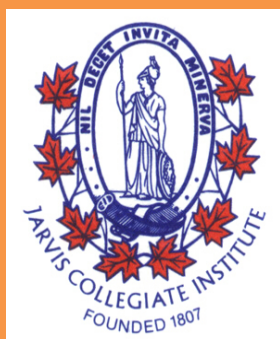


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President's Message



It has been some time since we have published Minerva's Diary to which I apologize to our readers who look forward to perusing it.

It has been quite a busy fall for me. I have always shared my thoughts with you through these pages - thoughts such as: my son, my reunion, my enthusiasm for my alma mater So it should go without saying that I also share with you the loss of my father just as this publication was being prepped for your reading entertainment.

My parents had separated when I was at Jarvis and any psychologist can tell you that during unstable times, there must always be a constant for a child. Jarvis had been that one constant 'thing' that I could rely on. I could always rely on the routine it brought to me knowing that the clubs that I had joined will always be there, cross-country training in the fall, track in the spring, homework, tests and exams.

In this issue, in a way, there is a call for this cohesive theme. There is a call for a lot of business to be done for the Jarvis Collegiate Alumni Association. Charles Carr passing this July also brought new issues to be dealt with. Changes to not-for-profit corporations will be coming into

effect soon which shall affect the way the Association may run its business also takes some urgency.

Also, in this issue, and pretty much in all the issues thus far, the ongoing theme has been how Jarvis affected us and how it developed us into who and what we are today. Sara Seager is the name that comes up in this issue. As does her science teacher, Mr. Bell, I share great pride in her accomplishments. I hope that she will be able to share with us more about the work that she is doing, especially now, as new graduates look toward their commencement and their unknown future.

Jarvis Collegiate Alumni Scholarship

All those having an interest in the future of the Jarvis Collegiate Alumni Scholarship are asked to come out and provide their input for changes to its current parameters.

The Scholarship was formulated from funds collected by the Jarvis Alumni Association at Jarvis' 175th Birthday.

The current parameters are as follows:

- Provide funds to the school for the awarding of prizes in recognition of both academic excellence and outstanding contribution to the Life of the school by the students in the various courses and programs of Jarvis
- Provide funds to the school to recognize outstanding contributions to both the education programs and support activities by the teaching staff
- Provide funds to the school to develop, establish and maintain historical artifacts and material relating to the history of Jarvis
- Only annual interest is disbursed
- Capital is invested

- The board is to report annually to the Principal of Jarvis and the Alumni Association on the year's investment performance

Proposed Changes:

- Principal and interest may be disbursed in providing awards

Optional Changes:

- Capital is to be transferred from the Toronto District School Board to an investment advisor of a reputable financial institution, and investments may extend to medium-risk holdings

We ask that anyone interested in the fund's operation to attend the Annual General Meeting on Monday, November 21, 2011 at the school library.

If you are unable to attend, we ask that you forward your opinions to contactus@jarvisalumni.ca or fax to 416-778-8663 no later than Sunday, November 20, 2011.

Who's Who!

Harold Wright and the Class of 1961.

Who is this man?

I never had him as a teacher, but I heard that he was a really good teacher.

In fact, he is more than a good teacher at Jarvis ... twice. He was actually a student at Jarvis as well.

He was a grad from the Class of 1961!

Imagine ... he graduated from Jarvis the year I was born! (Oh no! I've divulged my age!) and he doesn't even look a day over 50.

This September, the Class of 1960 decided to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation in Oakville and they have shared a picture with us.

Here's to another 50 years!

Cheers to Harold Wright to have the nerve and tenacity to attend 5 years at Jarvis, then to come back (twice) to teach us brats!



Alumni Profile: Sara Seager – Class of 1990

By Benita Ho



Here is the first part of a story about one of our own. In the next part, we hope to learn more about Sara's work and what it means to all of us.

This spring, a Jarvisite was spotted in the papers of Toronto.

Apparently Mr. Bell was the first to notice the article in the Globe and Mail. And like the old Fabrege commercial, he told two friends and they told two friends and so on and so on ... Well actually, he told Mr. Pearl who told me.

Search the web for the article titled "A Space Pioneer Aims to Prove We're Not Alone" by John Allemang, published February 25, 2011 – note the article

appeared in the publication's Saturday edition. The article quotes: "For thousands of years, people have wondered if there's life beyond Earth". Well, that just got me totally excited! Is this Star Trek?

If you search her website, seagerexoplanets.mit.edu/biography, she acknowledges her time at Jarvis Collegiate Institute which is known for its science education. Yippee!!!

Bravo to our dear science teachers!

Who is this Jarvisite?

She is Sara Seager. She is an Astrophysicist who undoubtedly studied Math and Sciences at Jarvis C.I., then on to University of Toronto where she graduated with a B.Sc. in Math and Physics. Thereafter, she pursued her PhD in Astronomy at Havard University.

Today, she is a professor in astrophysics and planetary science at MIT in Massachusetts. She is also a member of the U.S.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Kepler mission team answering the question: Is there life outside our tiny solar system? At this point, do you hear William Shatner's voice echoing in your head "... and to go where no man has gone before ...".

In the article, Sara is quoted about her time at Jarvis and how it has impacted her work today:

"I may look like I fit in, but I'm a born outsider.... I looked at them and realized that I had nothing in common with these people. But it wasn't a sad thought: Because if you don't fit in, then you don't have to do normal things."

At Jarvis C.I., it had always been home to many nationalities and personalities. There was and there still are many

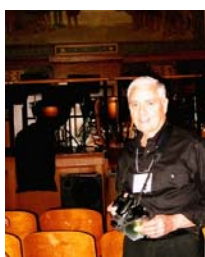
different cultural groups, socio-economic groups and personality types that somehow have managed to co-exist together, whereas other high schools in Toronto had not been able to accomplish the same. The Jarvis student body had never alienated one group over another, or one person over another. This is encouragement that, for those of us who feel that they do not belong, can in fact grow up to be someone or something, or, even someone or something very special.

In seeing Sara's accomplishments, it appears that the teachers of Jarvis had accomplished their task of not just building academic excellence but also in building the character in education and the character of the student to allow them to excel in whatever dreams they may have.

And I repeat: "Bravo to ALL our teachers!"

Charles (Chuck) Carr

Story by Benita Ho



I did not know Chuck at all until 2007 when I started working with the Jarvis Collegiate Bicentennial Reunion Project. Somehow, he came into my life and I am better for it. I recognize the significance of his achievement in forming the Jarvis Collegiate Alumni

Association in the 1980's.

During this decade, another alumni group was also formed, the Jarvis Collegiate Alumni Society. Over the years, grads have joined these two groups, volunteering their time and energy in an effort to tie the school community together after our days at Jarvis

Charles (Chuck) Carr (continued)

were long over.

Today, the current Alumni Association has merged the two groups together to better service the alumni community. It currently operates under the same parameters as those first started by Chuck.

This summer, on July 4, 2011, Chuck passed away at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre.

Rather than my recount my own recollections of his energy to you, I instead include some of what those who knew him have said.

.... Personally, I have many fond memories of our five years together at Jarvis, the Glee Club, the Operettas and many other school activities where Chuck used his wonderful God-given talents and abilities to make everything fun and a success. All his hard work and dedication made our 175th Jarvis Reunion the exciting event it was with his e-mails, photography and wonderful smile. He has made a difference in the lives of so many of us and he will be deeply missed

Marilyn-Anne Quinton (Reid)

.... I grew up with Chuck. We went to Duke of York together then on to Jarvis. I remember so well the Chinese food party at the Hospital where you first met him. It brings back many fond memories. He will be missed.

Terry & Jo Sargent

Chuck and I never met in person. But we swapped life stories. His was remarkable! All that he overcame to carve many successful careers and create a wonderful family that he was so proud of. Chuck did more than anyone I know to connect the dots of all our lives, that were those magical years at Jarvis. C.I.

Thank you Chuck. Fondly remembered and not forgotten
John Uren

I was deeply saddened when I received the news that Chuck had died. I remember him fondly as one of the interesting and actively involved classmates of mine from Jarvis Collegiate - The Gilbert & Sullivan productions, sports, and creative goofing around.

More recently I enjoyed Chuck's email broadcasts of curios that he came across on the internet. At times they

were so frequent that I created a separate folder to save them for a future occasion when I could examine them more fully.

I will now have to call it "Chuck's Memorial Folder".

Then the emails stopped coming and I knew that all was not well, and indeed it was not.

I will miss Chuck, but I certainly enjoyed him while he was around.

Kas Tuters, Classmate of Chuck's

I'm sure your memories of him will last as long as mine have. I was a fellow "Page's Guinea Pig" and as well joined him in the operettas with the Glee Club. After I left the country for the States my contacts ended. But fond memories of those times remain. It is with sorrow I have reconnected in this way

Frances Midwood/Ritchie

Chuck's pride in his family, his commitment to his staff and students, and his constant interest and enthusiasm are truly memorable. He always encouraged people to achieve as much as possible. Chuck's endless patience and expertise, his guidance and painstaking efforts will always be remembered with fondness and respect.

John and Mary El Milosh

.... Chuck and I were the best of friends during our years together at JCI - one of the happiest eras of my life. My fondest memories include the Gilbert & Sullivan operettas; Sunday visits with Chuck's Mom and sister Jean at the Weston Sanitarium to see Chuck's Dad and the time we spent in each other's home with our family members. One of my greatest regrets in life was that by leaving Ontario I was not able to enjoy the lifetime of the special friendship with Chuck that I am confident would have otherwise evolved

Barrie & Valerie Smith

I came on the Jarvis staff well after Chuck had graduated. We became acquainted over recent 'reunion' years. He exhibited all of the wonderful characteristics that have been, and are, attributed him. I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to 'work' around him.

Marvin Pearl

Chuck Carr represented the finest in what a human can strive to be. He touched so many lives in so many ways and will be deeply missed by everyone who had the good fortune to know him. Chuck leaves all of us inspired to be

Charles (Chuck) Carr (continued)

better.

Ann Mason Banks

Chuck was one of the keys to the success of the 175th reunion. His crowded 1950s decade room reflected his personality and driving energy. The walls were covered with photos of the era. He kept the Alumni Association alive and thriving and made a valuable contribution to the school's reputation.

Harvey Medland

I have many fond memories of Chuck dating back just under 50 years ago when we entered grade nine at Jarvis. He has always been a leader and a support to others. I was impressed by all the time and effort he devoted to our reunion activities. I will miss him and his helpful ways.

Annual General Meeting – November 21, 2011

Annual General Meetings are a great forum for you to come out and express your interest and/or support for the school. It is also a way for you to provide input on how we, in association, can contribute toward giving back to the school that has given us so much knowledge and, of course, fun. Whether you were student or staff (or both) at Jarvis, Jarvisites will always have a bond with one another.

Please come out to elect your executive personnel, or be an executive for the next period. The following positions are currently open for the next period:

- Vice-President

At this meeting, JCAA will also be looking for team

Commencement 2011

Over the past issues, you have heard me talk about my son, William, who currently attends Jarvis Collegiate Institute, so it should go without saying that I should share with you William's commencement into adulthood.

I share with you a couple of pictures of myself with William.



Mike Cavanagh

Chuck was a friend to all who met him, he influenced all of us at Jarvis. His enthusiasm, leadership and wisdom were there in high school and only grew later in life. Chuck was my first date in 1st form at Jarvis when we attended the football dance and we remained friends throughout the 5 years at JCI. Oh the memories that his name brings back - parties on the Toronto island, at my house, sock hops, all our teachers, all those extra-curricular activities etc.

I am sorry that we lost touch after JCI, but I will always be grateful to him for bringing the JCI friends back together. Good bye my friend, I will miss you.

Judy Landon

leaders to head committees, and for volunteers to assist them. Areas requiring assistance are:

- Membership Services
- Alumni Museum
- Save the Pool
- Auditorium – Sound & Lighting
- Career Fair/Forum
- Auditorium – General
- Fund-raising

Our meeting will be held on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 6:00pm in the school's library to give alumni an opportunity to view the Museum.

See you there!

Ontario Voted 2011 – Voter Apathy at its best.

Story by David Seepersad

Ontarians went to the polls on October 6th, 2011 and returned the Liberals back to Queen's Park, but this time with a Minority Government. Both the Progressive Conservatives (PC) and New Democratic Party (NDP) made gains in the legislature, but being ideologically incompatible with each other, could not topple the Liberals by forming a coalition government (at least not yet).

I think the most pressing issue, on the minds of Ontarians going into the election, was the economy, and as Stephen Harper had capitalized on this issue for his bid to return to government with a stable majority government, so too did Dalton McGuinty. This premier was highly unpopular (and even admitted it in one of the Liberal Election Ads) and was able to use the strengths of his time as Premier to convince enough Ontarians that keeping the Liberals in power was the best thing for our province. Other key themes were education and health care for the Liberals.

Tim Hudak and Andrea Horwath also played the economy card, but ideas of massive tax cuts and tax raises didn't really resonate that well with the voters - nor did chain gangs, eliminating jobs in the green energy sector, attacking foreign worker subsidies, or bashing

unions. PC ads playing up Premier McGuinty as the "Tax Man" also didn't resonate with the voters, as opinion polls during the election showed that the PC's were losing popularity during their campaign and the NDP were getting in on the Jack Layton afterglow to increase their popularity.

At the end of the day, only 49.2 per cent of eligible voters turned out to the ballot box, which was a record low from the last record set in 2007 when only 52.8 per cent of voters bothered to cast a vote. This was despite Elections Ontario making it even easier to vote this time round. This year you could vote at your local returning office on any day over the election period, you could have obtained a mail-in ballot, voted at an advance poll (which was open for more days than before) and of course the traditional way of voting at your local polling station on election day. So accessibility to the voting process doesn't seem to be a factor in the low turnout at the polls overall. On a positive note, more people than ever turned out at the advance polls.

With such low voter turnout, it raises the question of what's going on in our society that people are so apathetic to engaging in democracy? From some of the people I polled after the election on Facebook, some mentioned voter fatigue (in

Toronto in the past year we had 2 other elections as well), the lack of ideas, not liking the leaders of the party, to voting just results in the same old thing in government so why bother?

I keep pointing out that in other countries, especially this year with the Arab spring, that there are people who would die to participate in the democracy we have. It's not perfect, but it's better than most other ways of governing a country. We've recently seen the toppling of a dictatorship in Libya, and Tunisians turning up in their first free elections in decades at a rate of 70% turnout. I like the Elections Ontario ad that has the tagline "You wouldn't let your grandmother choose who you date?" which sums up what's happening to our democracy. So how does that skew the policies that affect our everyday lives?

With voter turnout being so low, there is truly a divide in suburban/rural and urban voters. Suburban/rural voters are generally older and more conservative leaning, compared to the liberal and younger urban voters. That being said, the cities overwhelmingly voted to the center/left political spectrum while most suburban/rural communities vote to the right of the political spectrum. This leaves voters out in the cold when their local issues don't really get addressed by who they voted into power (especially with this

provincial legislature being ideologically split somewhat). I'm not sure if this continues to discourage voters from turning out at the polls.

Going forward, we will have a minority Liberal government needing the support of one of the other parties to push through policy. It is said that minority governments are the ones that work the best, but as we saw on the Federal scene, that's only as far as the parties want to work together. And it could either turn into a leading party wanting to poison the political partnerships (as the Federal Conservatives did by ruling like they had a majority and stoking the election fires at every turn) or we can see true non-partisanship like we did under people like Bill Davis (a Progressive Conservative) or Lester B. Pearson (a Liberal). One can only hope that parliamentarians can put the electoral war factory aside and do what's best for the province as opposed to putting their political ambitions front and centre. Otherwise, we'll be back at the polls sooner rather than later, which can only result in more voter apathy.

The Jarvis Invitational Golf Tournament

Story by Brian Caldwell



Way back in the 1960's a few Jarvisites (mostly jocks) had a little golf tournament. One of the guys made a rather elegant trophy; a piece of 2x4 with 3 of his little brother's baby food tins on the top. It was played for by a moving feast of contestants and awarded in 1963, 64 and 65, with brass plaques to enshrine the winners. Although many of these reprobates kept in touch over the years, the trophy was not competed for again until 2007, at the time of JCI's 200th anniversary. That led to a rekindling of Bull-Doggian spirit; an additional piece of 2x4 was added and the grand old trophy has now been played for the last two years. In deference to somewhat declining skills, the competition is now a team event using a scramble format. Teams are "randomly" drawn by the organizers...so no stacking permitted.

Last year's tourney was in Collingwood, with a post game pep rally at the club featuring a still-wonderful former cheerleader, replete with actual outfit and pom-poms. Nary a dry eye was in the room following a rendition of the Jarvis fight song! The party moved on to one of the player's homes for some beverages, local chili dinner, more beverages and at least one speech made from the centre of the dining room table! The quarterbacks, still leaders, were the very last to leave!

This year's tourney was in the Gananoque area. Golf was followed by some beverages, a short boat ride to one of the player's cottage on a small island, a prize and trophy presentation, a huge pot of local chili,

incredible sausages, hoards of mosquitoes and of course the telling of many, many lies about how good we were...then.

Each year we've had about 20 players. We have established a core group with a few others coming when they can, depending on location. We have extended our "data base" to include some who preceded us at Jarvis, particularly those who played on a championship senior football team in – get this – 1961. So, we hope the tourney will be even bigger and better in 2012.

We'd love to work with the Alum association to expand the brother (and sister) hood and make this an even better tourney. With the right spirit and involvement, we could use it to raise some money for the school, students or particular programs. You are all Jarvisites who are reading this. We are likely a bit older than you but, we're still keen. The friendships we made on the field, in the class and in sharing the very process of growing up are really life-long.

Let us know how to add you to our invitational list and hopefully we'll see you in 2012.

Contact Brian: 705 444 6268 or bbc@dealercommunications.com

PS A few of the group ski a bit too; a ski day and evening is likely this winter. Let us know if you're interested in joining in. Get a few of your contemporaries and we'll make it a good party!

