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Annual Reunion 2007

Regardless of what graduating year you may be or whether you graduated from the old Normal School, Provincial/Nova Scotia Normal College or the Nova Scotia Teachers College, you and your spouse/guest are invited to attend the 37th Annual Reunion of the Alumni Association of the Nova Scotia Teachers College. Special attention will be given to all the classes that end in '7', but everyone is welcome. It will be held on August 17, 18 and 19, 2007 in Truro. The reunion will be held on the campus of the Community College (the former Teachers College) and the Best Western Glengarry Hotel and will make use of some of the facilities made available to us. Plans are being finalized for this gala event with registrations starting to come in.

What better way to spend the weekend than to be a part of all the excitement that has been planned for all in attendance at this year's very important reunion.

Just to refresh your memory, the residence opens at 5:00 PM on Friday, August 17, registration is 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM Friday at the Best-Western Glengarry Hotel (across the street from the old Nova Scotia Teachers College – now Community College) and Saturday 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Soloan Hall dining room. The official opening is at 8:30 PM Friday evening at the Glengarry with a guest speaker. A pub night will follow from 9:30 PM -12:00 AM where coffee/tea, refreshments and

a cash bar will be available. This is a good opportunity to renew old acquaintances.

Saturday, August 18 promises to be a full day. Breakfast will be 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM in the Soloan Hall cafeteria followed by the regular business meeting at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room of Soloan Hall. The meeting will bring you up-to-date on all aspects of the Alumni.

As always class pictures will be taken from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM by the gym and lunch will follow in the cafeteria from 12:20 PM to 1:30 PM. The afternoon will be given to class meetings, visiting old haunts, shopping, a visit to the old campus and the Little White School House Museum. At 6:30 PM, the dinner will be held in the cafeteria and at 8:30 PM a Coffee House with dancing, skits, music and entertainment will be provided. Don't miss it!

A "Silent Auction" will be held during the weekend using various items donated by our alumni and others. In the past there have been a number of bargains and a few 'finds'. You will want to take part. Proceeds go to the Building Fund.

A very fitting closing to this year's reunion has been planned for Sunday at 11:00 AM when the group is invited to attend a special Church Service in Truro.

Hope to see you there! Be sure to register early to get the best places.

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In Memoriam

Let us lay aside a
moment of prayer for all
our fellow Alumni
friends who have
passed away over the
years.

"Always Remembered"

*Don't forget this
years reunion being
held. August 17th-
19th, 2007 in Truro.
See the insert
for details and a
registration form.*

SILENT AUCTION

At the annual reunion last August we had our third silent auction. It was a great success for the building fund. Items ranging from about \$25.00 to \$100.00, solicited by some of our area reps, included a fairly wide range from paintings, crafts, antiques, services to collectables. This year we will be holding our fifth silent auction with items on display in the Little White Schoolhouse Museum. We solicit your support either as a donor or as a buyer or both!

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA
TEACHERS COLLEGE**

FULL COUNCIL MEETING - AUGUST 19, 2006

A Full Council Meeting was held following the Annual Meeting. The meeting was chaired by president David Pottie. Others present at the meeting were: Donald Willett, Helen MacDonald, Dorinda McCully, Nancy Lou Austin, Eric Bent, Anne Marie LeBlanc, Robert Jordan, Rosella MacDonald, and Sue Kent.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Nancy Lou Austin and seconded by Dorinda McCully that we pay Robert Jordan an honorarium of \$ 3000.00 for his work during the past year. Motion carried.

Eric Bent told us that Willow St. School was scheduled to close June 2007. We have a lot of things stored there, so we only have a year to find another place. We should start looking now for a place to store our material.

David Pottie suggested we check out the self-storage places. Eric Bent said they have a problem with moisture. A lot of our things are paper, and could be ruined by moisture.

Helen MacDonald suggested, we ask if we could store some things in the Old Normal College prior to the closing of Willow Street School.

Eric Bent said the town council doesn't want any more tenants in there, because of the condition of the building. Town Council is committed to keeping the building.

David Pottie will write a letter to the Mayor to see if we can store some things at the Old Normal College, as Willow Street School is closing.

REUNION:

David Pottie has written to Natalie MacMaster to see if she could put on a concert during the time of our 2007 Alumni Reunion. The

money raised would be our contribution to help repair the Old Normal College Building. David has not heard back from Natalie. He will contact her again to see if this can be arranged.

We didn't give Paul Zann or Alistar MacLeod, our speakers for last year and this year, a presentation. We should do this and think about what we should do for future speakers.

Eric Bent suggested we should start thinking of someone we could get as a speaker for our 2007 reunion. We will discuss this further at our Oct. Meeting.

Helen MacDonald suggested we should confirm our Friday evening speaker early, so we can print it in the newsletter.

We should try to get the chairpeople a year before the reunion, as you need a lot of time to contact the people for a certain year.

It was suggested we ask Irene Reddick to do a quilt for our reunion in 2007. We would sell tickets on it. Helen MacDonald will see that Irene is contacted regarding this.

Eric Bent suggested we do the Silent Auction, or have a regular auction with an auctioneer, and have it open to the public. He suggested asking Lori Brown to be the auctioneer.

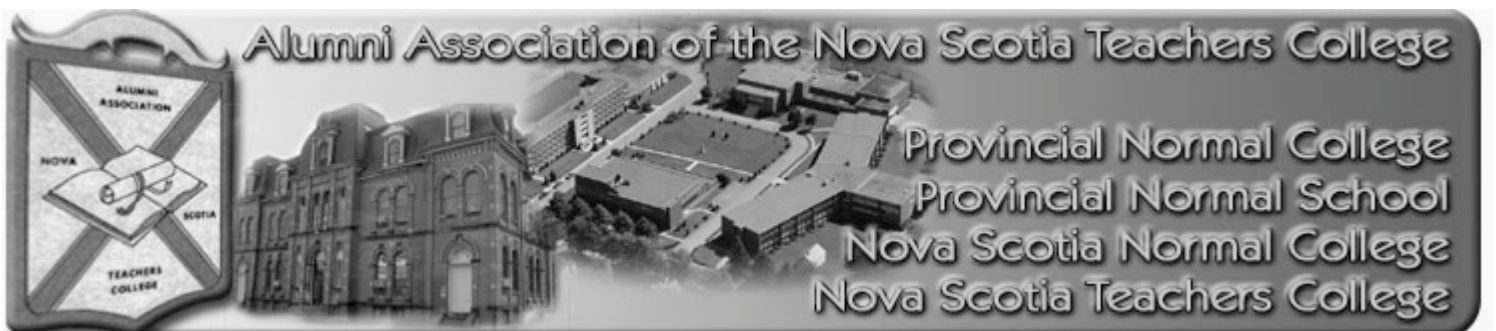
Moved by Robert Jordan seconded by Donald Willett to make the following change to By-Law- 8C. Omit "host and hostess" and add " to special speaker, auditor, and web master."

This will be put forward as a Notice Of Motion and appear in the 2006-2007 Newsletter. It will be voted on at 2007 Alumni Reunion

Nancy Lou Austin moved the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue M. Kent (Secretary)

Our Webpage :



Alumni Association of NSTC

ANNUAL MEETING

August 19, 2006

The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association of the NSTC was held in the Solon Dining Hall Saturday Aug. 19, 2006 at 9:30 am. The president David Pottie opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the reunion.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

It was moved by Eric Bent and seconded by Phyllis Leadbeater to adopt the agenda as circulated.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved by Shirley Bradshaw, seconded by Anne Marie Le Blanc to approve the minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting as circulated.
Motion carried.

MINUTE OF SILENCE:

A minute of silence was observed for the alumni members who have passed away since our last reunion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Eric Bent read a letter from the town of Truro stating that they are preparing a submission to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada to have the Old Normal College declared an historic property.

He also said the Old Normal College Building is in need of a lot of repair. The town is not in a financial position to do all the required repairs, as a result of increased financial commitments to the new hospital, and for new school enhancements. Thus the Town Council is contacting the Provincial Department of Education and the Alumni Association of the NSTC to ask for financial support for this project. It is expected to cost over \$500,000 for the repairs.

Russell Dowe said the building is a money pit, and should be taken down, and a new building put up.

Eric Bent said a number of old buildings have been taken down in Truro. He also said the town is committed to keeping the building.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

NOTICE OF MOTION

Robert Jordan brought forth a Notice of Motion to change the fiscal year from August first to July thirty-first, to the calendar year beginning January first and ending December 31 st. This will be voted on at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

Moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Bill Whalen to accept the Notice of Motion. Motion carried.

It was moved by Helen MacDonald and seconded by Marilyn Burns that our current membership be extended to December 31, 2007. Motion carried.

Eric Bent and David Pottie have both contacted Bill Mills, the mayor of Truro, to see if we can have space in the Old Normal College to store our alumni material.

The building is not that safe, so they don't want any additional people in it at this time. The mayor has however given the Alumni Association of the NSTC a verbal agreement that we can have space in the Old Normal College, when it is ready to rent.

On November 14, 2005 a number of NSTC Alumni members were present at the unveiling of a plaque, presented by the NSTC Alumni, to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the Provincial Normal College.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Robert Jordan reported that the total cash on hand for the year ending July 31, 2006 is as follows ;

Investments-----	\$11,797.00
Current Account-----	\$11,475.32
Total cash on hand---	\$23,272.32

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Anne Marie Le Blanc to adopt the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP:

Robert Jordan reported that we have 113 paid up for 2004 -2005, 267 paid up for 2006 -2007, 15 paid for 2007-2008, and 15 paid for ten years.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Annette Petrie to accept the membership report as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Phyllis Leadbeater that we grant Life Membership to those who have graduated 50 years ago or more, and to those receiving full service pension. Motion carried.

PUBLICATION:

Robert Jordan reported that he did the newsletter,

and if your membership dues are paid you will receive the newsletter for 2 years. He also mails the newsletter to those in the honoured years.

He said if anyone wanted to do anything extra on the Newsletter, or if they had suggestions of something to put in it to let him know. If he doesn't hear from anyone, he will continue to do the Newsletter as usual.

It was moved by Robert Jordan seconded by Marilyn Burns to adopt the publication report as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLICITY:

Robert Jordan reported that the area representatives, the Web Site, and the newsletter are the main sources of information for the reunion.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Eric Bent to adopt the publicity report as presented. Motion carried.

REUNION:

Robert Jordan reported that we have 125 people registered for the reunion. He said the two classes with the largest number of people attending were 1956 and 1966. We didn't have class chairpeople this year. He said they should be appointed the year before their reunion, so we can invite them to come to the one previous to theirs. He said we don't have as many people here this year, as we have had other years.

He reported the meals will be in the dining hall, and the banquet will be buffet style.

The church service will be at St. James Presbyterian Church on Prince St. at 10:30 am.

We will have the same band for the dance as we had last year.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Shirley Bradshaw to accept the reunion report. Motion carried.

Gerald Langille commented that it would be cheaper to advertise in Teachers' Newsletter, and on the internet than it is to mail out information.

Robert Jordan sends updated material to Alexander (Sandy) MacDoughall to put on NSTC Web Site.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Anne Marie Le Blanc to accept the reunion report. Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS:

Eric Bent reported that he had one nomination for President and one nomination for Vice-President. He also reported that he had one nomination for area representative for the following areas:

Kings -Annapolis
Halifax Reginal Municipality
Digby-Clare-Argyle-Yarmouth

Eric also reported that he had no nominations for the following areas:

Cumberland-Colchester-East Hants
Northside Victoria-Cape Breton
Shelburne- Queens

Moved by Eric Bent and seconded by Dave Pottie to accept the nominations report as presented. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTION:

No report

BUILDING FUND:

Eric Bent reported that as of May 10, 2006, we have \$46,525.88 in the building fund. He mentioned that Dr. Jane Norman left \$10,000 in her will. This was the beginning of the building fund. Since then numerous people have donated to the fund. The money from the Silent Auction and money from the tickets sold on a hooked mat by Marilyn Burns and 2 paintings by Marilyn Hatfield has also gone to the Building Fund.

He said when making a donation to the building Fund, make the cheque payable to the Little White Schoolhouse Museum and mark it for the Building Fund.

WEB SITE:

Alexander (Sandy) MacDoughall graduate of 1985 was given permission to create a web site for the NSTC Alumni at the 2005 Alumni Reunion. With the help of Owen Parker graduate of 1986, they did create a web site shortly after the 2005 reunion. You can do the following things on line or obtain the following information:

You can register on line.

You can leave a message.

You can get a list of the Executive and area representatives.

The Newsletter is available on line.

You can get reunion information and registration forms on line.

You can get a membership form on line.

There are several styles of NSTC and NC rings. Sandy has pictures of some, but would like to have more. If you have a ring that is not already

on the web site, contact Sandy so he can get a picture of it.

He would like to see more history on it. If anyone has any stories, or other suggestions for the Web Site, contact Sandy.

Sandy thanked Robert Jordan for all the information he sends him. He also thanked David Pottie and the executive for supporting them.

Eric Bent thanked Sandy and Owen for doing this.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS:

KINGS-ANNAPOLIS:

Russell Dowe reported that he made personal contacts and phone calls to spread word of the reunion. By using this method he hoped many people would be reached. Each person contacted was asked to spread the word to at least 2 or more other people.

DIGBY-CLARE-ARGYLE-YARMOUTH:

Marilyn Burns reported that beginning in early spring notices of the upcoming Reunion were placed in the Teacher's Resource Centre in Yarmouth. This was followed by notices in the Yarmouth Vanguard and the Digby Courier. Radio station CJLS carried the announcement on their weekly community service program. Notices were put on Eastlink Cable which covers the Yarmouth and Argyle areas. This carried the message for a two-week period.

The Yarmouth / Argyle Retired Teachers meeting was held early in June. She was unable to be present, but had a notice of the upcoming reunion read there.

She said she enjoyed serving on the council and keeping those Alumni in South West Nova aware of the reunion each year.

She will continue to "talk it up" every chance she gets, as she feels those of us who attend, not only for a specific anniversary, enjoy the fellowship of fellow graduates and keeping up with the work of the Alumni.

She thanked the Executive for all the hard work that goes into preparing for our reunion each year.

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY:

Beverly Boon reported that as Halifax Area Representative she publicized the reunion by sending notices to the following:

1. The Halifax Teachers Resource Centre.
2. The Dartmouth Teachers Resource Centre.
3. The Halifax Retired Teachers Association Annual Meeting.
4. The Dartmouth Retired Teachers Association Annual Meeting.

5. The C.P.X. Dinner.

6. Seaside FM Radio - They also posted the notice on their web site.

7. The Chronicle Herald.

8. The Halifax Daily News published it weekly for 5 or 6 weeks.

9. Enfield Weekly Press.

10. Eastern Shore Observer.

11. Eastlink Television.

After serving in this position for 6 years she is passing it over to Don Willett from her Class of 1955. He has kindly offered to take over and she is certain that he will do an excellent job.

She has enjoyed her term as Area Rep. because it gave her the opportunity to meet so many interested and enthusiastic members of the alumni. She along with many members of the Class of 1955, will continue to attend the reunions each year as they have been doing since 1997.

LUNENBURG-HANTS WEST:

David Pottie reported for Roberta Macnab. Roberta sent notices to the weekly papers. The local radio station, CKBW, announced the reunion on its Bulletin Board Program. She spoke about the reunion at the RTA luncheon in June. A lot of Alumni members called her about the 2006 reunion.

CUMBERLAND-COLCHESTER-EAST HANTS:

Nancy Lou Austin reported that she attended the NSTC Full Council meetings held: Aug. 20, 2005, following the annual meeting and Nov. 14, 2005 and April 21, 2006 at the home of Robert Jordan. To advertise the 2006 NSTC reunion, she announced details at the Retired Teachers Cumberland Meeting, contacted the local bulletin board on CKDH Radio Amherst, contacted local schools, and called many teachers.

PICTOU-ANTIGONISH-GUYSBOROUGH:

Dorinda McCully thanked Minna Halloran for suggestions on where to advertise the reunion. She sent or hand delivered announcements in early May to many schools in each geographic area.

She put announcements in malls at Antigonish, New Glasgow, and Guysborough.

She had notices put in the following newspapers; Antigonish Casket, New Glasgow Evening News, Guysborough Journal, and Pictou Advocate.

She had it announced on the following radio stations; CJFX Antigonish, CIGO Port Hawkesbury and CKEC.

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Class of 1936



Class of '46



Class of '56



Class of '66



Class of '76



Class of '86



Other Years



One-Room School Teachers



2006-7 Executive

She attended the Antigonish Retired Teachers dinner in the spring and planned to make an announcement, but they already had the information on their agenda.

INVERNESS-RICHMOND:

Anne Marie LeBlanc reported that she advertised the reunion in Church bulletins, the Inverness branch of the RTO annual meeting, the Inverness Oran Newspaper, CHET-TV, CKJM Radio Cheticamp, three Co-ops, four Credit Unions, two pharmacies, three Post offices, phone calls, and personal contacts.

She also reported that Elaine Burke made the following contacts in Richmond County, via the Church bulletins, CIGO Radio Station, both community TV channels, and the Reporter Newspaper. She thanked Elaine for all her help.

NORTHSIDE-VICTORIA-CAPE BRETON:

Rosella MacDonald gave the following report:

The Cape Breton Area RTO Groups Sydney, Glace Bay, New Waterford and Cape Breton County, were all notified of the NSTC Alumni Reunion.

As well notices concerning the reunion were distributed to Northside Victoria RTO Members.

RTO held its Annual meeting in North Sydney and everyone received notice of the 2006 NSTC Reunion.

All active teachers in Cape Breton Victoria were notified concerning the 2006 Reunion through notices distributed by the School Board Central Office. This information was to be placed on the bulletin board in the Teachers' Room.

All former graduates were encouraged to become members of the Alumni Association, and to make an effort to attend the Reunion, especially when it was a year for their class. Registration forms for the reunion were distributed.

Information concerning the reunion was sent to the TV Cable Companies for broadcast on the Notice Board and Community Events.

Saturday, June 17, 24 and July 8, Lost and Found Section of the Halifax Herald, carried the information about the reunion.

At each RTO meeting there was an opportunity on the agenda to share information about the NSTC Alumni Association and as well for retirees to ask questions.

SHELBURNE-QUEENS:

No report.

OUT-OF-PROVINCE-ATLANTIC:

David Pottie read the report for Bernice McLean. Bernice reported that she put a notice concerning the Annual NSTC Reunion in the Nfld, PEI and NB weekly and daily English speaking newspapers.

In Nfld they were the following: The Western Star-Cornerbrook, The Georgian-Bay St. George, The Compass-Bay Roberts, The Packet-Clareville, The Beacon-Gander, The Advertiser-Grand Falls-Windsor, The Coaster-Harbour Breton, The Pilot-Lewisporte, The Southern Gazette-Marystown, The Shoreline News-Paradise, The Charter-Placentia, The Labradorian-Happy Valley-Goose Bay, The Aurora-Labrado City and The Evening Telegram-St.John's.

In PEI the Newspapers were The Guadian & The Buzz.

In NB, she put the notice in The Northern Light-Bathurst, The Tribune- Campbellton, The Daily Gleaner-Fredericton, The Hampton Herald/The River Valley Viewer/The Sussex Herald, The/La Cataracte-Grand Falls and Journal Dieppe Journal-Dieppe.

She said she would be thinking of everyone during the weekend.

OUT-OF-PROVINCE-QUEBEC/ONTARIO:

No report.

OUT-OF-PROVINCE-WEST:

No report.

Moved by Eric Bent seconded by Don Willett to accept these reports as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Sue Kent reported that she recorded and wrote up the minutes of the Executive and Full Council Meetings for the year 2005-2006, except the Executive Meeting on Oct.6,2005. She thanked Robert Jordan for recording and writing up the minutes of that meeting for her. She also thanked Robert Jordan for circulating the minutes of the meetings, and for all the work he does preparing for the reunion, as well as the work he does all year. She also thanked the rest of the executive for the work they do.

It was moved by Sue Kent and seconded by Catherine MacNeil to accept the secretary's report as presented. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

David Pottie said his report was printed in the Newsletter therefore he did not read it.

It was moved by David Pottie and seconded by Bill Whalen to accept the president's report as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Minna Halloran to appoint Leonard Embree as auditor for the year 2006-2007. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Eric Bent conducted the election of officers. Therresults are as follows:

President - David Pottie '61

Vice President -Helen MacDonald '61

Kings-Annapolis --- Al Johnson

Halifax-Regional-Municipality --- Donald Willett '55

Cumberland-Colchester-East Hants--- Nancy Lou Austin '55

Northside Victoria-Cape Breton--- Rosella MacDonald '53

Digby-Clare-Argyle-Yarmouth--- Larry Fitzgerald '79

Shelburne-Queens--- Margaret Dawe '58

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Pottie announced that there would be a Full Council Meeting following the Annual Meeting.

Robert Jordan announced that:-

Class pictures will be taken on the steps of the gym.

Lunch will be served in the cafeteria 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

The banquet will be in the cafeteria. Doors will be open by 6:00 pm. The banquet will begin at 6:30 pm.

Church will be at St. James Presbyterian Church on Prince St. at 10:30 am.

The 2007 reunion will be held the 3rd weekend of August.

Robert Jordan moved the meeting adjourn at 10:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue M. Kent (Secretary)

Alistair MacLeod: Teacher

By Murray Baillie*

When the members of the Alumni Association of the Nova Scotia Teachers' College gathered for their annual reunion on August 18, 2006, they had the opportunity to hear a great Canadian fiction writer, Alistair MacLeod, speak at the official opening.

A balding individual, he has a paunch as many older men do these days. As he spoke, he held the rapt attention of the audience who had been trained as teachers during different periods of the twentieth century.

What is probably little known is that this winner of literary awards graduated from the Nova Scotia Normal College in 1955.

After graduation from high school in Port Hood, he worked as a milkman in Edmonton before coming to Normal College. He had recently received a promotion and was told by his employer that he was making a mistake in furthering his education in this way.

When he was a student at Normal College, Dr. J. P. McCarthy was principal. This was the JP whom we all knew and loved. A touch of sarcasm here!

Other teachers whom he recalled were L. E. A. Fraser, Weyman Perry, Clifford Dunphy and Nancy Bowden. All courses emphasized the classroom teaching of the subjects.

Like other students, he boarded in College approved accommodations. Students could not change their residence without the Principal's approval. Dr. MacLeod pointed out that this was a two way street; the landlords or landladies also had to keep Dr. McCarthy's approval for their rooming houses so as to stay on the list and safeguard future income.

Because of the distance to Port Hood, Alistair MacLeod was permitted to do his provincial practice teaching in Truro. For a lesson on fractions, he took a chocolate bar that came divided in small equal squares. The bar was placed in the inside pocket of his suit, ready to be taken out in class to impress the students and teacher as well as the supervisor of practice teaching.

When he removed the bar from his pocket, body heat had contributed to the melting of the chocolate into one piece. As a result, the blackboard had to be his teaching aid.

The classroom teacher was Phyllis Maybee who was later to join the faculty of the Norma College.

The first teaching job was on an island off Inverness County with a slight increase in the usual salary paid throughout the province.

Those of us who taught after graduating from Normal College know that money was not an attraction to teaching. As Eleanor (Tucker) Norrie said to me a few years ago, "You worked your butt off for little money."

On graduating from Normal College, Dr. MacLeod received a bursary for university study. He used this at Saint Francis Xavier University to help with expenses there. He received a B.A. and B.Ed. there in 1960 and went on to the University of New Brunswick where he received a M.A. in 1961.

From there, Dr. MacLeod came to teach at the Teachers' College, the new name for the historic institution that provided teacher education in Nova Scotia. He taught English courses which would go towards higher licences for new teachers and, it was hoped, would be accepted for credit at other universities. Maritime universities were so suspicious of the quality of the education offered in academic subjects that even copies of the exams had to be submitted as part of the process of evaluation.

For the first time in Nova Scotia history, two years of study after high school were required before beginning a teaching career. Dr. MacLeod sees this as an advantage; a young person could begin his or her professional career with an income but with the option of improving qualifications as affordable. This is quite different than the six year period of study that is required today to become a teacher with usually a heavy debt load at the end.

After several years teaching in Truro at the College, he left a good salary to study English in the United States on a fellowship that provided limited funds. The time there resulted in a Ph. D. being awarded by the University of Notre Dame in 1968.

Dr. MacLeod ended his talk by reading excerpts from "The Boat", a short story published in 1968. The audience showed their appreciation with a standing ovation. Some had the foresight to bring one of his books for autographing.

It was a great opportunity to hear about the Normal College and Teachers' College of the 1950s and 1960s from this man who spent time there as both student and teacher. This is a part of his biography that may not be covered in depth elsewhere.

*Murray Baillie lives in Miramichi, New Brunswick. He graduated from the Nova Scotia Normal College in 1961. A thank you to Helen MacDonald for help with the practice teaching information.

Reunion 2006 Attendance

Class of '30

Mary Agnes (MacDonald) MacLellan

Class of '36

C. Laurretta (Graham) Barteaux

Margaret (Davison) MacPherson

Class of '40

Helen (Mingo) MacKenzie

Class of '42

Lorna (Burrell) Blades

Marjorie Jean (Pierce) Dowe

Class of '42/43

J. Leonard Embree

Class of '43

Jean (Sinnis) Fraser

Class of '44

Helen (Roulston) Miller

Class of '46

Barbara (Starratt) Hood

Norma (Buchanan) Hood

Gerald Langille

Margaret (MacKay) MacRae

Alice (Stewart) Magee

M. Pearl (Newcombe) McCabe

M. Gaile (Swim) Pitman

Anna (Fraser) Sutherland

Class of '47

Alex Bannerman

A. Elizabeth (Gourley) Thompson

Class of '47/48

Roy Rideout

Class of '49

Marion Frances (MacDonald) Carney

Russell Dowe

Phyllis Leadbeater

Helen (Luddington) Sangster

Ella Jean (Skidmore) Shaw

Class of '50

Georgena (Stewart) Cameron

G. Audrey Cornell

Class of '51

Elsie (Roulston) Bond

Malcolm Bradshaw

Class of '53

Rosella (Hunley) MacDonald

Class of '54

Loretta (Nickerson) Ilse

Class of '55

Nancy Lou (Cox) Austin

Eric Bent

Joan (Wiseman) Bent

Maxine (Pynch) Bezanson

Beverly Anne (Camp) Boon

Marilyn (Forbes) Burns

Patricia (Bigsby) Caudle

E. Jean (Marsh) Fisher

Donald Hollett

Jacqueline (Fownes) MacDonald

Martha (MacPhee) MacLaughlin

Daniel MacLean

M. Ray Nicholson

Howard Spence

Cecilia (Comeau) Waller

Donald G. Willett

Class of '56

June (Clarke) Adcock

Lucille (Comeau) Amirault

Margaret Jean (Baxter) Ballantyne

M. Idella (Boudreau) Boudreau

Shirley (Ford) Bradshaw

Annie Mae (Hill) Carroll

Doris Covert

Carol (Buchanan) Fraser

Ethel Mae (Fisher) Gilbert

Shirley (Shaw) Halliday

Minna (Millar) Halloran

Margaret (Gorman) Hennigar

Rosaline LeBlanc

Leona (Gallant) MacDonald

Donald MacIntyre

Ronald V. MacKay

Katherine (Sutherland) MacNeil

Sally Mombourquette

Lois (Fox) Nessel

Letitia (Heron) Putnam

Dora (Dobson) Vaughan

William Whalen

Shirley (Langille) White

Class of '58

Harold Barkhouse

Class of '59

Sue M. (MacKay) Kent

Class of '60

Rosemary (MacEachern) Barrett

Dorothy (Johnson) Bohez

M. Yvonne (Rushton) Fox

Thora Jean (DeWolfe) Hasiuk

Lena (Johnson) Johnson

Anne Marie (LeBlanc) LeBlanc

Koreen (Oickle) Whalen

Class of '61

Murray Baillie

Helen (MacCormick) MacDonald

David Pottie

Paul Sulis

Robert Thomson

Class of '65

Dorinda (Squires) McCully

Class of '66

Carol (Dillman) Ambrose

Mary (MacInnis) Armsworthy

Bridget (Costigan) Bartlett

Allan Burke

Jeanne (English) Burke

Joan (Sutherland) Callaghan

Trisha (MacKinnon) Coady

Anne J. (MacIntyre) Digout

Ethel (Cameron) Fulton

Jane (Sasco) Leslie

Laura P. (Matheson) MacKinnon

Mike N. MacNeil

Carolyn (Lightfoot) Marcotte

Margaret (Clark) Moody

Rose Marie (Lloyd) Moore

Shirley (Gilby) Nicholl

Judy Patten

Annette (Gallant) Petrie

Diana (Williams) Rossiter

Nancy Leigh (Mitton) Sulis

Sharon Taylor

Elaine (Saulnier) Thimot

Patricia (Leighton) Whidden

Marilyn Woods-Cameron

Class of '67

Lorna (Banks) MacNeil

Class of '70

Robert (Bob) Jordan

Class of '74

Diane Patten

Class of '76

Donna Lynn (Gow) Burke

Carolyn (Redden) Crosby

Pam (Beazley) Ells

Lana (O'Hearn) Huntley

Debra (Burrell) Lush

Catherine (McDow) MacIntosh

Anne (West) MacKenzie

Robert Nogler

Marie (Shebib) Penny

Ronald Porter

Susan (Weir) Serieys

Class of '77

Heather (MacDonald) Campbell-Bras-sard

Margaret (MacDonald) Green

Miriam (Hood) Jabalee

Deborah (Romo) Oickle

Class of '85

Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall

Class of '86

Mary Anne (Beaver) Bailey

Shelley (Johnston) Bannanford

Elizabeth (MacDonald) MacNeil

Jeanne (Fletcher Newcombe

Owen Parker

Kristie Woodworth

Faculty

Neil Fisher

Carl Tompkins

No Class

Brad Barton

Alfreda Budgey

E. Blair Embree

Carolyn Gosse

Gordon Kent

Reunion 2006 Summary

Attendance:

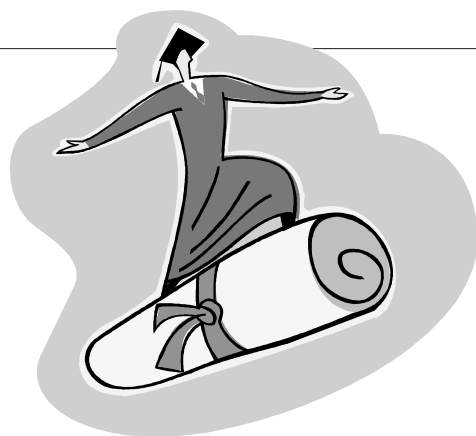
Class of '96	- 0
Class of '86	- 6
Class of '76	- 11
Class of '66	- 24
Class of '56	- 23
Class of '46	- 8
Class of '36	- 2
Under '46	- 7
Other Years	-67

Farthest Traveled:

Gerald Langille '46
Saanichton, BC

Oldest Graduate Attending:

Mary Agnes MacLellan '30
Antigonish, NS



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Sue Kent

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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES FOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NSTC

The following offices will become vacant this year and nominations for these offices will be accepted from Alumni Members up to and including the Annual Meeting held in Truro on August 18, 2007 (term of office is two years):

Office:

Secretary
Treasurer

Area Representatives for:

Shelburne- Queens
Lunenburg- Hants West
Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough
Inverness-Richmond
Out-of-Province (Atlantic, Quebec-Ontario, West)

Written nominations may be mailed to: (Please use the form on back page)

Nomination Committee
Alumni Association of NSTC
P.O. Box 1252
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NOMINATION FORM

I hereby nominate _____ of the Class of _____

for the: Area Representative for _____

or Office of _____ for the term of office 2007-2009.

Signed: _____ Class _____

Name: _____

Date _____

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If you wish to renew your membership or change the recorded information please complete the enclosed form and return it to us.

CLASS NOTES

Mildred Levy Class B '39

... I am sorry that I shall be unable, at age ninety-five, to attend the annual reunion next month as I have always enjoyed it. My sister Lucy (Illsley) Harris '38 always attended too. She passed away in 2004. My other sister Hilda (Illsley) Sanford did not attend P.N.C. but attended summer school there.

Janet M. Probert '48

... I continue my interest in NSTC and hope to attend our year ending in '8'. Good luck in all your endeavours. Sorry to read of Alison Danton's passing. I remember him so well.

Emma Parker '53

I am unable to attend the annual reunion this year as I am committed to other plans. ... Wishing all those who attend this year a happy time.

Eva Landry '55

I regret that I will be unable to attend this year's reunion because of a scheduling conflict. My very best wishes for another successful reunion

Stan MacDonald '60

Is looking for a 1960 yearbook to replace the one he lost. Anyone knowing of a free one can contact Bob Jordan.

Notice of Motion

Robert Jordan brought forth a Notice of Motion to make the following change to By-Law- 8C. Omit "host and hostess" and add "to special speaker, auditor, and web master."

This will be brought up and voted on at the 2006 reunion.