

Class of 65 Newsletter **Bulletin d'Information**—Classe de 65

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Editor's Corner/Coin du rédacteur

I know this follows close on the heels of the last Newsletter, but the 2024 edition of the Teaching Excellence Award lecture is coming up imminently and I want to get the word out quickly.

2024 Teaching Excellence Award Presentation

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

Class of 1965 Teaching Excellence Award Public Lecture

Dr. Allister MacIntyre

Department of Military Psychology and Leadership/Département de
Psychologie militaire et Leadership

Tales From the Classroom: The "AHA" Moments When Teaching Psychology

**Chroniques de la salle de classe : Les « eurêka » de l'en-
seignement de la psychologie**

November 18, 2024

18 novembre 2024

7 to 9 pm

19 h à 21 h

Currie Hall /Salle Currie

Identifiant Zoom /Zoom Meeting ID: 96737090265

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2024 TEA Presentation (Concluded)

The previous page is a non-artistic reproduction of the poster for this event. **Charles Emond** has provided the following additional information for class members wishing to participate in the event.

Class of 1965 Teaching Excellence Award Public Lecture (18 November 2024)

Between 18h-18h55, there will be an “optional” opportunity to chat with class members before the official presentation. Use the link below:

Optional Pre-TEA meeting for class of 1965: Rencontre optionnelle de la promotion 1965

<https://zoom.us/j/95707882305>

Meeting ID: 95707882305 (There is no password for this meeting.)

You will then need to log out of this call , and log into the TEA lecture link below.

Actual TEA lecture link:

<https://zoom.us/j/9673709026>

Meeting ID: 9673709026 (There is no password for this meeting.)

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Conférence publique du prix d'excellence en enseignement de la Promotion de 1965 - 18 novembre 2024

Entre 18h et 18h55, vous aurez l'option de jaser avec vos copains de classe avant la présentation officielle sur le lien ici-bas.

Rencontre informelle optionnelle de la promotion 1965

<https://zoom.us/j/95707882305>

Meeting ID: 95707882305 (Aucun mot de passe nécessaire.)

Vous allez devoir quitter ce lien et de nouveau vous inscrire au lien de la Conférence publique du PEE, ici bas,

Lien pour la Conférence publique du Prix d'excellence en enseignement (PEE) (19h):

<https://zoom.us/j/9673709026>

Meeting ID: 9673709026 (Aucun mot de passe nécessaire.)



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RMC Recruiting Ad

6560 Andy Nellestyn provided the following You Tube link to an interesting video on the Royal Military College as it is today—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XEUB4LZKwk>

Politics or Not

6173 Jack Flanagan expressed concern about an article in Edition 171, making the point that there is no place for politics in this Newsletter. I would like to get some idea whether this opinion is shared by others. With Jack's permission, I have included our exchange as follows:

Flanagan: I do wish you would refrain from politics in these missives. You are obviously suffering from Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS)! I could go on at length, but I will only say that if you compare Orange Man's political policies and achievements during his term as US president to the policies and achievements of the empty suits currently in residence at the White House, you will note a difference in economic and strategic situations that benefited the US people and probably us too (remember that Trump did this in spite of the opposition of almost all of the Congress and the government departments, including the Pentagon, whose inhabitants are sworn to obey the Commander in Chief). Bashing Pierre Poilievre for pointing out the failures of the current government makes no sense. We have the least competent prime minister and cabinet in place that I can ever remember. The Prime Minister is a fool, relying on his surname and the approval of the Laurentian Elite for his 'success'. His cabinet consists mainly of semi-literate political hacks. As Kevin O'Leary pointed out, he has no managerial skills and is the most ineffective PM this country has ever had. I'm still waiting for the budget to balance itself.

The concept of 'bombastic politics' is ridiculous. It is to laugh. Insulting the politicians you don't like is an old and tired game. When Ottawa is finished swooning over how handsome Chuckles is and how utterly entertaining his socks are, we may get on with the business of running the country, not running the country into the ground. It will take a while to recover from this level of idiocy.

People will always disagree about politics, and I don't think this is an appropriate forum that argument. I almost wrote and asked you to remove me from your mailing list after your last venture into politics, and I am sorely tempted to do so this time as well, but I guess I'll wait around and see what the reaction is.

Braham: I cannot accept personal pride of ownership for the article that you have commented upon although I will confess to general agreement with its content. Should this stuff be in the newsletter? Perhaps if I had more useful input I could do without it, however, if it generates a healthy debate I see no reason to omit it. I will be interested to see if anyone else has comment pro or con on the article and/or the general topic. With your agreement, I will include your comments in the next edition, but will understand if you would prefer not.

Finally, I would hate to lose your subscription and well stated arguments.



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Politics (Concluded)

Flanagan: I'm OK with you including my remarks in your next edition. My point of view tends to be a tiny voice in the wilderness that nobody listens to anyway. I normally don't pay a lot of attention to politics until it affects me directly, but the current state in Canada and the U.S. is terrible - politicians' lives being threatened, the government using lawfare to silence its opposition, little old ladies being trampled by mounted police in the street, bank accounts being shut down, people being held in jail for months because they dared to question the ruling junta, and outright lying by large swaths of both elected and unelected government employees. The current elected regimes in both countries have abominable records on finances, defence, public safety, foreign affairs, commerce etc., while both organizations claim huge success in their public endeavors.

Most of the time, I enjoy my status as duty grumpy old man, but lately I have become truly worried about the state of our country - since it is the only one we have. Government spending is completely out of control, in fact it seems to lack any controls at all, immigration is a disaster - way too many people coming in for the size of our population and economy to handle, rampant inflation - because the government has to pay for this crap somehow, except of course for the huge debt this regime has accumulated - we only have to pay the interest on that! etc. etc. etc. I know I paint a dim picture, but I do have serious concerns about the actual ability of 'Ottawa' to accomplish anything but hire more public service employees. It seems we can't design anything, build anything, rent anything or repair anything without the cost tripling and the delivery date disappearing into the mist. In the meantime, the PM seems to have no worries about prancing off to some distant location with a couple of hundred of his essential assistants at least a couple of times a year.

Climate change is real - it is a normal phenomenon that has been in operation for millions of years. 'Global Warming', on the other hand, is a hoax!

I am an immigrant to this great country, and it hurts to see it being abused by the people that we hire to keep it safe.

Letters

Several classmates commented on the passing of **6471 Derek Carrier**.

6439 Hugh Spence: Thanx for the special edition bulletin, Mike. Another well remembered classmate missing.

6539 Nigel Hilliard: I had the honour of playing Senior football with Derek at RMC for two years and to echo previous comments he was a tremendous athlete as well as a great guy. There is no question in my mind he had the ability and talent to play at a higher intercollegiate level.

6475 Mike Houghton: Mike, very sad news regarding Derek Carrier. An outstanding athlete with whom I trained and often competed against (never winning!!) on our T&F Team. If memory is correct, I believe Derek beat us all by coming first in the Obstacle Course. My respectful and sincere condolences to his family.

And on other subjects:

6475 Mike Houghton: (referring to articles by LGen Maisonneuve sent out separately) Having read most if not all Michel's articles, and heard him speak at CPC gatherings, I find myself agreeing with much of his rhetoric, largely based on my own 35 years(+) in uniform. Sadly, and I believe realistically, in today's political



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climate I see Michel somewhat as a modern day Don Quixote. Rather than publishing in the National Post that likely, with the exception of the CPC, no other political party reads, he needs to publish in the G&M, the Toronto Star and other like minded national periodicals. Somehow I don't see that happening any time soon.

6715 Yvan Gagnon: Thanks for this great letter. I passed it on to a few ex-cadets with whom I walk every Wednesday...I will try to comment on your solution to the war...

PS, I do not remember this football play and I was certainly on the team...

Closing Notes

Now you all hunkering down for winter, I am sure you will have more time to write to me with your thoughts on issues raised herein and previously, or just to let everyone what you have been up to for the last 60 years. Keep those letters and articles coming. Looking forward to seeing some of you on the TEA Zoom meeting.



Can anyone identify the aircraft?