

Class of 65 Newsletter

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Editor's Corner/Coin du rédacteur

I hope everyone enjoyed a good summer and are now making plans to either head south or bunker down. We have a few interesting updates and reports for this edition. The Gifting Committee has provided an update on the various Class Gifting initiatives. **Jack Harris** has supplied us with a report on the recent Royal Roads class reunion, and we are pleased to report on another well-deserved recognition for **Jim Carruthers**. But first, the following is the announcement of this year's Teaching Excellence Award (TEA) presentation.

Class of 1965 Teaching Excellence Award Public Lecture - Présentation publique du Prix d'excellence en enseignement de la Promotion 1965

Please mark your calendars: Dr. Nicholas Vlachopoulos of the Department of Civil Engineering, winner of the 2018 Class of 1965 Teaching Excellence Award, will be giving his public lecture at 19h00 on Monday, 29 October 2018 in Currie Hall. The title of the Talk is "Digging Deep into Education" and will be given in English and French with bilingual slides.

Veillez annoter votre agenda: Nicholas Vlachopoulos PhD, du département de Génie civil, gagnant du Prix d'excellence en enseignement de la Promotion de 1965, présentera sa présentation publique le lundi 29 octobre 2018 à 19h00 dans la Salle Currie. La présentation sera en anglais et en français avec des diapositives bilingues, et s'intitulera : 'Creuser profondément dans l'éducation.'

(Thanks to Charlie Emond for the translation)



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Digging Deep into Education
An observational approach to technologically enhanced teaching

Creuser profondément dans l'éducation
Une approche observationnelle
de l'enseignement technologiquement amélioré



Dr. Nicholas Vlachopoulos
Civil Engineering Department
Département de génie civil



**Conférence publique du prix d'excellence
en enseignement de la Promotion de 1965**

Class of 1965 Teaching Excellence Award Public Lecture

lundi 29 octobre 2018 / Monday, 29 October 2018
19 h 00 / 1900 hrs
Salle Currie / Currie Hall

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An Infestation of Roadants By 6633 Jack Harris

On the weekend of 7-9 Sep, in conjunction with the Royal Roads University Homecoming, a group of Roadants from the class of 61-63 had a reunion at RRU.

The weekend started on Friday with a function in the Castle at Royal Roads. We met for the Presidents Reception for drinks, nibbles, presentations and displays. Al Kennedy attended and drove needy mates Cope and Wilson and their wives to and from it. It was 57 years, almost to the hour, since we had stumbled off the Navy bus and onto the upper square at, what was then, CSC Royal Roads. The memories of that particular day are still vivid - especially with the reminder in Copius' book "The Roadants". Many of "the regulars" were on hand and 3 classmates whom we had not seen since 61-62. Neil McRae was with us for the first time, as were Bob Invanochko and Matt Wilson.

On Saturday we gathered at the Union Club with wives and partners for a Class dinner. Good food, good friends and the odd beer made the evening fun. The attached picture was taken at that time by Sue Wilson. Careful inspection will show all "the boys" who were there. We were able to use this grand old club courtesy of Reg Bird's membership. He was greatly relieved when I paid the bill because his credit card had been used as the guarantee of payment. He was also able to get a preferential rate for those classmates who stayed at the strategically located club.

Sunday morning we were back at RRU for a ceremony at the Mast. David Cooper generously chauffeured Jacques, Matt and Sue to and from the College for the Ceremony. The old mast, that had been in front of the castle, now sits in its renewed format in the middle of a lovely field of remembrance paver stones with the names and numbers of ex cadets. After a short ceremony we meandered as a loose gaggle to the circle and slowly did a ceremonial circle. In the castle we enjoyed a farewell glass of champagne and lunch.

Most of the out-of-towners were carrying on with vacation plans in the area or on the mainland. It was good to see everyone and to see how well RRU is preserving the military history of the college. Until the next reunion.....

See the next page for a picture of those attending.



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Roadant Reunion (Concluded)



In the back row of the picture are Neil McRae, Stu Smart, Bill Liggett, John Boulton, Bob Jenkinson, Dave Cooper, Fats, Richard Archer, George Brown, Doug Armstrong, Bob Ivanochko, Copius and Steven Arnold. Kneeling in front are Matt Wilson, Jim Cale, Brent Abbott, Jack Harris, Dallas Mowat and Reg Bird. (absent—Al Kennedy)



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A Medal for Fats

Jim Carruthers was honoured by the Canadian Senate with the presentation of a specially minted medal celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Senate. In recent years he was a frequent visitor to a variety of Senate sub-committees in his guise as National President of the Naval Association of Canada (NAC) informing them of ongoing naval requirements.

A photo of the medal and the accompanying citation follows:





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The following sad news was received through Doug Cope from **Dianne Crutcher**, *"I'm writing for S. because he no longer has hand-eye co-ordination and is in rough shape. How he survives I'll never know. We now have help in every morning to clean him up as he has to lie flat on his back 24/7. He has no strength."* Our sympathies go out to Dianne at this difficult time.

On a happier note, **Dick and Dianne Wright** sent the following note: *"Here are some pictures of our backyard, the place where we spend a lot of time, especially in the summertime. There is a huge old ash tree which creates a wonderful shady canopy. There are also many old caraganas which are home to a variety of birds. The deck is a great place to sit and visit and dine."*



Gary Running sent the following note and photo:

Just a quick note to thank you for your hard work in producing 113 issues (and counting) of our class newsletter. The attached photo was taken from the outside deck of the pub at Lonsdale Quay. The vessel in the foreground is the "Ottawa" as many of our retired fish heads will recognize. The vessel tied up beside the "Ottawa" and largely blocked from view is from the US Navy. Although both vessels are gray you can clearly see the difference in the shade of the gray. I thought that seeing this photo might stir some long forgotten memories for the long retired members of the class that were once sea going.





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I heard from **Jack Flannagan**, who had the following cheeky remark,

“As I looked at the header on this edition, I thought my God, Mike Braham has been doing this since Christ was a killick in the Israeli Navy. Thanks for all of the time and effort you have put into these newsletters.”

Thanks Jack and all the other letter writers. Keep them coming.

Class BBQ

In July, Jim and Gail Carruthers hosted a BBQ for classmates in the Ottawa/Montreal area at their lovely home on Constance Bay (fortunately spared damage following the recent tornado in the area). The following is a photo of those in attendance:





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2018 Ottawa Area RMC Club Golf Tournament

This year's tournament was held 6 July at the Greensmere Golf Course in Almonte. The Class of 65 fielded 1 1/2 teams. **Ken Clarkson** and **Peter Cooke**, both accomplished golfers teamed up with two non-classmate serious types (and one other!) in search of golfing glory. They apparently came close but that doesn't count in golf. The actual Class team was made up of **Archer, Carruthers, Colfer** and **Emond**, with only Charlie possessing a modicum of golfing skill. Despite his best efforts, the team walked away with the "Most Honest Team" trophy!



Golfers +1



Golfer +3



Golfers All



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Class of 65 Website/le site Web de la classe 1965 by/par 6660 Waine McQuinn

The Class website www.rmc65.ca of which I am the webmaster, has been in operation for a number of years. It serves as a public record of available coordinates of all cadets who graduated from RMC in May 1965 whether their entry college was RMC, RRMC or CMR. As well, where available, it contains data on those cadets who had been issued with a college number that would have led to their graduation in 1965 if they had finished their studies within the military college system.

The website carries your addresses and phone numbers but your email addresses are not available to the public. When requested, we respect a classmate's desire for more privacy and will not show an address or phone number. In the case of email addresses, as webmaster, I will automatically provide your email address to another classmate if requested (excluding those cases where someone requests complete privacy). In the case of an email request from someone other than a classmate, I will forward such requests to you for your action as you choose.

The website also carries obituaries of classmates where they have been provided.

Another useful reference on the website is the archives of Mike Braham's very popular Class Newsletter. There are also details of the current holder of the annual Class of 65 teaching excellence award.

One interesting part of the website contains biographies of those classmates who have taken the time to bring us up to date on their post-graduation activities. There is no prescribed format for this content so there are some short and some long biographies. We do restrict the content to text so there are no photos or videos. Biographies make fascinating reading since they record a wide and diverse range of military and non-military careers that were spawned by the military college experience.

If you have already provided a biography, then check it out. You might be surprised at how out of date it has become. Time seems to be flying by. I was shocked to see how out of date my own biography was. I recently updated it. For those who have not yet provided a biography, check out those of some of your classmates and then take the time to bring the rest of us up to date on what you have been doing with your life.

With some recent administrative changes, I expect to update the content of the website on a bi-monthly basis. It was recently updated (2 Jul 18). So let's see those new biographies and updates which can be sent to me at tunbridge@ncf.ca

Francais suit



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Class of 65 Website/Le site Web de la classe 1965 by/par 6660 Waine McQuinn (Conclu)

Le site Web de la classe www.rmc65.ca dont je suis le webmestre, est en opération depuis plusieurs années. Il sert de registre public des coordonnées disponibles de tous les cadets qui ont obtenu leur diplôme du CMRC en mai 1965, que leur collège d'admission soit le CMRC, le RRMC ou le CMRSJ. De plus, lorsqu'il est disponible, il contient des données sur les cadets qui ont obtenu un numéro d'études collégiales qui leur aurait permis d'obtenir leur diplôme en 1965 s'ils avaient terminé leurs études dans le système des collèges militaires.

Le site porte vos adresses et numéros de téléphone, mais vos adresses e-mail ne sont pas disponibles au public. Sur demande, nous respectons le désir d'un camarade de classe d'avoir plus d'intimité et ne montrons pas d'adresse ni de numéro de téléphone. Dans le cas d'adresses e-mail, en tant que webmaster, je fournirai automatiquement votre adresse e-mail à un autre camarade si demandé (à l'exception des cas où quelqu'un demande une confidentialité complète). Dans le cas d'une demande par courriel d'une personne autre qu'un camarade de classe, je vous transmettrai ces demandes pour votre action à votre guise.

Le site Web porte également des nécrologies de camarades de classe où ils ont été fournis.

Une autre référence utile sur le site Web est les archives de la très populaire Bulletin de class de 65 de Mike Braham. Il y a également des détails sur le détenteur/détentrice actuel du prix annuel d'excellence en enseignement de la classe de 65.

Une partie intéressante du site Web contient des biographies de ces camarades de classe qui ont pris le temps de nous mettre au courant de leurs activités post-diplôme. Il n'y a pas de format prescrit pour ce contenu, donc il y a quelques courtes et quelques longues biographies. Nous limitons cependant le contenu au texte, donc il n'y a pas de photos ou de vidéos. Les biographies font une lecture fascinante puisqu'elles enregistrent un large éventail de carrières militaires et non militaires qui ont été engendrées par l'expérience du collège militaire.

Si vous avez déjà fourni une biographie, vérifiez-la. Vous pourriez être surpris de voir à quel point il est devenu obsolète. Le temps semble passer. J'ai été choqué de voir à quel point ma propre biographie était dépassée. Je l'ai récemment mis à jour. Pour ceux qui n'ont pas encore fourni de biographie, jetez un œil à ceux de certains de vos camarades de classe et prenez le temps de nous informer sur ce que vous faites de votre vie.

Avec quelques changements administratifs récents, je compte mettre à jour le contenu du site Web tous les deux mois. Il a été récemment mis à jour (2 juillet 18). Alors, voyons ces nouvelles biographies et mises à jour qui peuvent me parvenir à tunbridge@ncf.ca



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Gifts Memorandum to the Class of 65

The following is the text of a memorandum from the Class Gifting Committee providing updates on the Class Teaching Excellence Award and the new Class of 65 Professorship in Leadership Appointment. A copy of the memorandum in French, translated by Charlie Emond, follows the original.

Your Gifting Committee had a busy afternoon in Kingston on September 19. In between our own meetings at the beginning and end of the afternoon, we had separate meetings with 1. Prof. Christian Leuprecht, 2. Vice-Principal Academic Phil Bates, and 3. Jointly with RMC Commandant Sebastien Bouchard, Principal Harry Kowal, and two staff members. The purpose of this memo is to share the highlights of these meetings with you:

The Class of 1965 Teaching Excellence Award: The two TEAs continue to be seen by all as one of the best Class gifts to RMC ever. Phil Bates made the interesting comment that the \$amount of the Award mattered a lot less than being formally recognized for teaching excellence by the cadet body. Nevertheless, the Gifting Committee felt that the time had come to raise the \$cash amounts from \$5,000 to \$7,500 at RMC and from \$1,000 to \$2,500 at CMR to reflect inflation with the passage of time and to signal that the Class of 1965 continues to support these Awards with great enthusiasm. By the way, the 2018 Award winner at RMC is Prof. Nicholas Vlachopoulos, and the traditional Award lecture will take place on October 29. It is a great event to attend if you can.

The Class of 1965 Professor in Leadership: As part of accepting the Professorship, the appointee commits to conducting a research program of lasting significance to the current and future cadet bodies, to the College, and ideally to Canada's entire military establishment as well. This was the basis on which the Professorship Selection Committee selected Prof. Leuprecht for the appointment. The Gifting Committee agrees that he has laid out a 5-year research program that meets these criteria. Its essence is to conduct a comparative 'value-for-money' study of military colleges across comparable-to-Canada allied and partner countries (e.g., Australia, UK, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, etc.). One of Prof. Leuprecht's hypotheses is that military colleges "generate disproportionate national leadership outputs at a competitive price" and also "produce specialized research and advice that governments would be hard-pressed to obtain otherwise". Where does Canada stand in relation to the other countries on these bases of comparison? Prof. Leuprecht proposes to address this question in his planned multi-year research program. He will be assisted in this work by RMC graduate students, faculty colleagues, ex-cadets, and an international network of collaborators who have a mutual interest in these questions. He also plans annual public lectures to share study findings over the course of the 3-5yr period. His research proposal concludes by suggesting this work would establish RMC and the Class of 1965 as "leading enablers of a global comparative research study on the leadership proposition offered by RMC and by other allied and partner military colleges across the world".

The Views of RMC's Military and Academic Leadership: The recent negative assessment by the Auditor General that RMC is not a good 'value for money' proposition adds an important extra dimension to the



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Class of 1965 Professor in Leadership's proposed research program. In our meeting with them, RMC's Commandant and Principal both pointed to the urgency of demonstrating to Parliament and to Canadians at large that RMC is indeed a 'value for money' proposition. In the short term, they are scrambling to correct some of the incorrect measurements used by the Auditor General in reaching his conclusions. However, they believe the kind of multi-year/multi-country study proposed by Prof. Leuprecht can convincingly strengthen the 'value for money' case for an institution like RMC on a longer-term basis. Both the Commandant and the Principal see Prof. Leuprecht's proposed research program vital to sustaining RMC's role as a unique Canadian institution that fosters extra-ordinary leadership in military, public service, and even corporate contexts. As importantly, by creating databases that can be updated on a regular basis, the benchmarking framework created through the research program can be used beyond its inception to continue to measure RMC as a 'value for money' proposition in the decades ahead.

The Professorship as a 'value for money' proposition: The Class of 1965 has committed \$25,000/yr as the sponsor of this Professorship for at least the next 3 years, and likely for 2 more years after that. Of this amount, \$15,000 will buy teaching relief for Prof. Leuprecht so that he can devote the necessary time to this project to assure its success. The remaining \$10,000 is an honorarium allowing RMC (and Canada) to retain one of the leading academics in defence and security studies in the world as he manages this daunting project to its successful completion. Looking ahead, there may well be opportunities for members of the Class of 1965 to provide further financial support to this project. We will let you know if they arise.

In conclusion, there is no obvious new 'ask' that comes out of this review of the two 'impact' programs being supported by our Class Endowment Fund (current value about \$925,000). It can financially support the two *TEAs* and the *Professorship* at the current \$levels in perpetuity. A possible new cause for which to raise additional funds prior to our 2020 Reunion may arise out of Prof. Leuprecht's 'value for money' research project described above. However, at this point it is too early to tell. Meanwhile, we encourage you to continue to support the RMC Foundation in the many ways it enhances excellence at RMC and CMR.

If any of you have comments, suggestions, or questions on any aspect of this update, do get in touch!



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OBJET: MISE À JOUR SUR LE PRIX D'EXCELLENCE EN ENSEIGNEMENT DE LA PROMOTION 1965 ET DE LA NOMINATION DU NOUVEAU PROFESSEUR EN LEADERSHIP DE LA PROMOTION DE 1965.

Votre Comité des dons a eu un après-midi chargé le 19 septembre 2018 à Kingston. Le but de cette communication est de partager avec vous les éléments clefs de nos rencontres avec vous.

Parmi les rencontres de l'après-midi, nous avons eu des entretiens séparés avec le Prof. Christian Leuprecht, ensuite, le Vice-Directeur, Académique, le Dr. Phil Bates et enfin, le Commandant du CMRC, le Bgèn Sébastien Bouchard et le Directeur, Académique, le Dr. Harry Kowal.

• Le prix d'excellence en enseignement (PEE) de la Promotion 1965:

La perception du Comité des dons est que ces deux PEE, celui octroyé au CMRC et celui au CMRSJ, sont perçus à chaque institution comme l'un des meilleurs Prix accordés. Le respect accordé aux lauréats annuels du PEE au sein de chaque institution, estime le Dr. Phil Bates du CMRC, compte pour beaucoup plus pour les récipiendaires que le montant de la bourse. Néanmoins, le Comité des dons estime que, puisque nous avons les moyens de le faire, et tenant compte de l'inflation, qu'il est temps de hausser la valeur de chaque bourse, soit de 5 000 \$ à 7 500 \$ au CMRC et de 1 000 \$ à 2 500 \$ au CMRSJ. En passant, nous apportons à votre attention que le lauréat du prix 2018 au CMRC, le professeur Nicholas Vlachopoulos offrira la traditionnelle conférence du Lauréat à 1900 heures, le 29 octobre 2018 dans la Salle Currie du CMRC. C'est un grand événement auquel vous êtes le bienvenu.

• Le Professeur en leadership de la promotion de 1965:

Dans le cadre de son acceptation de la chaire, le candidat nommé s'engage à diriger un programme de recherche d'importance durable pour les élèves-officiers actuels et futurs, le Collège tout entier et, idéalement, pour le bénéfice de l'ensemble des militaires canadiens. Le Comité a jugé que le propos du Professeur Christian Leuprecht méritait sa nomination. Le Professeur Leuprecht propose d'établir un programme de recherche de cinq ans répondant à ces critères. L'essentiel de son propos est de mener une étude comparative, qui vise «l'optimisation des ressources» de chacun de plusieurs collèges militaires de pays alliés et partenaires comparables au Canada (soit, Australie, Royaume-Uni, Allemagne, Pays-Bas, Pologne, Suède, etc.) Une des hypothèses du Professeur Leuprecht est que les collèges militaires «génèrent des résultats de leadership nationaux disproportionnés et à un prix compétitif» et qu'ils «produisent de la recherche et des conseils spécialisés que les gouvernements auraient du mal à obtenir autrement». Où se situe le Canada par rapport aux autres pays sur cette base de comparaison? Le Professeur Leuprecht propose de répondre à cette question dans son programme de recherche pluriannuel prévu. Il sera assisté dans cette tâche par des étudiants diplômés du CMR, des collègues du corps professoral, des anciens des CMR et un réseau international de collaborateurs qui s'intéressent mutuellement à ces questions. Il prévoit également des conférences publiques annuelles au cours de la période de 3 à 5 ans de son mandat pour partager les résultats de son étude. Sa proposition de recherche note que cette étude a le potentiel de faire reconnaître le CMRC et la Promotion de 1965 comme «les principaux catalyseurs d'une étude de recherche comparative mondiale sur la proposition de leadership offerte par le CMRC et d'autres collèges militaires alliés et partenaires du monde entier».



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OBJET: MISE À JOUR SUR LE PRIX D'EXCELLENCE EN ENSEIGNEMENT DE LA PROMOTION 1965 ET DE LA NOMINATION DU NOUVEAU PROFESSEUR EN LEADERSHIP DE LA PROMOTION DE 1965. (Conclu)

La perspective du leadership militaire et académique du CMRC:

L'évaluation négative récente du Vérificateur-général selon laquelle le CMRC n'est pas une bonne proposition d'optimisation des ressources ajoute une dimension supplémentaire et importante au programme de recherche proposé par le Professeur de leadership de la Promotion 1965. Lors de notre rencontre avec eux, le Commandant du CMRC et le Directeur, Académique ont tous deux souligné l'urgence de démontrer au Parlement et aux Canadiens en général que le CMRC est effectivement une bonne proposition de «rapport qualité-prix». À court terme, ils tentent de corriger certaines des mesures utilisées par le Vérificateur-général pour parvenir à ses conclusions. Cependant, ils estiment que le type d'étude pluriannuelle / multi-pays proposée par le Professeur Leuprecht pourra renforcer de manière convaincante le propos du «rapport qualité-prix» à plus long terme pour une institution comme le CMRC. Le Commandant et le Directeur, Académique voient tous deux l'importance du programme de recherche proposé par le Professeur Leuprecht pour soutenir le rôle du CMRC en tant qu'institution canadienne unique qui contribue un leadership extraordinaire dans les milieux militaires, publics et même corporatifs. Plus important encore, en créant des bases de données qui peuvent être mises à jour régulièrement, le cadre d'étalonnage créé par le programme de recherche peut être utilisé au-delà pour continuer à mesurer le CMRC comme une proposition de «rapport qualité-prix» dans les décennies à venir.

Le poste de Professeur en leadership de la Promotion 1965 en tant que proposition de «rapport qualité-prix»:

La promotion de 1965 s'est engagée à verser 25 000 dollars par an en tant que sponsor de cette chaire pendant au moins les trois prochaines années et probablement pour encore deux ans après. De ce montant, 15 000 dollars permettront de libérer le Professeur Leuprecht de quelques cours d'enseignement par l'engagement de remplaçants, afin qu'il puisse consacrer le temps nécessaire à ce projet pour assurer son succès et un versement de 10 000 dollars et tant qu'honoraire personnel, servira à encourager le succès de ce projet et la rétention au CMRC (et au Canada) de l'un des plus grands universitaires en matière d'études de la défense et de la sécurité dans le monde, alors qu'il gère ce projet de grande envergure. C'est possible dans le futur que les membres de la Promotion de 1965 auront la possibilité d'apporter un soutien financier supplémentaire à ce projet. Nous vous le ferons savoir le cas échéant.

Conclusion

Suite à notre examen des deux programmes d'impact soutenus par notre fonds de dotation, dont la valeur actuelle est d'environ 925 000 dollars, le Comité des dons n'a aucun nouveau projet à vous proposer à ce moment. Les contributions de la Promotion de 1965 peuvent soutenir financièrement les deux PEE aux montants réhaussés et la chaire en leadership au niveau indiqué, tous les deux à perpétuité.

Par contre, nous n'avons pas exclu d'une façon définitive un nouveau effort de Levée de fonds. Il est possible que le projet de recherche «value for money» du Professeur Leuprecht nous invite à le faire ou que nous percevions une nouvelle initiative qui mérite votre appui. En attendant, nous vous encourageons à continuer de soutenir la Fondation du CMRC afin qu'elle puisse continuer à promouvoir de multiples façons, l'excellence au CMRC et au CMRSJ.

Si l'un de vous a des commentaires, des suggestions ou des questions à propos de cette mise à jour, n'hésitez pas à nous rejoindre!



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Closing Remarks

Special thanks to the Gifting Committee for their comprehensive report and for their continuing efforts on our behalf to ensure that we get best bang for our buck and continue to be the leading benevolent class.

Thanks also to the other contributors. I am particularly pleased to see an upsurge in the number of letters providing brief updates on the lives and activities of other classmates.

Summer is now clearly past in Ottawa and the cooler temperatures and turning leaves are hinting about the forthcoming winter months. However, it could be worse as seen in the following photo taken by Terry Colfer in Jasper, AB in the first week of October!

