond.”

To view Ms. Provençal’s works, please visit www.marie-soleilprovencal.com

Marie-Soleil “Sunny” Provençal ’19
The Transformation of the Library

A LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS FOR TODAY’S MODERN WORLD

September 2018 was an exciting time for Bishop’s, as we celebrated the opening of our eagerly-anticipated Library Learning Commons, a $17 million project to better serve our growing student population.

Provincial and federal grants provided the main sources of funding, but the project could not have proceeded without the support of donors to the Leading the Way Campaign, starting with Bishop’s students who committed $1 million over ten years.

Other donors including the McConnell Foundation, Patterson and Norman Webster ’62, DCL ’85, the R. Howard Webster Foundation, the Eric T. Webster Foundation, RBC Foundation and RBC Capital Markets contributed another $2.5 million.

This beautiful facility was an instant hit with faculty and students, providing an inviting space for research and work.

Hilary Webster ’99 sits on the R. Howard Webster Foundation’s Board of Directors, and feels the decision to allocate funds to this project was an easy choice.

“Education has always been very important to us, from the time my great-uncle Howard was in charge,” says Ms. Webster. “Bishop’s is something close to our family, and many of us attended the University and have remained in the Townships.”

Ms. Webster was particularly impressed with how significantly university education has changed in just two decades. “Libraries have evolved into these learning commons,” she says. “The emphasis now is on group work and participation. There are also rooms that hold forums or classes with other universities with the help of technology, so they’ve really looked to the future in the design and implementation.”

As impressive as these advancements are to this stalwart alumna, the new aesthetic has also made quite an impact.

“They did an exquisite job,” Ms. Webster enthuses. “It’s such a beautiful setting, and the architects have allowed the outdoors to come in. I think it must be a wonderful place for the students to work.”

“The new Library Learning Commons is a tangible demonstration of Bishop’s commitment to academic excellence. It is an outstanding resource for learning, teaching and research, through which our students can unleash their curiosity, creativity and innovation,” said Bishop’s University Principal Michael Goldbloom.

We hope you will visit when you are next on campus.
Business and Entrepreneurship

TAKING LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Experiential learning (EL) refers to “learning by doing”. It compliments what students learn in their lectures by exposing them to real-life situations as they happen. It encourages them to solve problems, collaborate, innovate, and lead.

Bishop’s small class sizes have made it a natural environment for integrating EL as an element of the Bishop’s experience, in all faculties. As such, enabling structured support to EL in the Williams School of Business (WSB) became a key goal of the Leading the Way Campaign.

Thanks to a lead donation from Banque Nationale, and additional support from Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec and Daniel and Caroline Fournier, the WSB appointed Charlene Marion ’06 to the full-time position of Experiential Learning Coordinator in 2016.

After seven years running the WSB’s cooperative education program, Charlene was the ideal choice for the role. She encompassed knowledge of the business program, and its professors, as well as an understanding of the local business community.

“We have speakers from the corporate sector – many of them alumni – both in the flesh and through teleconferencing. Students also do field work, consult on projects and take on a variety of roles in the real world business environment. Thanks to donors to the Campaign, students have also participated in business case competitions such as the Rotterdam International Case Competition in 2017, the Asian Business Case Competition in Singapore in 2018 and the Global Business Case Competition in Seattle in 2019.

“So far, it’s working great, with positive feedback from students, the businesses they help, and graduates,” Charlene proudly explains.

The next step, which also will be made possible by donations, is to build a Centre for Experiential Learning (CEL) on the first floor of the Hamilton Building. Work is scheduled to begin in 2020 at which point a celebration of the campaign donors who made this possible will take place.

“My dream is to have every one of the 650 students in the WSB work with a real client on a real project in a real company,” states Charlene. “Ideally the field work will take place around the world but failing that, technology can bring the real world to Bishop’s. We are planning a telepresence centre as part of the CEL, which will allow experts, including alumni, to share their knowledge from their own offices. The idea is to promote global and cultural understanding and give students the chance to collaborate on solving real business problems.”

In addition to EL and the CEL, donors to the Campaign have supported the operations of the Dobson-Lagassé Centre for Entrepreneurship, thanks to which the University has been repeatedly recognized as a leading Canadian institution for developing entrepreneurial skills.

All this better ensures that business graduates leave Bishop’s globally connected and locally relevant, with the skills and knowledge they need to be leaders in business, industry, their professions and beyond.
Sports Centre and Athletics
INVESTING IN BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

The John H. Price Sports and Recreation Centre has always been a hub on campus, and it has become even more popular thanks to the expansion, renovations and upgrades that were made possible by generous government funding and the support of campaign donors.

Since 2015, we have been proud to inaugurate the new Jane & Eric Molson Arena, the TD Terrace, the Wally Denver Gym and the Bob J. Goldberger Football Team Room, as well as to recognize Ches Nadeau ’90 for his contribution to the purchase of equipment for the fitness room.

The Hamel Lounge is a modern space conveniently found at a central location on the second floor of the John H. Price Sports and Recreation Centre; students can study or meet in the lounge, wait comfortably for their appointment at the health clinic just a few steps away, and have a breathtaking view of the basketball court in the Mitchell Gymnasium. This venue was made possible by a generous donation from Bernard Hamel ’82, an Eastern Township entrepreneur who founded BHM Medical in Magog.

Bernard remembers his time at Bishop’s fondly; he continues to maintain a strong relationship with his alma mater. “Since graduation I have maintained my ties with Bishop’s. It is close to my heart. Whenever I can help I am definitely there.” Bernard gives back to Bishop’s for many reasons, but he credits the unique learning environment as one of the factors. “Bishop’s University promotes an educational model that prepares its students to not only excel in their chosen field but also to become good citizens of the world. It is a winning formula that keeps me interested and proactive.”

Bernard Hamel also takes great pride in his contributions to Bishop’s. “I hope more French first-language students will come to study at Bishop’s because it has so much to offer and I hope to inspire more Francophones to become donors to Bishop’s.”
New Initiatives

EXPLORING NEW OPPORTUNITIES THANKS TO THE VISION OF OUR DONORS

When determining the objectives of the Leading the Way Campaign we assumed that with time, new initiatives and opportunities would be worthy of consideration. And we were right! The Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair of Undergraduate Teaching Excellence, Griffin Alumni House, the David Jones Sustainability Fund and the Hugh and Paule Scott Campus Beautification Fund are all examples of how donors, with their varied interests, have made Bishop’s a better institution through the Campaign.

Funding from the Quebec government allowed Bishop’s to hire its first Indigenous Student Support and Community Liaison Officer to support Indigenous students on campus. Mélissa Poirier came to Bishop’s from Baie-des-Chaleurs on the Gaspé Peninsula with her husband and five children. They are members of the Mi’kmaq community of Gesgapegiag. Now in her second year at Bishop’s, Mélissa has already made an impressive start in fulfilling her mandate.

Mélissa has been instrumental in organizing activities that serve to educate and benefit students from both Bishop’s and Champlain College. September’s second annual Orange Shirt Day drew a large number of participants to acknowledge the trauma experienced by Indigenous children and to honour the victims of Canada’s residential school system. “Many of the ‘calls to action’ relate to educational institutions,” says Mélissa. “When I arrived two years ago it was surprising to see how few people knew about this part of our history but it is necessary to understand the past experiences of Indigenous people in order to move forward.”

Another key step forward has been the establishment of a resource centre for Indigenous students. Though the Indigenous Culture Alliance (ICA) was founded in 2012, it wasn’t until 2018 that the ICA had a place to call home (one floor below the Foreman Art Gallery).

“It was critical to create a safe and inclusive space for Indigenous students,” says Mélissa. “There’s a fridge and a microwave, a large screen TV and some couches where students can relax and hang out. It’s also open to all students, because if you want to share your history and culture, you need to welcome people in.”

Bishop’s is committed to both increasing the number of Indigenous students on campus and to providing the support they need. “Furthermore, the faculty and administration are so supportive,” states Mélissa. “We started from almost scratch here, but I see such a big difference already. The students are happy and comfortable and that’s key if you want to attract other Indigenous students.”

Building on a good beginning, Ms. Poirier has high hopes for the future. “There is a plan in the works to convert Divinity House into the Indigenous Resource Centre, giving the ICA room to grow with expanded facilities, space for exhibits, and potentially a space for a visiting elder in residence. But most important, it allows the Bishop’s community further opportunity to embrace the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation as we move forward from a difficult past.”
Deborah Langford is Director of Residence, Food and Conference Services at Bishop’s, and has been known to wear all three hats at once. She’s happy to do it. “It’s a very exciting time for us right now. The generosity of donors to the Campaign has contributed to bringing our housing plan to life.”

Fifty years ago the residences on the new side of campus were a model and inspiration for universities across the country. Their construction provided enhanced opportunities for students living on campus to fully engage in Bishop’s unique campus life. But 50 years took their toll. Thanks in part to donors who made unrestricted donations to the Leading the Way Campaign, residences are being renewed and expanded for current and upcoming generations of Bishop’s students.

Deborah lists goals reached, and future projects. “Renovations to Abbott and Kuehner were undertaken in 2015 and 2017 respectively and are complete. Munster will be ready before the end of May. Construction will start on a new residence in 2020, while options for Norton and Pollack are still being considered.”

Noteworthy is the status of MacKinnon Hall, which is being torn down. “It was great when it opened in 1959, but we concluded that the design is not optimal for today’s students and the structure does not allow us to make necessary modifications. The cost to renovate it would be prohibitive.” Deborah further explained that for students to make new friends in residence more community spaces and lounges are essential. “Now, we even put in kitchens where students can cook snacks with their friends and RA’s can use them for residence activities.”

Another challenge to building a community is that doors in residence have to be kept closed for fire safety reasons. However, architectural advances now enable doors that close automatically when a fire alarm goes off, thus allowing students to more freely interact with one another. Today, residence rooms include double beds, window seats and more space generally, at the students’ request.”

Combined with improved dining options, enhanced accommodation choices have allowed the University’s conference operation to be more attractive to current and potential clients. In turn, the profits generated contribute toward creating a better residence life program and a most enviable university experience for current Bishop’s students.

Sophia Cumming, Residence Assistant

“I am a 3rd year student in the Education program, and I have been a Residence Assistant (RA) for the last two,” says Sophia Cumming. “I live in residence, help students transition from home to living on their own, solve the occasional roommate dispute, look out for the sick and open locked doors.”

I lived in Kuehner before the renovations and Abbott after, and there is world of difference. In the old block-style at Kuehner, it was a challenge to keep an eye on things and harder for students to meet people who were not on their immediate floor. The new Abbott opens things up with long hallways and communal spaces that feel more like home. Having a common kitchen helps students prepare for the day when they will leave residence and move into their own apartments. Being an RA also has applications for my future job as a teacher.

I was extremely homesick when I got here, and my RA really helped me get through it. It has been very rewarding to be able to help other students do the same. For all of us, Bishop’s is our home, a place where you’re a name, not a number.”
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Michael Tinker ’66 and Francine Dufresne were married in Sherbrooke on Saturday, August 18, 2018. BU alumni in attendance included Don McKelvie ’66, Janet Learned ’66, Bob Swan ’66 and Maj.-Gen. (ret.) John J. Dunn ’44.

From left: Zelia Swan, Mike Tinker ’66, Francine Dufresne, Bob Swan ’66

Althea Duhaney ’78 and Pierre Blier ’78 have a special love story that first started in their year of graduation; they reunited 30 years later and married in Ottawa on May 20, 2018. See page 9 for Q&A article.

From left: Sean O’Neill ’08 and Chelsea Kusnick were married in 2018.

From left: Mitch Young ’07, Rachel Hunting ’07, Matt McCrae, Andrea O’Neill ’14, Chris Maynard ’08, Cheryl O’Neill ’18, Sean O’Neill ’08, Norm O’Neill ’75, Lisa Liskovol ’09, Will Boire ’09, Hannah Cody ’08, Tarin Gill ’08, Jonathon Young ’06, and Dave Mitchell-Ray ’08.

Pierre Blier ’78 and Althea Duhaney ’78
Jeremy Godin ’06 and Amanda Piribauer ’09 were married in June 2018.
From left: Peter Kraska ’07, Harding Nelson, Robert Godin ’75, Lorraine Godin ’89, Lynda Godin ’75, Jessica Marchand (née Godin) ’06, Julianne Howard (née Abelson) ’08, Neal Howard ’08, Raymond Godinenco ’07, Jeremy Godin ’06, Amanda Godin (née Piribauer) ’09, Damon Thomas-Anderson ’10, Jared Kligerman ’06, Olivia Arnaud ’09, Josh Maveety ’11, Jesse Roy ’12, Felicia Thompson ’12, Sarah Back ’11, Jesse Andrews ’12, and Steve McManus ’07.

Katrina Sainthill ’09 and Alex Fraser ’08 were married on September 8, 2018 in Toronto.
From left: (front) Juliana McKaigue ’11, Jo Wearing ’10, Cameron Milliband ’11, Gabriella Blais ’13, Andrea Gray ’09, Katrina Sainthill ’09, Alex Fraser ’08, Saskia Steffen ’09, Sam Munrow ’11, Ryan Lethbridge ’11, Rick Sainthill ’13, Jesse Gattellaro ’11; (back) Geoff Britnell ’11, Tom Lumsden ’10, Brooke Chouinard ’11, Laura Tacchi ’10, Ryan Parnell ’13.
Micah Sifton ’11 and Joseph LaLeune ’13 were married on August 25, 2018 in the 1000 Islands, Ontario surrounded by friends and family including many other BU alumni. From left (front) Micah Sifton ’11 and Joseph LaLeune ’13; (back) Hannah Graham ’12, RJ Lawrence ’13, John Graham ’14, Jamison McArthur ’14, Noah Harrison ’13, Sophie O’Reilly ’12, Ricky Sainthill ’13, Mike Dubé ’12, André LaLaune, Patrick Kabongo ’16, Adam Phillips ’13

Kory Dunn ’16 was married on October 19, 2018. BU alumni in attendance included groomsmen Ben Leosis ’16 and Matt Garrigan ’16, and Connor Patton ’16.

Lois Boateng ’14 and Steven Amerikah ’12 were married in 2018.
Mitchell Hope '03 and Angie Greevy '02 welcomed Callie and Connor on August 22, 2018 in Montreal. A brother and sister to James, Layna and Kensie.

Stefan Szary '06 and Valérie Poirier '08 welcomed Jordane Cécilia Szary on August 6, 2018 in Montreal.

Sasha Manes '06 and Chris McDowell welcomed Ray Samuel Manes McDowell on August 20, 2018. A brother to Leo.
Allison ’56 and Glyn Edwards ’57 (not pictured) met recently in Canmore, AB with recent graduates, Kelly Bradbury ’17 (left) and Laura Crack ’17 (right).

Graham Jackson ’57 was conferred the Order of the Diocese of Quebec in October. Graham has worked as a teacher, counsellor, and educational administrator for the Eastern Quebec School Board. In addition, he chaired the now defunct Protestant Committee of the Superior Council of Education of Quebec, served on many charitable foundations, provided his services to Quebec region Anglican churches as a Lay Minister and is currently a student teacher supervisor at Bishop’s.

Winston Fraser ’65 has just published his latest book “Indelible Big Blue Memories – Life in the THINK Tank” about his career at IBM. His earlier books include two photography books (“Historic Sites of Canada” and “Endangered Species of Country Life”) and two biographies of his Eastern Townships ancestors (“OHIXIHO – A Biography of Charles Clark Fraser” and “Dew Drop Inn – Lasting Memories of a Cookshire Landmark”). His books are available on Amazon and at Townshippers bookstore in Sherbrooke.

Ross Lenke ’65 and his high school football team (les Astérix de l’école Jean-Jacques-Bertrand) in Farnham, QC are featured in the French-language movie “La Chute de Sparte”. Ross has several cameo roles in the movie as the coach. The film was released on June 3, 2018.

Phil Carter ’67, Rick Southam ’73, and David Simpson ’72 dropped by Griffin House in 2018 to say hello to Bruce Stevenson ’76.

John Luxton ’67 and his wife Sylvia Luxton, pictured below with student Isabella Janusonis and Professor Jack Eby, have donated three violins to the Department of Music.

Tim Griffin ’71 won the 2018 Steve Sevens Senior National Tennis Championship in Montreal.

Don Mills ’71 announced his retirement 40 years after he founded his market research company, Corporate Research Associates (CRA) in Halifax. He has successfully transitioned the business to his senior leadership team. His wife Liz Mills (née Curry) ’72, daughter Lindsay Lewis (née Mills) ’03 and Mike Mills ’00 look forward to having him spend more time with his five grandkids!

Clay Shoot participants enjoyed a VIP visit of La Ferme des Quatre-Temps prior to the Clay Shoot Fundraiser.

Robert Dunn ’76 co-hosted the third annual Bishop’s University Clay Shoot fundraiser at Club de la Roue du Roy in Hemmingford in October. Net proceeds of $75,000 are supporting sustainable agriculture initiatives on campus, including the development of new BA and BSc majors in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems.
David Simpson ’72 was thrilled with a visit in Melbourne Australia from Michael Cahill ’72, as seen below on the Mornington Peninsula.

Marshall Button ’80 (below) represented BU at the installation Dr. Jean-Paul Boudreau, President of Mount Allison University.

Adrienne Chinn ’82 has published her debut novel, “The Lost Letter from Morocco”, and is available in digital and paperback on Amazon.

Scott Edmonds ’84 (above) opened the TSX in June marking the migration of Photon Control to the main board. He proudly wore his Bishop’s pin when he pushed the big button to open trading.

Eddie Pomykala, former Head Coach of the Men’s Basketball Team and Student Recruiter, is now an Assistant Coach with the Women’s Basketball Team.

Old friends John Daughney ’78, Dharold Read ’77, William (Bill) Doherty ’77, Steve Shaw ’79, and Phil Godin reunited in the Rideau Lakes area and reminisced about the “L Section” of Pollock Hall in late September 2018.
Peter Heidinger ’85 and Karen Sutton ’85 met up in Singapore at the tallest microbrewery in the world with our team of business students participating in the Asian Business Case Competition at Nanyang University in September.

Andy Cowell ’89 is the new Head Coach of the Men’s Rugby Team. Andy played for the Team in the 1980s, and we are pleased that he has re-joined the Gaiter Family.

Nadia Martel ’90 has been appointed Vice President Corporate Development at Sherweb. She was back on campus in February to meet with students in the Pre-Law Club and from Dr. Jean Manore’s HIS 300 class.

Keith Labbett ’91 was on hand to celebrate the Men’s Rugby Team’s victory over Université de Sherbrooke with son and current Gaiter Connor Labbett during the 35th Bishop’s Rugby reunion in the fall.
Ann Gallery ’92 is now Senior Vice President of Harvest One, a global cannabis company.

Rob Allatt ’93 started a new position as Chief Commercial Officer SVP of Sales & Marketing at Global Excel Management Inc.

Joey Sabo ’94 has added Assistant Golf Coach to his duties as Assistant Director Ancillary Service, Athletic Department at Bishop’s.

Alexandra Bachand ’98 has founded La Grange du Parfumeur a pioneer in niche perfumery in Canada being the first fragrance house open to the public.

Eric Bergeron ’99 was elected city councillor in Cornwall in November. Eric is Co-Founder and CMO of ZipGrow Inc. that designs and builds the most installed vertical farming technology in the world.

Megan Carter ’99 has published a book titled, “Chloe and Georges and the Grumpies”. Currently she is teaching English at Yonago Senior High School and at Murata Manufacturing in Izumo, Japan.

Kathy Macrae ’99 is Executive Director of the Commercial Bear Viewing Association of British Columbia. She played an essential role in convincing the government of B.C. to close the grizzly hunt in December 2017.

David Roy ’99 is back helping out the Bishop’s Lacrosse Team as Assistant Coach.

Carla Oliveira ’00 joined Téléjournal Estrie week-end in September as the new anchor.

Jay Maiurano ’04 & Audrey Maiurano ’04, (below) who met on campus at Dewies, visited Griffin House in July with sons Alex (6) and Josh (5).

Amy Lee Lavoie ’06 had her play C’mon Angie! debut in Vancouver in June 2018.

Alex Demers ’07, MBA, PMP, is Director, Material Management at SNC-Lavalin. He returned to campus in September to give a fascinating talk on his work on the Construction of the New Champlain Bridge Project. Pictured below with retired Bishop’s University professor Dr. Lourdes Zubieta and current professor, Dr. Terry Eyland ’07, Alex is responsible for procurement, contracts, logistics, expediting, and asset management activities on the project. Alex credits the critical thinking skills he acquired at BU for enabling him to adapt quickly throughout the course of this complex project.

Joshua Brown ’09 is now Community Lead, Asia Pacific – Business Engagement at the World Economic Forum in Geneva.

Mark Lawson ’09 has been named Chief of Staff at the Office of the Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

Maximilien Roy ’09 has taken leadership of the Regroupement des jeunes chambers de commerce du Québec. This is the largest youth organization in Canada.

Susan Magwood ’10 is an Assistant Coach with the Women’s Rugby Team.

Koula Trichas ’10 has started a new position as Business Development Manager at Workday. Koula was on campus in January to present at Career Bootcamp.

Regine Neumann ’11, Fine Arts technician at Bishop’s University, has received funding in the amount of $18,000 for an ongoing research project in collaboration with the Fablab in Valcourt. Her interdisciplinary and experimental study aims to involve the population of Valcourt in the research and creation processes and to explore the fine line that divides art and technology, the individual and the collective.

Alessandro Vertullo ’11 is the new Offensive Assistant Coach for the Gaiter Football team.

Dr. Aren Bezdijian ’13 was the keynote speaker at a February alumni speaker event in Montreal, organized by Chapter Leaders Laurie Tanguay ’17 and Dilip Varma ’16.
Kyle Desmarais, who played for the Gaiters in 2014–2015, is back helping out with Men's Basketball Team.

Nakita Gomes ’15 wrote: “I’m an English Literature graduate and treasured my time at Bishop’s, but after completing my degree I ended up moving to Ottawa and pursuing a second education in Baking and Pastry Arts. Four years later I am the proud owner of Aux Délices Bakery in the heart of Ottawa’s Byward Market.”

Jordan MacNevin ’15 is one of five owners of 19-81 (the latitude and longitude of Grand Cayman), a microbrewery in Grand Cayman. He is the brewmaster behind the bottles. For more information, visit www.1981brewingco.com.

Alex Millin ’15 led Korea in scoring at the 2018 FIL World Championships in Israel. He won a Baggataway Cup with Bishop’s in 2011 and as a proud Gaiter alumus was happy to see several other members of the team taking part in the games in Netanya, Israel. Rick Sainthill ’13 played for Finland. A trio of Bishop’s alumni who played for the Gaiters in the ’00s served as the coaching staff for Luxembourg. Christopher Scott ’07, originally from Kelowna and now living in Vernon, was the Head Coach for the nation’s first foray onto the world stage. New Westminster native Andrew Barber ’09, now living in Toronto, was an Assistant Coach alongside Drew Pollock ’06, who has stayed in Lennoxville and is the Gaiters’ General Manager and Assistant Coach.

Since 2016, Shayne Cowan-Cholette ’17 and Katelyn LeClair ’13 have been involved in Young Leaders World. YL.W is an organization that focuses on developing strong leaders who understand personal growth and its impact on the collective good. In 2018, Shayne and Katie were asked to be a part of an international leadership summit in China. Visiting Shanghai, Beijing and Qingdao, Shayne was a keynote speaker for more than 500 international students, while Katie worked closely with the production communications teams. This year, Katie and Shayne joined forces with the team at YL W once again in Edmonton for the organization’s largest event of the year. Shayne was the headline speaker for the event and Katie facilitated her own master class on “Media for Good: What it means to make your social life online matter.”

Felicity Burns ’17 is attending the University of Kent in the UK studying law and in her spare time is fundraising for the Meningitis Research Foundation. She has organized many successful fundraisers for the cause, including one in Ottawa when she was home for the holidays. Meningitis impacts almost 3 million people each year with students being the second most at risk with 1 in 4 students carry the deadly bacteria that causes the disease.

Nicole Bolick ’18 is attending the University of Kent in the UK studying law and in her spare time is fundraising for the Meningitis Research Foundation. She has organized many successful fundraisers for the cause, including one in Ottawa when she was home for the holidays. Meningitis impacts almost 3 million people each year with students being the second most at risk with 1 in 4 students carry the deadly bacteria that causes the disease.

Kathleen Collins ’18 is employed by Aeon, one of the largest private English education institutes in Japan. Former Bishop’s Hispanic Studies Professor Dr. Céline Dudemaine (below) was back on campus in December to meet with student Louis Thibault, a recipient of the Viva España Bursary that was made possible by Dr. Dudemaine.
APPOINTMENTS

School of Education

Dr. Corinne Haigh was appointed Dean of the School of Education in June 2018. Dr. Haigh received her PhD in Educational Psychology in 2007 from Western University and she began as Assistant Professor at Bishop’s University on July 1, 2010. Her research on bilingualism has been funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and the Fonds de recherche du Québec. In addition to being Chair of the School of Education, she has acted as Graduate Program Coordinator in the School of Education and Co-Chair of the 2018 annual conference of the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.

Library Learning Commons

The University welcomed Catherine Lavallée-Welch as its new Librarian in October. Originally from Longueuil, Quebec, and fully bilingual, Ms. Lavallée-Welch completed a Bachelor of Arts in History at UQAM in 1992. In 1995, she completed a Maîtrise en bibliothéconomie et sciences de l’information at Université de Montréal. After working as an information professional on international exchange in France immediately following graduation, she did four years of contract work with Quebec organizations.

In 2000, she moved to the United States, first as Reference and Electronic Librarian for five years at the University of Louisville (Library of Engineering, Physical Science and Technology) in Kentucky. In 2005, she was recruited as Associate Librarian of a small primarily undergraduate liberal arts college of the University of South Florida in Lakeland, Florida. In 2010, she was promoted to Director. Three years later, she was recruited as Director of the main library at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Ms. Lavallée-Welch has been an active scholar, with an impressive number of publications and conference presentations. She has also played a direct role in professional library associations, including collaborating with other universities in Wisconsin to develop a shared library systems platform. This experience will serve her well at Bishop’s as the province of Quebec embarks on its own shared library systems platform.

Faculty and staff at Bishop’s play a significant role in why Bishop’s has been ranked #1 for student satisfaction in Maclean’s magazine, four years in a row. We realize it has been some time since we highlighted longstanding members of the Bishop’s family who have retired. Please stay tuned for the next issue of your Bishop’s Alumni Magazine.
IN MEMORIAM

Muriel Brand ’45 on December 27, 2018. Mother of Margaret ’85.
Myrna MacAulay ’45 on October 12, 2018. Mother of Merrilee ’78.
Mavis Westgate ’47 on October 6, 2018.
Rita Pehlemann Jessome ’49 on September 19, 2018.
Dr. Galt MacDermot ’50 DCL ’72 on December 17, 2018. Son of the late Terence William Leighton MacDermot who taught Political Studies at Bishop’s from 1961–1966.
George Suart ’50 on December 29, 2018.
Howard Kelly ’51 on October 6, 2018.
John Sanderson ’51 on October 12, 2018.
Peter Wilson ’52 on September 18, 2017. Survived by his wife Beverly ’51.
Brian Buchanan ’58 on November 3, 2018.
Lillian Rider ’59 on October 28, 2018. Aunt to Jessica ’18. “Lu” was a former Gaiter Basketball player and an avid supporter.

Peter Meggs ’63 on December 2, 2018.
Eric Jackson ’65 on November 28, 2018.
Gordon Rodgers ’67 on April 9, 2018. Husband of Barbara Wood ’70.
Dr. Peggy Olive ’69 on December 10, 2018.
Mark Sills ’69 on December 31, 2018.
Ross Barrett ’72 on June 30, 2018.
John (Jack) Latter ’76 passed away suddenly in Toronto on Feb 9, 2019 at a much too early age. John was proud to be have been recruited by the much respected Bruce Coulter to attend Bishop’s University and play football for the Gaiters. John was truly happy while playing football and socializing with his many teammates and friends. He graduated with a BA and a BEd.
Following graduation, he was recruited by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and played professional football for a couple of years while substitute teaching in Winnipeg. Later, John had a successful career in sales in Calgary and then in Toronto.
He always held his friends and family close to his heart and maintained a lifelong relationship with many of his friends from Bishop’s. John’s nephew and niece, Scott ’14 and Lisa ’17, later attended Bishop’s, a new tradition that John fostered and was greatly proud of.
Ian MacNair ’82 on February 13, 2018.

William Godson ’82 on February 9, 2019.
Richard Royer DCL ’12 on November 25, 2018. Richard was a longstanding Director of the Dobson-Lagassé Entrepreneurship Centre.
Dr. Ron Joyce DCL ’18 on January 31, 2019. Through a very generous donation, Mr. Joyce established the Joyce Family Foundation Bursaries at Bishop’s. These, like similar programs at universities across Canada, make education more accessible to students in financial need.

Kenneth Stevenson on December 6, 2018. Brother of Bruce Stevenson ’76 and uncle of Rachel Stevenson ’12.

Dr. London Green on October 9, 2018. Father of Christopher ’84 and Nicholas ’94. Dr. Green was professor of Drama at Bishop’s for nearly 25 years, retiring in 1998 and then moving to Guelph.
Dr. Green directed many productions at Centennial Theatre, and acted in a few as well. During his career, he wrote dozens of articles on opera, his great love, and served on the editorial board of the journal Opera Quarterly. He also appeared on a trivia game that was regularly aired on CBC Radio between acts of the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts.

Professor Robert MacGregor on October 31, 2018. Father of David ’99, Charles ’02 and Emily ’03. Professor MacGregor joined the Faculty of Bishop’s University in 1974, and retired after almost 30 years in the Williams School of Business in 2003. Despite his retirement, Professor MacGregor was often seen on the Bishop’s campus, either during his workouts in the Sports Centre.
As Bishop’s University proudly celebrates its 175th birthday, the School of Education has turned 120 years old and is thriving in the ever-competitive world of higher education. The University’s engagement to raise the standard of teaching in schools began during the 1898–99 session with a class of only seven students. Today, over 370 students are enrolled in the School of Education where the mantra is that teaching is both an intellectual pursuit and a rewarding career that demands a high level of social responsibility.

Sadiq Awan, M.Ed.’75, was not your typical Bishop’s student. As a mature student he completed his Master’s thesis, A Study of the Problems Associated with the Education of the People of Pakistani Origin in Canada 1947–1970 in March of 1975. Mr. Awan studied under the late Alan W. Jones, then Director of the Graduate School of Education, whose supervision led to the approval of Sadiq’s thesis and subsequently his graduation.

Sadiq Noor Alam Awan was born in Rashaban North-West Frontier Province of British India and came to Canada in 1963. He studied in Punjab, Karachi, and London before coming to Bishop’s and over his lifetime he earned graduate degrees and diplomas in arts, law, and education. His publication, The People of Pakistani Origin in Canada (1976), became an authoritative work on Pakistani Canadians. As an advocate for human dignity for all, he chaired the Multicultural Advisory Committee of the Ottawa Board of Education. His life work attempted to attain harmony among the multicultural communities of Canada.

Mr. Awan passed away on September 4, 2017. His endorsement of the School of Education came with a surprise bequest of over $2 million to provide scholarship funding for aspiring teachers in perpetuity. Newly appointed Dean Dr. Corinne Haigh was both elated and appreciative. “The School of Education is extremely grateful for this generous gift from Mr. Awan which will have a significant impact on the lives of many students in the School of Education, at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.”

Mr. Awan’s philanthropy was founded in the belief that an educated society will lead to a better world. His legacy will live on in the classrooms of the nation through the many teachers he will support during their studies. Dr. Haigh added, “These scholarships will further enable us to support our future teachers, for years to come, in developing the qualities of responsible and autonomous practitioners and thinkers who show a capacity for ongoing critical reflection, potential for leadership, and commitment to the transformative power of education.”

What a fitting gift, during this special anniversary, to underscore the contribution of the School of Education toward a better educated Canadian society.

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MEMORIES OF DR. WILLIAM A. SHEARSON
BY DR. HARVEY WHITE

Dr. William “Bill” Shearson passed away on December 12, 2018. He joined the Faculty of Bishop’s University in 1965 as a Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy, where he retired as Departmental Chair and Full Professor in 1998. During his rich and distinguished career, Dr. Shearson served as Vice-Principal, External and Planning from January 1989 to June 1991. He also served as President of the Association of Professors of Bishop’s University. Dr. Shearson was an accomplished teacher and scholar and he made an important contribution to international existentialist scholarship. He is survived by Dr. Andrea Drumheller (Psychology Department) and Charles Shearson ’11.

I met Bill Shearson when I was interviewed for the Philosophy of Religion faculty position at Bishop’s in the mid-70’s. I was immediately impressed with his commitment to the University and to the importance of philosophy and religion, as crucial parts of the liberal arts tradition at Bishop’s.

Along with our colleague, Dr. George Englebretsen, Bill was responsible for fashioning a Philosophy Department whose courses represented a wide range of philosophical positions. And as a teacher, his engagement with students was not limited to the classroom.

Bill loved to teach Philosophy – most notably Kant’s Critiques and later, 19th and 20th century developments. While he was critical of many post-modern philosophical positions that reductively eschewed traditional standards of reason and ethics, he was a student of the various forms of “existentialism”, and in his 1980 book, The Notion of Encounter, he argued that, “despite differences, existentialists were united by a fundamental commitment to the necessity of non-philosophical commitment at the level of life.” In this regard, and as a student of Emile Fackenheim, Bill was deeply troubled by the horror of the Holocaust, which, as he put it, exceeded any possible rational understanding of or accounting for such evil. For Bill, this was not simply an academic matter.

While his love and support of Gaiter football is legendary, Bill’s dedication to Bishop’s also included a period as Vice-Principal. In this role he was often placed in the difficult position of dealing fairly with conflicts between the faculty union and the administration. As well, he was known to attend to occasional difficult relations between students and the larger Lennoxville community. To a significant degree Bill’s efforts have paid off.

Those of us who knew Bill remember and miss him as a friend who would always go out of his way for us.
THE CURRENT STATE OF CANADA/U.S.A. RELATIONS

by Hon. Roy Cullen, P.C., C.P.A. (Class of ’65)

In a speech to the Washington Press Club in March 1969, former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau said “Living next to you is in some ways like sleeping with an elephant. No matter how friendly and even-tempered is the beast, if I can call it that, one is affected by every twitch and grunt”.

The same is true today, if not more so.

Over many decades, Canada and the U.S.A. have been friends, neighbours, allies, and business partners. The strength of the Canada-U.S. relationship is demonstrated by a staggering bilateral trade of approximately $1.9 billion every day. Canada and the United States are the world’s largest trading partners.

Contrary to some views emanating from the U.S.A., when one includes both goods and services, the United States ran a trade surplus with Canada in 2016.

Often Canada/U.S.A. relations are significantly affected by how our leaders get along. Prime Minister Brian Mulroney developed a very positive friendship with both U.S. Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush which paved the way, amongst other things, for the NAFTA free trade agreement. By way of contrast, U.S. President Donald Trump has thrown a few insults the way of our current Prime Minister Justin Trudeau during and after the 2018 G7 talks in La Malbaie, Québec. Comments like this do nothing to foster respectful relationships.

Notwithstanding these interpersonal relationship challenges, we must continue to remind ourselves that our relationship with the U.S. transcends individual country leaders – the relationship is just too important to do otherwise. Canada has many American friends that are with us now and will be into the future.

Canada and the United States, while similar in many ways, have important differences that cause us to see things from different perspectives. Canada is a Westminster-style parliamentary democracy whereas the U.S.A. follows the presidential-congressional model. We are largely a mixed economy (private/public) whereas the U.S.A. is a definitive market economy.

Not unlike typical friends and neighbours we have had, and do have, areas of disagreement. We refused to follow the U.S. lead to invade Iraq in 2003. Unlike the U.S. we have a publicly funded health-care system and we discourage and tightly regulate gun ownership. On the trade front although a new NAFTA (now called USMCA) has been recently negotiated, it still must be ratified by the U.S. Congress – including a House of Representatives which came under the control of the U.S. Democratic Party after the signing of the USMCA. This could create an interesting twist with the House of Representatives seeking to use their leverage.

There have been, and continue to be, other trade disputes and trade irritants tied to softwood lumber, beef, dairy products, wheat and Canada’s protection of our cultural industries from foreign control. Many of these misunderstandings and disagreements between our two countries arise from our different governance models, and the stance of Canadians on the role of the federal government. We must diversify our markets away from the U.S.A. – recognizing that this is not an easy thing to do given the size and our proximity to U.S. markets.

Under the current administration the U.S.A. is becoming more isolationist and disrupting many of the world’s multilateral institutions and initiatives (the UN, World Bank, World Trade Organization, NATO, Paris Agreement on Climate Change). With the respect that Canada holds within the international community based on our values and our commitment to cooperative multilateralism we have an opportunity to lead, and by punching above our weight class fill the gap created by the virtual absence of the U.S.

We must walk this tightrope recognizing the U.S.A.’s importance to this country. As Canada’s distinguished diplomat, Jeremy Kinsman, said recently in Policy Magazine, “We need to be in a permanent campaign mode to remain engaged with America.” This is so true because today’s challenges could become tomorrow’s opportunities.

1Canada Amid Chaos; Quo Vadis? Jeremy Kinsman, Policy Magazine, January 2019
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