

Science Connections

The Faculty of Science Alumni Newsletter

Words from your Alumni Service Officers!

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Summer's finally here after what can only be described as a very busy spring. From Graduation Balls to UW's 92nd Convocation, to an amazing couple of alumni events out West, we've finally settled in to the groove of a traditionally hot and humid Waterloo summer.

You remember those summers, don't you? Studying in the upper floors of the air-conditioned Dana Porter library, hanging out by the volleyball courts behind the Bomber or swigging beer with your friends at the local bar? Rest assured, an active student life is still going strong on campus.

In keeping with the theme of graduating, we would like to congratulate our newest alumni, the Class of 2006! In this edition, we've included some interesting stats on what

this class is doing. So, newbies, please stay in touch and let us know what you're up to. For the rest of you, thanks for all your wonderful comments regarding the last issue. We had a lot of interesting submissions and some hilarious stories. Keep them coming!

Finally, Sharon wants to thank all the alumni who came out in Vancouver and Victoria last month. We don't get out that way very often, and were pleased with the turnout we had. It was also nice to put a face to the updates that come our way! We're always blown away by how wonderful science alumni are.



Science Alumni Services Officers Bonnie Fretz and Sharon McFarlane along with Stephen Woods (Science Undergraduate Office) pose for the camera during the Grad Ball which took place March 18, 2006 (look at the grip Sharon has on that tie!)

*Wishing you a fun and safe summer season,
~ Sharon & Bonnie*

Alumni Spotlight: Commander Paul Leblanc, B.Sc.

Paul graduated from the University of Waterloo in 1972 with a BSc. degree. Currently, he works in Victoria, British Columbia as the Queen's Harbour Master for the naval base in Esquimalt Harbour. Sharon met Paul and his wife Louise during the Victoria after-work reception last month.

Q: Why did you choose to go into the Navy upon graduation?

Paul: I was in my final year at UW and the Canadian Armed Forces ran a recruiting ad in the student newspaper. I went down to the Recruiting Station in Kitchener, and before I knew it I was in the Navy and have been ever since.

Q: What were the early years like?

Paul: Well, overall since I joined up it's been an

interesting experience. I've spent 18 years of my career onboard ship doing every position from junior watchkeeping officer to commanding officer. I've had the good fortune to visit most parts of the world that are accessible by water and worked with some excellent people, both Canadians and allies. On various shore based assignments I've enjoyed tours of



Commander Paul Leblanc
(B.Sc., 1972)

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ON THE WEB! CHECK IT OUT!



We have revamped our Science Alumni Website with a new look and historic feel.

You'll find alumni news items, pictures, convocation photos, reunion information and, of course, links to our past e-newsletters! Same address, new stuff!

www.science.uwaterloo.ca/alumni/

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duty in Newfoundland, England, Nova Scotia, Ontario and British Columbia.

Q: Tell us about your daily job duties and responsibilities.

Paul: In my current position I'm responsible for Esquimalt Harbour, a small harbour in the western part of Victoria where our Pacific Fleet is located. Most of my duties relate to the naval facilities such as management of the jetties, tugs, environmental response and so on but I also oversee some non-military activities as well. The harbour has a commercial shipyard, two first nation reserves, a marina, national park and many beautiful private homes with docks. Other parts of my military responsibilities include security and emergency response for Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt and to oversee a Fire Department, a Military Police Detachment, a marine patrol force, some weapons training areas and a few associated specialties such as the Imaging Section and a Nuclear Emergency Response Organization that closes up when nuclear propelled vessels visit us.

Q: Any interesting moments you'd like to share?

Paul: I guess the most interesting mission I've participated in was the UN mission to Yugoslavia in the early 1990's. My ship at the time, the HMCS Algonquin, was leading the naval task group that was enforcing a UN resolution to prohibit the importation of war materials and petroleum to Serbia and Montenegro. Our patrol area was the Adriatic Sea and our group was comprised of 21 ships from various NATO and European Union Nations. We boarded and inspected hundreds of vessels inbound to various ports in the Adriatic and actually did find and arrest some with prohibited cargo.

Q: What has being in the navy taught

you?

Paul: If you allow me to be philosophical for a moment, there are two things that I have observed in my 34 years in uniform that I'd like to emphasize. First, there are some very wonderful people serving Canada in uniform from all parts of the nation. Some of our brightest, most dedicated and patriotic people are with the Navy, Army and Air Force. It is truly a unifying national institution with people from



Paul Leblanc with wife, Louise, photo courtesy of Pat Polan, Alumni Affairs.

every corner of Canada. Secondly, I have been to many parts of the world ranging from modern industrial countries to so-called third world countries and have found nowhere as safe, tolerant, rich and beautiful as Canada.

Q: Did your UW degree prepare you for the Navy life?

Paul: This is not a simple question. First of all, an officer in the Canadian Forces requires a university degree, in fact many senior officers have Masters degrees. The ability to analyse problems and develop options, express yourself in a convincing fashion both verbally and in writing, do research and above all else work as a team are all skills that I was first exposed to as an undergraduate student. Some of the technical stuff- astronomy, electronics, nuclear physics, optics-also came in handy on various courses that I undertook with the Navy. However I would not say that an Arts student would be at a disadvantage as a military officer. I had to

catch up on quite a bit of history, philosophy and psychology to get through various leadership courses during my career.

Q: What are some of your fond UW memories?

Paul: I have to confess that I spent too much time in the Campus Centre. I learned to play bridge at UW and I was also President of the Chess Club for a couple of years. We competed in the North American Intercollegiate each year and always finished in the top ten. There was a cultural revolution underway during my years at UW-the 1960's. Sex, drugs and rock n'roll they called it. I was a pretty innocent country boy from small town Ontario at the time and was more of an observer than a participant in this revolution but it sure made the campus an interesting place!

Q: And outside of work?

Paul: I've been married for 29 years to Louise, a nurse. We met during a tour of duty in Halifax. She is from Montreal but of Scottish descent. Her father was a veteran of World War I and fought at Vimy Ridge. He shared some fascinating first-hand accounts with me while he was alive.

Q: Any hobbies?

Paul: I still play chess. In fact, I get back to Kitchener-Waterloo occasionally for the Oktoberfest Chess Tournament. I also represented Canada at the military team championships in Europe from 2002-2005.

Q: What's next for you?

Paul: Well, next year I will be retiring and we have decided to remain here in Victoria as we love the climate and have made many friends here during our current tour of duty. ■

Manitoulin Rocks! Or so they say...

Tourists experiencing the breathtaking beauty of Manitoulin Island can now learn a little bit more about the natural wonders around them. Thanks to the efforts of UW Science professors Mario Coniglio, Paul Karrow and Earth Sciences Museum curator Peter Russell, laypeople now have an insiders guide to the rocks around them. *Manitoulin Rocks!* is part textbook and part guidebook, bringing out the natural wonders of the island and providing readers with both a history of the land through geology and factual information about the rocks and minerals found there.

Peter Russell explains that the field-guide portion of the book has 50 stops built in to make a two-day excursion of the island possible. And, keeping with true UW spirit, each stop on the trek comes with



Mario Coniglio (left), Paul Karrow (right) and Peter Russell are the authors of a new book called *Manitoulin Rocks!* Photo Credit: Philip Walker, Record Staff.

latitude and longitudinal coordinates for use with global positioning systems.

Manitoulin Rocks! has become a certified hit with travellers to the area; over 2200 copies have already been printed and sent to Chapters, Words Worth Books, UW's bookstore and the Earth Sciences Museum. Of course, the books are also sold all around the island and are touted as a 'must have' for the exploration jet-set.

Manitoulin Rocks! can be ordered directly from the publishers on-line at the GAC bookstore (<http://www.gac.ca/bookstore/>) with a credit card; or directly through the UW's Earth Sciences Museum. The cost is \$25 (plus GST). Shipping charges will apply to ordered books, \$30 including shipping in Canada. Cheques only.

Faculty and Staff News

Passings:

It saddens us to report that favourite science professor, Bill Inness passed away peacefully on May 16, 2006 in his 71st year. A microbiology professor, **Dr. Inness** had retired to Little Pike Bay on the Bruce Peninsula where he enjoyed a myriad of activities including golf, curling and boating. Bill will be missed by many people, including his beloved wife, Sheila, two children and six grandchildren.



The Faculty also mourns the loss of **William Lyle**, a long time faculty member of the School of Optometry, who died March 17, 2006. Professor Lyle had been with the College of Optometry of Ontario, based in Toronto, before it moved to become the UW Optometry school in 1967. He had been retired since 1982.



Recent Retirees:

The Faculty of Science wishes the following individuals a happy and long retirement from UW life. You've earned it!

- **Philip Howarth**, Professor Earth Sciences
- **John Vanderkooy**, Professor Physics
- **George Woo**, Professor, Optometry

Awards:

Congratulations to Owen Ward, biology professor and current director of the Science and Business program, who is the winner of this year's Distinguished Teacher Award. Ward is known as "absolutely inspirational" by his students. His lectures are animated and enjoyable and are "even worth getting up for at 8:30 a.m." The obvious respect he has for his students and his humility make him a wonderful role model for them.

Our first Science Connections profile, **Dr. Robert Myers**, has been elected fellow to the Royal Society of Canada. Myers, a theoretical physicist specializing in



string theory, is a UW physics professor and researcher at Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics.

New Faces, New Names:

Rosie Triebner, B.A., CFRE, has joined the Faculty of Science as our new Development Officer. In her role she will be working closely with Andrea Carthew to build research partnerships and raise awareness and funds for the Faculty. Rosie comes to us with experience in alumni programs, outreach and fundraising while with the University of Western Ontario, and a science background from her most recent position as Development Officer with Roberts Research Institute in London. And best of all? Rosie is a huge fan of Rock Star Supernova!



Congratulations to biology's **Sue Lehman** - now **Sue Whyte** - as she married long-time boyfriend Darryl on July 1st, 2006. A perfect day despite dropping their four-tiered heart-shaped wedding cake!

Classmate Update

2005

Jane Allin (Honours Science) recently received the James D. Leslie Prize for academic excellence upon graduating from UW's Distance Education program. She was just featured in the February, 2006 edition of Connections, UW's Distance Education Newsletter.

Katherine Buckley (BSc. Biology) had a change of plans after convocation and ended up going to Trent University to pursue a Nursing career. She's doing well and when not studying how to keep patients happy and healthy, she's making sure she has a great time!

Ying Hua (BSc. Biotech/economics) decided to pursue the econ side of his degree and work full time at Manulife Financial. He's a corporate account representative in the US retirement division.

Kevin Macneil (BSc. Biology) recently found a job sleeping. Hold on... no, sorry, he's working in the Kitchener Waterloo Sleep Lab. He's a polysomnographic technician, actually, and plans on working there for several years.

Sharon and Bonnie say, "Betcha can't say 'polysomnographic technician' three times quickly without falling asleep!"

2004

Here comes the groom! **Kristopher Matthews**



(BSc. Biotechnology/biochemistry) said his "I do's" with Krista Roth on May 29th, 2004. Kris works with

Proctor & Gamble as a quality assurance technician. Currently the newlyweds live near Tavistock. E-Mail: Matthews.k.1@pg.com

Shortly after graduation, **Eric Nicholson** (BSc. Biology) travelled to Indonesia (Sumatra) to volunteer for 6 months with the Orangutan Health Project. Eric studied the self-medicating behaviour

of this rapidly declining population of orangutan. Currently he is studying environmental change in the coastal wetlands near Adelaide, South Australia as a PhD candidate in Environmental Biology. *Sharon & Bonnie say, "And I thought I worked with monkeys" (see front page).*

1998

Timothy Campbell (BSc. Biology) is currently working at the Centre for Forensic Sciences and three years ago also got married! The newlyweds spend plenty of time riding their own motorcycles around Ajax, Ontario.

Sharon & Bonnie say, "His n' Hers motorcycles! Great concept!"

1997

Julie E. Czerneda (BSc. Biology), a former UW biology staff member, proudly announces that the much-anticipated final novel of



her Species Imperative Trilogy, **REGENERATION**, has just been released by DAW Books. In addition to this novel, Julie has also released, with

co-editor Genevieve Kierans, an anthology based on Canadian lyrics and legends, called MYTHSPRING, which features two other UW alumni, James Alan Gardner and Derwin Mak.

Visit: www.czerneda.com

1996

Dr. Raymond Belanger (PhD. Chemical physics) has recently been appointed chief scientist at Thermal Energy International. He will head up the development of the company's technology for reducing NOx emissions from coal-fired power stations and other industrial sources.

1993

Catherine Cardy (B.Sc. Chemistry) has been

nominated for the 2006-2007 CIC Board of Directors. She is currently an Environmental Group leader with Imperial Oil's Environmental, Health and Safety Group. She has been very active in National Chemistry Week and has been nominated to sit on the Canadian Technology Accreditation Board to represent technology programs.

Jawad Minhas (BSc., OD) has been busy! He has been travelling around the world with Lions Club International and Gift of Sight International bringing eye care and free glasses to underprivileged people. For his work, he's won the Zafar Sultan Memorial Trust Award, The Horizon Club Award and a Certificate for Recognition for Humanitarianism from the Ontario government. Not one to be idle, Jawad has also redesigned his examination technology, which focuses on eliminating a patient's dependency on corrective lenses. For his efforts, he won the DELL/RBC Small Business Excellence Award in 2005. Visit: www.mjminhas.com

1992

Mary Young (BSc. Physics) recently performed with the Strings of St. John's Chamber Orchestra in presenting John Rutter's popular "Requiem" in Kanata, Ontario. She is a founding member of the Orchestra and is an accomplished viola player. She resides in Stittsville and works in the semiconductor component industry. Mary is married to Mark and has three sons, Connor, Spenser and Devin. Visit www.stringsofstjohns.ca *Sharon & Bonnie say, "This is the new string theory."*

Dawn Thorner (nee Olsen; BSc. Biology) and husband David are getting less sleep these days with the arrival of their son, Trey Olson Thorner, on December 6, 2005, in London, Ontario. Dawn works as a human resources



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generalist at a division of Magna International.

1990

"I'm not lost!" says **Kim Diep** (BSc. Biochemistry), who found her name among the chemistry and biochemistry 'lost alumni' list in the class reunion section of our website. In fact, she's now considered found and wishes everyone a belated Happy Canada Day from the University of Central Florida.

1986



Ring in your ears? **Thomas Henderson** (BSc. Physics) knows all about that. In fact, he hears it daily from his trombone and the rest of his professional quintet known as Brass

Rings. Thomas has performed across Canada and the U.S. with the quintet after performing with the K-W Symphony, the Hamilton Philharmonic and the Thunder Bay Symphony. Visit: www.brass-rings.com

1984

Scott "Sport" Leedham (BSc. Earth Sciences) is now a science teacher at Pauline Johnson Collegiate in Brantford, Ontario. He has fond memories of Dr. Paul Karrow, especially the month spent in the woods trekking after him.

Sharon and Bonnie wonder, "Do students call him Mr. Sport, as in "Excuse me, Mr. Sport, how do I dissect a cat?"

1981

Ted Fransen (BSc. Biology) recently became the assistant superintendent in Pembina Trails School Division located in southwest Winnipeg. He has also been elected vice-president of the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents. E-mail: tfransen@mts.net

John Walker (BSc. Chemistry) is currently living in Hamilton, Ontario and is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Business at Brock University. John's latest hobbies include travelling the world and scuba diving.

1979

John MacLean (BSc. Chemistry) has founded Toronto based Northspec Chemicals Corp in 2001. The company supplies specialized raw materials to the coatings, graphic arts, construction, floor care, composites, adhesives and related industries. Helping to keep things running smoothly is his wife, **Karen MacLean** (nee Yendt; BSc Biology 1980) who is the website designer and customer service representative. And if the MacLeans weren't productive enough, they've also managed to supply us with another future UW science alumni; their daughter Teresa who is in her 3rd year of co-op biochemistry at UW! Visit: www.northspec.com

Sharon & Bonnie say: "Wow... they're replenishing our stock!"

1974

Dave Seagram (BSc. Chemistry) has retired from Proctor and Gamble after 28 fun-filled years. While enjoying retirement in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dave now manages and plays in a Bluegrass band.

Dr. Alan Hoffman (BSc. Biology 1972, M.Sc. Biology 1974) is the Senior Consultant Physician in Chest Medicine and Critical Care for the Department of Medicine at the Queen Margaret Hospital in Scotland.

1973



The Faculty of Science at UW is proud to have **Bonnie Quanbury-Duern** (BSc. Science) as its representative on the Alumni Council since 2003. Bonnie lives in

Ottawa where she is the senior vice president at Pall Medical. Despite a busy and fulfilling career managing the operations of the medical and biosciences divisions throughout Canada, Bonnie finds time to relax on Johnson Lake in Quebec enjoying her needlepoint. E-mail: bonnieq@alumni.uwaterloo.ca

1970

Gary Albach (BSc. Physics) has returned to the University of British Columbia to become the first full-time entrepreneur-in-residence at a Canadian university. For two years, he will be involved in technology transfer and help make campus research discoveries (mostly biotech) into new companies. With over five university spin-off companies in Canada to his credit, Gary is well on his way! E-mail: Gary.albach@uilo.ubc.ca



In Memoriam The Faculty of Science extends its most sincere condolences to the family and friends these science alumni.

- **Monika Boadway**, BSc Chemistry '82
- **Lynn Freure**, BSc. Biology & Chemistry '77
- **Raymond C. Howarth**, BSc. Biology & Chemistry '75

Have an idea for the Alumni Spotlight? Have some photos you want to share? Have some exciting news?

Please send us your suggestions for Alumni Spotlights, a photo of you and/or your classmates from your time at Waterloo, or updates.

We will do our best to include them in future issues of Science Connections.

Send all items to:
sci_alum@scimail.uwaterloo.ca

Hot Tips: UW's Extinguished Professor



Andrew Zador, Physics '80 had to laugh when he saw the Blast from the Past section in the last issue of Science Connections. Especially when

he recognized physics professor, Phil Eastman.

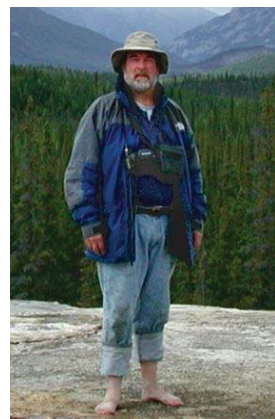
"Unfortunately there is no record of the famous Hot Dips demo," Andrew recalls, "where he [Phil Eastman] used liquid

oxygen instead of liquid nitrogen, and burned down the entire lab bench! He was extinguished by several other physics profs standing by with fire equipment. That is what made Phil the *Extinguished Professor of Physics* we all know."

Blast From The Past

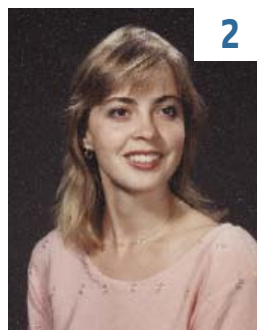
First off, congratulations to **Andrew Zador**, Phys '80 who correctly identified five of 6 pictures from the last issue. Many of you tried, but no-one correctly guessed our #2 picture. So, without further delay, let's identify Mr. Mystery (pictured below).

Drum roll please.....our number 2 picture from last issue is none other than biology professor, John Semple!



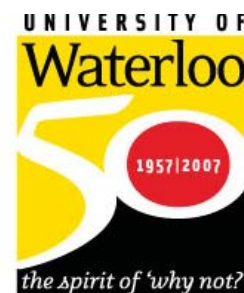
For this issue, there are a couple of faculty & staff photos, and a few of our science students working diligently on some fairly antiquated equipment. See if you can identify anyone or anything. Send answers to sci_alum@sciborg.uwaterloo.ca

Special note from Sharon: Bonnie is on vacation this week, so I specifically chose to add #1 while she was gone :-) Shhhh.....



Psst...guess who's turning the big 5-0?

Yes, it's true! The University of Waterloo will be marking its 50th Anniversary in 2007. Planning for year-round celebrations are well underway and you can expect some fabulous activities to highlight this important historical marker. For up-to-date information on the festivities, visit the official website <http://anniversary.uwaterloo.ca>. The Faculty of Science will also be hosting special events, so stay tuned!



From the E-Mail Bag

On "that guy" at Waterloo

This wonderful story comes to us courtesy of UW alum **Tom Hillard**, Mine Engineer from Tantalum Mining Corporation of Canada Ltd in Manitoba. Thanks to museum curator, Peter Russell, for sending it on to us! Proof positive that you can't go far without touching Waterloo.



"I was just walking past our warehouse yard and observed a large piece of lepidolite being strapped onto a pallet. When I asked about it, I was told it was going to Waterloo. Alan, our warehouse clerk, told me that the guy he spoke to was very excited, so I asked him if it was Peter Russell, and he said, "That was exactly the guy!"

On the web: www.earth.uwaterloo.ca/services/rockgarden/index.html

On DE, fridges and beer...what was *really* going on...

In our previous issue, we had quoted several science professors regarding their experiences with Distance Education. Dr. James (Jim) Leslie was quoted as follows:

"It was often hard to find a quiet place to tape lectures; so many of them were done in our own homes. Some lectures included the sounds of fridge doors and bottle tops opening."

However, in the days following the issue, Dr. Leslie felt that readers might question the significance of his quote. So... to clear things up, he provided another one!

"From the start of the DE program in 1968, it was my aim to make the taped lectures very informal because I felt it would help to break down the distance between the DE professor and the DE student. I told each new professor who was going to prepare a course for the DE program that he/she should imagine that the DE student was in the same room looking over his/her shoulder and that he/she

was speaking directly to that one student. Since the program didn't have the money



for soundproof taping booths, professors prepared the tapes themselves in their own offices or homes. Extraneous noises

(telephones ringing, children calling for their parent to come to supper, etc.) got onto the tapes, but just contributed to the informality. So, I was not surprised when one of our Mathematics professors who was preparing his tapes at home ended a lecture by saying "Well, that's enough Mathematics for now. Will anyone join me for a beer?" Then you hear him sliding back the chair, the sound of his flip flop slippers crossing the floor to the fridge and back, the sound of the bottle being opened and the beer being poured into a glass, and finally him taking a swallow and saying, "That tastes good." Of course any student who joined him had to provide his/her own beer! We didn't think of cutting this off his tape as we thought it helped to show the DE students that their professor was a real person and not just a distant disembodied voice. "

Best Regards,
Jim Leslie

Sharon and Bonnie say, "Thanks Dr. Leslie for your contributions to DE!"

Alumni Events

Upcoming Events:

Tennis Canada's 2006 Rogers Cup (Toronto): Thursday August 10, 2006

Andy Roddick, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer join a star-studded cast of Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tour players that will light up the world-class Rexall Centre, August 5-13, 2006, in Toronto. As a University of Waterloo alumnus, you will receive a 30% discount on Prime Silver lower bowl seats for any session of tennis. For more information, <http://alumni.uwaterloo.ca/alumni/events/canada/on.html#toronto>

"Knocking Down Silos" (KDS): Tuesday, October 3rd, 2006 at 6:30 pm

University of Waterloo will host one of the largest networking events in Ontario. Guest speaker, **Dave Howlett**, provides an interactive seminar where you get to find out the #1 principle that knocks down a silo and builds a bridge and helps you learn the 5 Elements of WOMBAT™ (Word of Mouth Beats All Techniques). The event will be held at Fed Hall, at the University of Waterloo. Please register at <http://www.sbsa.uwaterloo.ca/kds> by September 28th, 2006. Friends of UW alumni welcome!

Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biology & Chemistry Reunion: September 30, 2006

A growing list of activities are being planned for Saturday, including the infamous Chemistry Magic Show, lab tours of our cutting-edge research, a scavenger hunt, and lots of time to reunite and reminisce. As an added bonus, on Friday night **Dr. Arthur J. Carty**, former Professor



of Chemistry, Chair of the Chemistry Department and Dean of Research will be giving a lecture. For anyone remaining on Sunday, a brunch and softball challenge is also in the works. Word has it that the **Class of '80 and '81** has recruited the best team EVER and is "this close" to world domination.

A special note to the Chemistry and Biochemistry Class of '80 and '81: **Brett Kyle** has some amazing activities planned for the weekend. If you haven't heard, or need more details, give him a shout! Brett can be reached by e-mail at: prodesign@sympatico.ca

Homecoming: September 30, 2006

For the rest of you science alum, the call of Homecoming is in the air! UW has tweaked the Homecoming structure, providing more family-friendly events (we hear that **Blue from Blue's Clues** is making an entrance) and varying sporting events. With an earlier start (no snow!) in September, the new Homecoming will have a lot more interest for a wider range of alumni. For details visit, <http://homecoming.uwaterloo.ca/>

STAO Wine & Cheese, November 17, 2006

Once again, all teachers or alumni in the education business are welcome to attend our annual wine & cheese reception during the Science Teachers' Association of Ontario conference. Registration for the conference is NOT required to attend this event. Many of you know **Dr. Lewis Brubacher**, a favourite UW Biochemistry professor and long-time editor of Chem13 News. Dr. Brubacher will be handing over the editorial reigns to newly hired UW alumna, **Jean Hein** (Chem Co-op '91). Lew and Jean will be presenting at the conference on Friday afternoon and at the reception afterwards. Plan on attending to wish Lew the best and welcome Jean aboard as she tries to fill some pretty big shoes.

Place: Orchid Café, Double Tree International Plaza Hotel, Toronto
Time: 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Recent Events:

Earth Sciences Curling Bonspiel

Back on March 5th, many teams comprised of earth sciences alumni participated in the HopeSpring Cancer Support Centre fundraiser. Alumna **Chris Hanton-Fong** announced that the teams raised more than \$9000 for the cause. Next year, is the big 10th anniversary for the event and Chris would like to see many more alumni take part. Keep watching for details! cjhanton@sciborg.uwaterloo.ca

Vancouver Reception

Despite a broken foot, Sharon made it out to see some of our finest Vancouver



Sharon (right) along with Biochemistry alum Lisa Corbett in Vancouver.

alumni at the Pacific Palisades hotel. While there she heard science alumni **Dr. John Hepburn** give a charming and insightful talk on research in Canada. Glad you liked the science alumni mugs... many other faculties were trying to get their hands on the goods and I had to beat off the Mathies with my crutches. Too bad **Mike Bluhm** from the UBC was sick. I had to give his mug away...

Victoria Reception

Sharon had never been to Victoria before. Wow! What a cool little place to visit. Thanks to all of you who made it to the Canoe Pub for a great event. Even though Victoria is small, proportionally speaking, we had a huge turnout of alumni. It was a great meeting all of you and hopefully I'll be back there soon!

Congratulations Class of 2006!



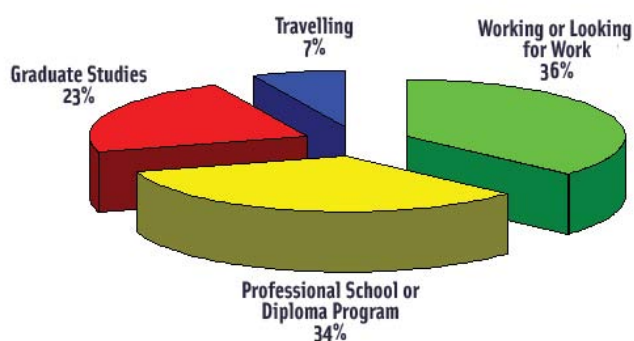
On June 14, 2006, the Faculty of Science proudly watched 468 students convocate with a Bachelor of Science degree, 62 with a Doctor of Optometry degree, 34 with a Masters of Science degree and 25 with a Doctor of Philosophy degree. This was UW's 92nd convocation ceremony.

Congratulations to **Valerie Athaide**, this year's winner of the prestigious Alumni Gold Medal Award. Valerie, who now attends medical school, is shown here with UW science alumnus and biology instructor, Norman Scott.

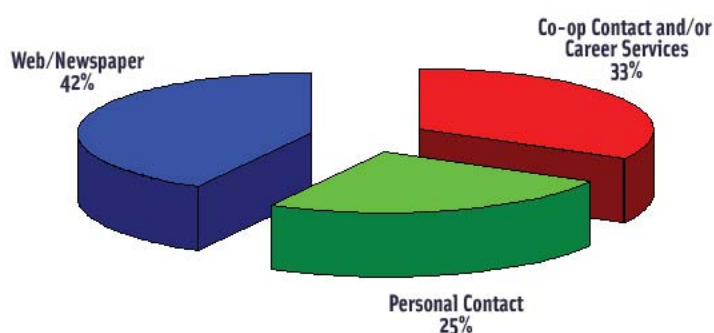
Where are they now?

For the past three years, we've been collecting 'destination' statistics on our graduating science students, asking them where they're going and what they're doing. Here's the Class of 2006 breakdown.

What is the Class of 2006 Doing?



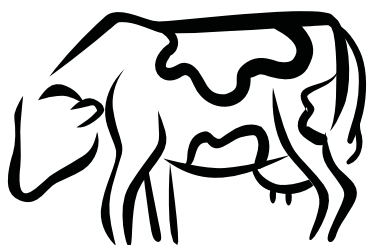
2006 Graduating Class: How They Found Their Jobs



Useless Trivia Corner

Now that the summer patio season is here, you'll need to arm yourself with some seriously useless trivia. Great for those awkward moments with people you barely know in the bathroom line-ups too.

To demonstrate your science savvy, feel free to rip one of these:



- Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older
- You can lead a cow upstairs, but not downstairs
- A crocodile can't stick its tongue out
- North Americans eat on average 18 acres of pizza every day
- Human blood travels 96 000 km per day on its journey through the body
- Starfish don't have brains
- A shark can grow a new set of teeth in a week
- Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning. But beware the pips, for they contain cyanide

1987 Lost Alumni

The University has lost touch with the following science alumni. If you know their whereabouts, please tell them to get a hold of us!

Biology

Nancy J. Adams
 Frank J. Armstrong
 Steven F. Barnett
 Anna T. Fiema-Stankiewicz
 Maximilian E. Kennedy
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