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THE PRESIDENT'S FORUM

by Dale Buckley

As many of you will now know, BIO Open House 2001 has been postponed until April 2002. I am very pleased to know that the BIO-OA display was already well planned and underway when the postponement was announced. Hopefully, under the leadership of our capable open house committee, we will maintain our momentum for an excellent display at the spring open house. This display will include some interesting archive material; a "What is it?" table for public participation, and information about our association and its activities.

We now have elected a second vice-president, David Nettleship, who will join the executive at our forwarded to: Dale Buckley, 21 next meeting on November 8, 2001. We also have a new exofficio member - Sherman Glazebrook. A big thanks is offered to these new executive members. We BIO-OA has been invited to parappreciate your help.

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NEWSLETTER

We are beginning our efforts to obtain nominations for the 2002 Beluga Recognition Award. Those who made nominations for the 2001 award, but whose candidates were not selected for that award are being invited to renominate. The criteria and procedures for se-

lection in 2002 will be the same as in 2001. Nominations should be Dumbarton Ave., Dartmouth, N. e-mail S., B2X 1Z7, OR dbuckley@ns.sympatico.ca.

ticipate on a selection committee for establishing a "Wall of Honour" that will recognize staff members who have received awards for outstanding scientific or technical work they have done while at BIO. The initial call for nominations will cover the last ten years. The selection process will begin later this fall.

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AN IRISH JOURNEY

by Vivien Srivastava

Yes, you can have a good holiday in Ireland! Shiri and I went there for two weeks this August. We started in Dublin and then, in a rented car, went round the coast south of the city, west until we reached Galway Bay, and drove back through the middle of the country to return to Dublin.

If you go, you will find Trinity College in Dublin worth seeing but give the Guinness Brewery a miss.

The following colleagues, and close family members of our colleagues have recently passed away. The members of our Association extend their sincere sympathy to the families.

Captain Neil Barnes (ret'd) died July 13, 2001, in Halifax. Although, most of his career was spent as master of various National Seafood trawlers, his last ship was the BIO R.V. *Lady Hammond*.

Donald Larry Barrett, 65, Windsor Junction, passed away August 2, 2001. As a geophysicist with the Atlantic Geoscience Centre at BIO for almost 20 years, Don was a major contributor to the early seismic refraction work. He was also a talented musician.

Major Kelvin Page Grant, CD, passed away September 23, 2001, in Dartmouth at the age of 78. For many years Kelly was Regional Assistant Manager, Fisheries Research Insurance Plan, for the Atlantic Provinces.

At the brewery, you are given a brochure, told it is a self-guided tour, and led into an old warehouse with static displays and lighting so dim you cannot read the notices or your brochure. You do get a pint of Guinness at the end but, at eight pounds, the tour is not worth it.

Among the very impressive buildings along the river was one that had no name on it on our map. Out of curiosity, we went to see what it was and found no signs, only an armed guard at the entrance. He told us it was the Four Courts, the senior

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"Chief" Ronald H. Guilderson, 58, passed away suddenly in Parrsboro on August 29, 2001. He was the brother of Joan Guilderson, a longtime employee of BIO and a member of our Association.

Earle Colin Archibald Johnson died in Sydney on August 15, 2001, at the age of 75. Earle's time spent with DFO was first as a lab technician in Sydney, then as a fishery officer in Glace Bay. He retired in 1989.

Martha Claire Loncarevic, 33, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2001, in Toronto. Martha was the beloved daughter of Association members Bosko and Cathy Loncarevic.

Gordon Matthews died July 20, 2001 in Port aux Basques, Newfoundland at the age of 69. Gordon spent the latter part of his career with BIO, serving on the CSS *Hudson* as well as various other smaller vessels.

Patricia McMullen, 68, died suddenly on September 13, 2001, in Winnipeg. Patricia was the wife of Mike McMullen, a geologist and a manager at BIO in the late sixties and early seventies.

Carl Edward Polson, 81, died in Halifax August 17, 2001. Carl worked at BIO for many years prior to his re-tirement.

Alfred R. Sharples, 85, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2001. Alfred worked as a commisionaire at BIO following his retirement from the Sydney Steel Plant in 1974.

Noella Thoms passed away on September 10, 2001, in Dartmouth. Members will remember Noella as an amiable and familiar figure in the BIO cafeteria over a period of 27 years.

Wilfred Carl White, 71, Dartmouth, passed away August 31, 2001. Following his retirement from the Air Force in 1973, he was employed in turn by the Canadian Coast Guard, DFO (BIO), Transport Canada, and Parks Canada.

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legal courts, unnamed for fear of terrorist attacks. If we entered the building in a certain way, we could stand under the enormous copper dome. We did this, wondering if we would be arrested, and found ourselves among senior gentlemen in black robes and white wigs.

Outside Dublin, we used the Farmhouse bed and

breakfast guide and I highly recommend this. I had expected cramped quarters in old farmhouses but, without exception, all were recently built for the purpose and would put most hotel rooms to shame. The Irish breakfasts were so huge that I ate no lunch all the time I was there, just a lager at about 2 o'clock. At these farmhouses you are out in the countryside, meet delightful people, can take walks, and are made very welcome by your hosts.

Among the places we will remember is Kingsale, south of Cork, an attractive small town with a harbour full of boats. It has two old forts and is within driving distance of Blarney Castle. When we arrived at the castle, we looked with dismay at the 127 steps up the ruined keep that we would have to climb to reach the stone. We were

saved from having to make a decision as it suddenly got nearly as dark as night and the rain teemed down.

Well worthwhile is a visit to the Waterford Glassworks. All the standard items are now made under their supervision in Europe, but they have their best craftsmen making one-of-a-kind items in Waterford, such as winner's trophies of international competitions. You walk around just a few feet away from red hot glass and see every facet of the operation. Fascinating and to my surprise not uncomfortably hot.

On the west coast, the Cliffs of Moher rising out of



Vivien in front of a statue of Molly Malone in Dublin. the water to 200 m are impressive, but I was more interested in the Burren, a large area of exposed limestone north of the cliffs where wildflowers bloom in the cracks. Flowering plants all over Ireland grow many times larger than we would see here and many field hedges are made of fuchsia, six feet tall and covered in flowers.

There is a drive round the Dingle peninsula which has interesting features along its length but don't attempt this without a good local map. The loop is supposed to be signposted but we were told local inn keepers remove or change signs at crucial intersections to divert tourists their way. They certainly got us lost and we never did find the way to the Gallarus Oratory, a tiny stone church built like an upside down boat.

Cutting through the centre of Ireland on our way back to Dublin, we

had an interesting ride on the Shannonbridge Bog Railway. The peat from the bog has been fuelling a large power station for 30 years and has enough fuel for 20 more. That gives you an idea of the size

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of the bog. You travel on the same narrow gauge tracks as are used to haul the peat, are shown how it is harvested, and how the land is later reclaimed. At one point, you stop and can try your hand at cutting peat with hand tools. Not as easy as it looks!

We were lucky with the weather, only one and a half days of rain, but maybe with worldwide climate change Ireland may not be as wet as it used to be. I would recommend Ireland to anyone who wants a new place to visit among friendly people and good pub food.

THE BEDFORD CAR POOL

by Jonathan Bujak

[Editor's Note: Here is a bit of BIO history submitted by our newest member, Willem van der Linden. The poem was written back in the seventies when five BIO staff with the Atlantic Geoscience Centre -Bosko Loncarevic, Brian Nicholls, Jonathan Bujak, Felix Gradstein, and Willem – travelled back and forth to work in one car from Bedford. Willem notes that the Bedford Car Pool was Bosko Loncarevic's initiative in response to the 1973 oil crisis.]

In sleepy silence four glum men Sit huddled, eyes fixed straight ahead. One sounds the horn. "Oh not again, I think John's still asleep in bed."

Out dashes John still getting dressed, His eyes quite wild, his hair all messed. A piece of toast stuck in his mouth, One shoe points north, the other south.

"I was early, you were late," Growls Willem, opening the debate. "Next time we'll leave you," then he smiles, "Perhaps you'd like to walk five miles."

Four tires squeal, five heads jerk back As Brian joins the Bedford race track, At sixty miles an hour and more, His foot pressed firmly to the floor. Felix stirs, "I hear some banging, Not to mention clicks and clanging." Up jumps Willem with a shout, "I think the engine's fallen out".

Soon a fierce debate begins In Dutch and Flemish idioms. The English hear with bated breath This foreign battle to the death.

How many guilders in a cent? How far from Rotterdam to Ghent? Ford or Carter, who will win? Which is better, Scotch or gin?

In tones of glooming prophesy Willem tells of things to be, Of giant cities ruled by cars Where no one sees the sun or stars.

Of massive freeways, concrete blocks, Of washing lines with smelly socks, Of politician's knobbly knees, Of Big Mack Hamburgers with cheese.

Of Plate tectonics, mountain chains, Subduction zones and dirty drains, Of things too horrible to tell That turn you into mush and gel.

So when at last they park the car



And stagger out, their mouths ajar To sit all day with gloomy thoughts Before the evening's motor sports.

N.B. As a postscript to this literary work, Jonathan

added the following final verse after Willem left to take up a position in The Netherlands:

The distinguished Bedford motor pool Convened to save some precious fuel Will it ever be the same With Willem in Utrecht again? Page 5, Issue 13, October 2001

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A wine and cheese party will be held in the BIO Auditorium on Thursday, November 8th, at 7:00pm. Paul Brodie has agreed to be our guest speaker. Paul is one of those gifted people who is able to impart his wide knowledge and describe his many experiences in a way that is entertaining and informative to audiences of several diverse ages and backgrounds. His talk, together with food, wine and good friends, should make for a very pleasant evening. Certainly we received and this promises to be an equally enjoyable experience.

Please note the date on your calendar and plan to attend. You will be reminded and given details in late October or early November, either by telephone or e-mail.

BIO CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Don't forget the BIO Christmas Party in December, held on the morning of the last working day prior to the holiday. Last and we had a great time. Try to keep the time open, and we'll hope to see you there!

WANT TO KNOW HOW TO OPERATE A DIGITAL CAM-ERA?

Bosko Loncarevic has offered to give a short talk on the use of a digital camera. This is tentatively planned for early February, and more information will be made available in the January newsletter.

BIO OPEN HOUSE

by Jackie Dale

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As most of our members probably know by now, the BIO Open House has been postponed until April 25-28, 2002. This has given these groups who plan to set up exhibits extra time to prepare. Although the BIO-Oceans Association exhibit was well in hand when the postponement was called, it will still give some extra breathing space to those who are working so hard to make our contribution a success.

Our president Dale Buckley has been asked once more to act as M.C. for the opening ceremonies on April 25th. We have also been asked to help in the volunteer area, in various locations (yet to be decided) within BIO. Tom Clarke will be looking for your support. If you wish to help out at any time during the Open House, don't hesitate to call Tom

(435-1174) to give him your preferences. He will be glad to hear from you.

Keith Manchester is trying to pull as many photographs of retirees together as possible, to create a collage (of sorts) covering our activities and events. If you have even one photo, he would appreciate receiving it. Keith will make sure that anything you give him will be returned.

For those of you who are busy preparing the Association display, we have been told that any /all material to be prepared by Art Cosgrove must be in Art's hands no later than December 15, 2001. Thus, all translations must be completed by that time.

Members will be contacted with particulars by phone or by e-mail in February or March, 2002.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED *by Jackie Dale*

The Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank, 2415 Maynard Street, Halifax is looking for volunteers to deliver food to those who are unable to get to the food bank themselves. Volunteers usually travel in pairs, for about two hours/day, two days a week. The bank is also very much in need of fundraisers. Funds raised will be used to provide food, and to support classes to be offered in cooperation with the Community College and Mount Saint Vincent University, such as computer operation, job finding, and the preparation of nutritious meals.

If you feel you can lend a hand, in either of the above capacities, please call the Food Bank directly (425-2125) or Claudia Currie (426-7442 or 435-4297).

While we are on the subject of the food bank, many thanks to those of you who saved plastic bags and containers and also glass jars in response to our call in the last newsletter. The food bank is always in need of these items. Also, don't forget that the bank will accept toys at any time, since according to Tom Clarke, they never seem to have enough over the Christmas season. Please call Jackie Dale (466-2584)if you have anything at all to contribute.

SUMMER BARBECUE IN CHESTER

On Thursday July 26th, Cathy and John Lazier opened their summer cottage in East Chester and did everything possible to make this annual event a special one. Intermittent showers did not deter over 60 members who travelled to East Chester and the delightful cottage along the Shore Road that the Laziers have owned since 1973. Great food and good company made for lively conversation, loads of laughs and one great barbecue! Our sincere thanks to our hosts John and Cathy for a very enjoyable day.

On the last page of this newsletter are a few snapshots from this barbecue. The photos were taken by Catherine Lazier, Jackie Dale & Michael Latremouille. Our thanks to Art Cosgrove who printed the page in full colour at no charge to us from a file we sent to him via e-mail...the wonders of computer technology!

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL REPORTS by Betty Anderson

We currently have 133 members in good standing and 13 members in arrears. We thought personal telephone reminders might stir the latter into action, but to no avail – my postman arrives daily but with nary a remittance from the tardy! It has been our policy to send newsletters to delinquent members for one full year after non-renewal, but we are now considering shortening this time. Members are reminded that annual fees are due on May 1, 2001, and the fiscal year ends on April 30, 2002.

We welcome the following -825-4695, and Willem. J.M. van der Linden (Uthrecht University, The Netherlands, telephone 31-30-535137). Please add them to the Current Mainew members: Richard Addison (Victoria, BC, telephone 250-537-1558), Ross Douglas (Ottawa, telephone 613ling List circulated with the July issue of the newsletter. Also, amend Brian Nicholls's phone number on that list to 780-426-3278. (Sorry Brian...)

As at October 3, 2001, our Operating Fund had three Guaranteed Investment Certificates with Scotia Bank and two ING Direct totalling \$3,889.09 as well as \$18.93 in the bank for a total of \$4,028.02. Foundation Fund expenditures totalled \$5,070.41 with a total of \$55.81 in the bank. There are no outstanding invoices against either account. Page 7, Issue 13, October 2001

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

[*Editor's Note*: When this newsletter hears of some interesting news stories that involved our members or their families, we will pass this information along for your interest. We make no claims to reporting all such instances, but we welcome any suggestions for items to include in this column.]

- Roger Belanger, a resident of Grand Desert and co-chair of a group developing the Trans Canada Trail portion between Porter's Lke and Three Fathom Harbour, was interviewed by the media in mid-September. Stories in both The Daily News and The Mail Star reported Roger's concerns over the destruction of a salt marsh in the construction of a new road through a corner of Robinson's Pond marsh at Seaforth. Third Maritime Properties of Florida got permission from the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment to construct the road leading to the 14-hectare peninsula that the company is developing in Seaforth.Because the wetland to be infilled for the road is less than 2 hectares in area, the province does not require an environmental assessment to be done before approving the construction. Roger and his neighbours are upset that part of a beautiful pond is being destroyed and worried that, in Roger's words, "we're eating away our wetlands a half hectare at a time."
- Dr. Ravi Durvasula is the son of retired BIO biologist Dr. Subba Rao Durvasula as well as medical director of Yale University's health services and an epidemiology professor at this prestigious American school. On a recent visit back to Dartmouth, Chad Lucas of the The Mail Star interviewed Ravi in a front-page story on his research interests at Yale. He is working with colleagues to try to control Chagas's disease, an insect borne virus that in his words is "the leading cause of heart disease south of the US border ". In the article, Ravi notes that his love of science came from his father and from his years at Dartmouth High School. He represented Nova Scotia at a national science fair while in high school. Ravi earned a medical degree from McGill University, did a residency in Houston Texas and from there was hired by Yale University.

HELP NEEDED ON EARLY BIO STAFF LIST

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Our Association's Secretary, Clive Mason, has managed to compile a list of the early staff at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography for the 1962 through 1965 period from a variety of sources. Still lacking from this list are the names of crew members who served aboard ships including those of many key petty officers from those days. Efforts are underway to try to retrieve missing names including an attempt to access early-days files retained by DSS.

Over the next few pages, we have reproduced the bare bones file of 1962-1965 staff names as it exists now. (note that not all of the affiliation and other information on Clive's list is included here). We encourage members to review the list and to let us have any additions, corrections, or other suggestions that they may have. Only by tapping our collective memories and sources will we be able to assemble the complete list.

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Abbott-Smith	Ken	Cassivi	Roger	Fultz	DM
Adams	AL	Chamberlain	Duncan	Furlong	SG
Allen	CS	Champion	WH	Gallant	CE
Amero	RC	Chevrier	Roland	Gamester	Hilda
Anderson	Betty	Clarke	EG	Gasperac	JΑ
Armitage	Fred	Coady	Vernon	Gaudet	٧J
Armsworthy	BA	Collin	Art	Gibson	GJ
Arnold	JG	Comeau	EJ	Gilbert	Reg
Atkinson	Andy	Connolly	Gerry	Gilhen	AS
Bachman	EG	Coombs	Al	Gillis	JR
Baggs	SH	Cooper	Roy	Gillis	Kaye
Bailey	Bill	Coote	Art	Gillis	Willi
Baker	JMC	Corkum	PL	Goodwin	Bill
Balfour	Bob	Cormier	Roch	Gorman	ΗL
Barrett	Donald	Cournoyer	J	Grant	ΑB
Barteaux	Fred	Cowan	AJ	Grant	Alar
Bartlett	Grant	Cunningham	Carl	Grant	Cliff
Bayers	CJ	Cunningham	IA	Grant	FW
Beck	Vince	Dale	GC	Grant	ТΑ
Bennett	Andrew	Dalzell	М	Greig	JF
Benson	David	Davidson	Jean	Guier	The
Bentiey	John	Dawson	R	Haight	J
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Booth	GW	Dodds	Mike	Hemphill	MA
Bourgeous	JS	Doe	Earle	Higgins	GE
Boutilier	JF	Dugas	JYA	Higgins	JM
Bradbury	JD	Dunbrack	SS	Hilchey	VW
Brawn	Vivian	Duncan	George	Hiltz	Ray
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Buchan	W	Ewing	Gerry	Holler	Arn
Buckley	Dale	Farquharson	lan	Holler	Trig
Butters	John	Fenerty	NE	Horham	JS
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I wrack my brain, and all in vain

Where it is safe, but, gee! The person it is safest from When shopping I may see someone Say "Hi" and have a chat, Then when the person walks away I ask myself "Who's that?" Yes, my forgetter's getting better While my rememberer is broke, And it's driving me plumb crazy And that isn't any joke.

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