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## **Editor's Corner/Coin du rédacteur**

Welcome from warm and wet Vancouver Island where we have relocated for three months to escape the rigors of another Ottawa winter. The move accounts for the lack of a January edition for those of you who keep track of such things. Leading off this edition is further sad news of the passing of two more classmates— **6408 Noel Gauthier** and **6407 James McMahon**.

**6408 Noel Gauthier d. 5 Dec 2020**

À Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, le 5 décembre 2020, à l'âge de 78 ans, est décédé monsieur Noël Gauthier, époux de madame Micheline Vigeant.

Outre son épouse, il laisse dans le deuil ses enfants Charlaïne, Sylvain (Mireille) et Nancy, ses petits-enfants Kayla, Noa, Eliane, Philippe et Lily-Jade, sa sœur Rita, son beau-frère Roger Vigeant, sa belle-sœur Bibiane Vigeant (Gérald) ainsi que plusieurs neveux et nièces, parents et amis.



**6407 James McMahon (29 Sep 1943—29 Apr 2020)**

We learned of the passing of Jim McMahon through the following extract of correspondence between **Georges Wilson** and **Marc Jette**.

“Jim était avec toi dans l'escadron 10 dans l'escadrille Champlain en 1960. Dans le 'Défilé de 63' et le 'Review de 65' vous avez écrit les textes de l'un et l'autre.

Dans mon cas, j'ai surtout connu Jim durant les étés 61, 62 et 63 et comme j'ai eu 3 compagnons de chambre qui ont été dans l'équipe de gymnastique, je l'ai vu lors de compétitions.

J'étais en contact téléphonique avec Jim depuis 2013, mais depuis quelques temps, je n'arrivais plus à le rejoindre. J'ai contacté sa résidence et il n'y était plus. Un peu de google et j'ai trouvé son avis de décès.

Comme il y avait peu d'information, j'ai contacté le salon funéraire. C'était bien notre Jim: # 6407 James Nickolas McMahon (1943-09-29 à 2020-04-29).

Je n'ai pas de contact avec sa famille, ni une photo récente.”



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### Teaching Excellence Award

In view of the ongoing pandemic, it has been proposed that this year's award be done virtually via Zoom and is slated for 15 March 2021. This format will allow classmates from outside the Ottawa/Kingston area to attend. More details and final confirmation will follow. The following is a draft of the proposed poster for this year's award.

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Class of 1965 Teaching Excellence Award Public Lecture

Dr. Jennifer Shore / Jennifer Shore PhD  
Department of Physics and Space Science  
Département de physique et de sciences spatiales

## There is no Planet B Il n'y a pas de planète B

Monday 15 March 2021 19:00  
lundi 15 mars 2021 19:00

Zoom Meeting ID: 930 6941 4593  
Passcode: TEA2021  
<https://zoom.us/j/93069414593?pwd=NXhLWWhTMTdFRFgrM2FvQkizbHBuOT09>

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### Letters & Apologies

Apologies first of all for a couple of mis-steps in Edition 136—to **Jack Flannagan** for spelling his surname wrong and, to **Yvan Gagnon** for getting his Christian name wrong. Sorry guys. As compensation, you will get the next three copies free of charge.

Thanks to **Terry Pyne, Phil Bury, Alex Bovey, Jim Carruthers, Mike Houghton, Paul Young, Neill McRae, Jim Astley** and **Don Hansen** for their kind words of encouragement and support.

### Dick Pound and the Vaccine by 6533 J.G Forbes

Dick Pound is a Canadian who is currently the longest serving member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Last week he stated that Olympic athletes should get priority for the COVID-19 vaccine. This would presumably be every athlete who has been selected or hopes to be selected to compete in this summer's games in Tokyo. This so that the games could go on and entertain the many millions of people who are waiting at home to watch these games. After all, why waste that vaccine on old people who are just going to die in the next few years, many from Covid-19? Why waste the vaccine on ordinary people who's only role is to watch and extol these athletes?

If this is, in fact the premise, why stop at Olympic athletes? Don't professional sports teams also entertain folks stuck at home? It was reported late last year that at least one sports league had tried to buy enough vaccine doses to vaccinate all of its players. So, all sports league players, coaches and staff should also get priority. Celebrities also entertain us so they, as well as all actors, directors, producers, should also be on that priority list. I mean life would not be worth much if we could not watch the Kardashians every week. Politicians are also a source of entertainment so all of them should be included. At least they will remain healthy enough to keep telling us to stay home.

It is called privilege and it is all about us. None of the people I have mentioned would deny that they should be "saved" by getting the vaccine. Of course, it is us ordinary, stay at home, trying to stay safe, trying to make ends meet folks who have contributed to their privilege. We extol their abilities or their beauty. We bathe in their glory. We do everything we can to make them feel special. We put up with their shenanigans and their bad behaviour. We have made them special, so they think they are entitled to special treatment like being in the priority line for things like vaccine.

*Ed Note: Any Comments?*



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Final Note

Someone reminded me why I have been sending this out for the past 13 years.

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Morning all; I recently met with Jim Carruthers, Hugh Spence and Pete Houlston and they raised the idea of a Class Newsletter. The group was agreed that it might be a good idea and about that time I realised why I had been invited - they were looking for an editor!

The thought is to produce a periodic electronic newsletter that is at a somewhat more personal level than the other more official lines of communication. Less class politics and more individual updates.

I thought we could run one or two items on individuals, providing a recap of their life since '65; articles on individual's current activities, families, etc; regional gatherings; and the like.

I suggest it be bilingual to the extent that articles be printed in the language in which they are received (as long as it is French or English). It would be nice if persons submitting an article could include a recent photo. Regarding events, remember that the frequency of format will not lend itself to being a calendar of events, but rather one that could be used to provide a brief summary of what went on.

Editorialising would be limited to the correction of blatant spelling mistakes by the Engineering fraternity and perhaps curtailing the length of the purple prose submitted by the Artsmen. If you don't like being edited by a General Scientist, I suggest submitting in French - I remain linguistically challenged.

Let me know what you think. Should we go ahead? Have you got something to contribute? Ideas for articles? Format? Frequency? etc. Subject to general agreement, I suggest trying for a first edition in late Jan/early Feb.

Look forward to hearing from you. Please use my home e-mail address from which this is being sent rather than the office which appears on the distribution list.

Here's hoping all of you and your families have a Happy and safe holiday.

Mike

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