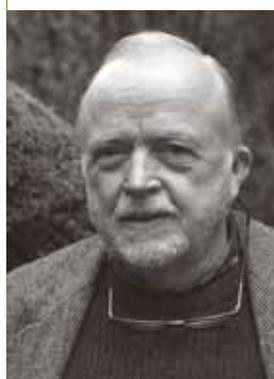


Lewis Lapham Opens Coutts Lecture Series

The James A. Coutts Lecture Series has been launched at Pearson College through a generous donor endowment. The series is named in honour of Mr. **James Coutts**, Chair of the Pearson College Canadian Foundation and former Chair of the Pearson College Board of Trustees.



James A. Coutts, CM

Since the early 1970s Mr. Coutts has played a key role in fulfilling the dream of former Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson for a unique school on Canada's west coast with a focus on academics, service and the pursuit of peace.

Mr. **Lewis H. Lapham** will be the inaugural speaker in the Coutts Lecture Series at Pearson College in late April.

Lewis Lapham is Editor of *Lapham's Quarterly*. He also serves as editor emeritus and national correspondent for *Harper's Magazine*. Mr. Lapham is the author of numerous books, including *Money and Class in America*, *Theater of War*, *Gag Rule*, and, most recently, *Pretensions to Empire*. *The New York Times* has likened him to H.L. Mencken; *Vanity Fair* has suggested a strong resemblance to Mark Twain, and Tom Wolfe compared him to Montaigne.

Mr. Lapham currently writes "Notebook", a bi-monthly column for *Harper's* that won a National Magazine Award in 1995 for exhibiting "an exhilarating point of view in an age of conformity."

Mr. Lapham was educated at Yale College and Cambridge University. He served two terms as editor of *Harper's Magazine* and during those 30 years, the magazine won 14 National Magazine Awards.

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Pearson Economic Summit participants included students from the College and the Victoria area.

Students Host Economic Summit

by Camille, PC 35 USA and Trudi, PC 35 Canada

Last October the Pearson College Social Entrepreneurs had a dream – to bring together students from the College and the Victoria area for an Economic Summit.

Our objectives included the following: to provide opportunities for participants to experience the international environment of Pearson College and to develop friendships with students from around the world; to promote exchange of perspectives concerning the current economic crisis, taking into account the interrelation between countries; to develop participants' perception of economic issues and their impact on different countries; and to inspire a range of ideas and resolutions through consensus from a diverse community.

On January 17th, 2009 over thirty participants, fifteen of whom were from Pearson College, had comprehensive discussions in small groups facilitated by enthusiastic first and second year students. The participants had a chance to hear each other's perspectives on the economic situation and Pearson College students were able to share information on events and consequences in their home countries. We later all gathered together for presentations on the small group activities and had an overall forum that evolved into

a fundamental conversation contrasting economic-political systems.

Upon reflection, the goals set by Pearson College Social Entrepreneurs were achieved. We feel that everyone left with a greater understanding of the global impact of the economic crisis.

Greenhouse to Supply Campus-grown Foods



There are some big changes taking place on the shores of Pedder Bay near the guest parking area. Under the guidance of **Chris Blondeau**, Director of Operations, the Campus Care Activity is undertaking a project which will enhance campus sustainability. The student-led Activity with help from the Growing Opportunities Activity is building a new greenhouse and compost bins. Construction of the 20' by 70' greenhouse is nearing completion and will provide approximately 1,100 square feet of growing area.

"A grant from the **Ivey Foundation** has made the greenhouse possible," says Chris Blondeau. "We plan to produce salad greens and other vegetable crops to serve in the Dining Hall. The impacts and benefits to the campus community will reach far beyond the dinner table. The project has generated a lot of interest from many in the community who want to get involved and there is already a real sense of pride of what has been accomplished on the part of the students and employees taking part in the project."



One World

Salsa dancers perform at One World 2009 held in Victoria's Royal Theatre. Virtually all 200 Pearson College students were involved in the popular annual show, with 175 appearing on stage.



Health and Wellness a Priority

Pearson College recently received a \$225,000 grant from a very generous anonymous donor to help with ongoing efforts focusing on the health and wellness on campus.

Dean of Students, **Geoffrey Tindye**, explains, "This important donation will help to enhance the well-being of the entire campus community. It will provide the salary for a professional counsellor who will be available directly to students. In addition faculty, staff and students have begun to develop an overall Wellness Program at the College, ranging from the simple – more physical activity – to the often elusive priority in the life of many students at the College: sleep."

"Assuring individual and community health and wellness has high level priority in all that we do at Pearson College."

College Director David Hawley

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Donors' lives and generosity celebrated

Fleming McConnell

MD, FRCPC 1925 – 2008

In addition to many family and friends, a large number of College graduates from China joined Aileen McConnell on September 27th, 2008 to celebrate the life of her late husband Fleming. One after the other the graduates, who had traveled from their current homes around the world, spoke of their immense respect and gratitude for the generous and unwavering support Fleming had extended to them while they were at the College and in the ensuing years as they pursued their university studies and careers.

Fleming and Aileen McConnell moved to a farm near Pearson College in 1990. When they first visited the College, they were surprised to discover that China was not represented amongst the 200 students from 80 countries. They went to work immediately to establish a connection between Pearson College and schools in Suzhou, Victoria's Sister City in China. Thanks to their efforts, the first student from China arrived at the College in 1992. Fleming and Aileen assisted with the selection process in China and made annual gifts to support scholarships for the students selected. They also served as a host family and mentors for the students. In 2001 they established the Drs. Fleming and Aileen McConnell Endowed Scholarship and a few years later made a gift of life insurance to Pearson College.



Aileen and Fleming McConnell helped bring the first student from China to the College in 1992.

Aileen McConnell with students and graduates from China gather at the bench dedicated to the memory of her husband, Dr. Fleming McConnell.

Werner Hesse

1926 – 2008

In October friends and family gathered at the College to celebrate Werner Hesse's life and later in November Werner's ashes were scattered on Race Rocks. Werner was pre-deceased by his wife, Hildegard in February 2008.

In keeping with their keen interest in birds and the environment, Werner and Hildegard were generous supporters of the Pearson College projects on Race Rocks. (please visit www.racerocks.com).

The Hesses also donated a complete encyclopedia set of *The Birds of North America* (BNA) to the College Library. The 18 volumes with over 18,000 pages were a joint 10-year project published in 2002 by the American Ornithologists' Union, the Cornell University Lab of Ornithology and the Academy of Natural Sciences. Please visit www.bna.birds.cornell.edu/bna for more information.

The Birds of North America is only the fourth comprehensive reference covering North America's breeding birds. It is an impressive set with detailed summaries of over 700 species with up-to-date information about distribution, migration, habitat, sounds, behaviour, breeding, appearance and conservation. Werner and Hildegard visited the Library often, taking home one volume at a time and over the past few years studied the entire set of 716 species of birds.



Hildegard (centre) and Werner Hesse (left) visit Race Rocks with Garry Fletcher, Chris Blondeau and students.

For reunion information and to volunteer please contact:
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Graduate Profiles

John Ofori
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After I completed my university studies I worked in the investment business in the United States as Vice President in the Structured Products Division of AIG Trading Group. I later transferred to Johannesburg and managed investment banking activities for AIG in South Africa.

Last year I decided to move back home to Ghana and have been working with a family owned business and doing community development work in my home village of Kwahu-Tafo, an impoverished rural town. I am involved with the not-for-profit group Friends of Tafo which works to empower as well as assist the people of the village through projects designed to generate a capacity for self-development in education, health, infrastructure and employment.

We work in close partnership with local individuals and organizations to ensure that the projects chosen and the resources allocated reflect local needs and priorities. Some of the ongoing initiatives include funding teachers for and renovation of the secondary school, establishing an eye care program, setting up bee keeping cooperatives for income generation and equipping the town's first computer classroom and science lab.

I am also volunteering with the Ghana UWC National Selection Committee. My experience at Pearson College was very important to me and I would like to do what I can to help out with the activities of the United World Colleges in my home country.

Nilima Gulrajani
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I am an assistant professor at the London School of Economics in Public Administration and Development. My research applies organizational studies to understand the problems of foreign aid and the development industry. I don't think I would be a social scientist if it weren't for Pearson College. My interest in international affairs and social science derives from some combination of Basil Stumborg's Economics classes in the Victoria House Day Room, Marc Abrioux's International Affairs sessions in the Max Bell and heated late night conversations in the Common Room.

I will always remember the kindness and selflessness of many I met at Pearson. Their generosity and sense of civic service continues to serve as my reminder of the essential goodness of all humans. My own career path, shaped by my university studies and time spent at the World Bank and the Canadian Ministry of Finance, is motivated by these values. Like all graduates, I sometimes wonder whether my work makes these timeless "Pearsonian" values real and more accessible. I do what volunteer work I can, helping out with a charity addressing homelessness in London. I try to inspire my students to "make a difference" in the way the teachers at Pearson College inspired me. I remind myself that every little bit surely counts and that there have been positive spillovers to the adventure that began when a 17-year old stepped off a plane in Victoria to find herself receiving a hug from a stranger!

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News from the Board of Trustees

The Pearson College Board of Trustees serves as the guardian of the mission and values of the College and is responsible for the affairs of the College including its strategic and financial planning.



Francis Saville, Chair,
 Pearson College
 Board of Trustees

Trustee **Francis Saville**, was elected Chair of the Board in November 2008 and succeeds **Diana Maughan** who joined the Board in 1996 and served as Chair from 2003-2008. Mrs. Maughan will continue in her roles as College Trustee and member of the International Board of the United World Colleges. Mr. Saville, Counsel with Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP, Calgary, Alberta also serves as Chair of the Board of Nexen Inc., which has been a financial

supporter of Pearson College since 1981. "We are fortunate to have extremely dedicated Trustees who are committed to the College and its purpose and who generously share their time and expertise to assure its most effective governance," stated Mr. Saville.

"This year we are very pleased to welcome the addition of The Right Honourable **Joe Clark, Jean Drouin, Peter Dunn** and **Randy Gossen** to the Board."

"Our current Board of Trustees faces serious challenges brought on by the current economic climate. However, the College continues to benefit from and build on the many positive advances made during Diana Maughan's term as Chair and through the valuable contributions by Director **David Hawley**."

"More than ever this year and in the years ahead, our alumni must play an increasingly active role in the governance and financial support of the College," Mr. Saville emphasized.

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Faculty Contribute to the IB



Laura Verhegge (L)
and Catrin Brown
Mark Bannar-Martin
(photo right)

Pearson College faculty members regularly contribute their knowledge and expertise to the development of International Baccalaureate (IB) academic programs. Recently a number of our teachers have made substantial contributions that will benefit not only Pearson College students, but also those in schools around the world.

Founded in 1968, the IB currently works with 2,556 schools in 133 countries to develop and offer challenging programs in international education and oversee rigorous assessment of over 694,000 students aged 3 to 19 years. The IB programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners.

Pearson College teacher and Marine Biologist **Laura Verhegge** spent much of last year designing a Marine Science course and submitting a school-based syllabus to the IB for approval. This past September, thirty-one first year students

began the unique-to-Pearson College program which replaces the Environmental Systems curriculum. The new course takes full advantage of the unique marine “laboratory” at Race Rocks and surrounding the College. Student Mohamed, PC 35 Yemen remarks, “In my country environmental protection is not encouraged much. Through my studies I have gained awareness of the fragility and beauty of marine ecology and the importance of actively preserving it.”

Mark Bannar-Martin, Pearson College Mathematics teacher, is currently on sabbatical and working on an online public domain mathematics textbook for IB Standard Level. The book is to be published in two volumes.

Chemistry and Biology teacher, **Catrin Brown**, recently co-authored a new IB Standard Level Chemistry textbook published in September 2008 and is also co-author of a new Chemistry textbook for IB Higher Level due out in August 2009. “It has been a very intense process, but probably the best professional development project I’ve ever done,” recalls Catrin. “It was great to have student input and their help with proof reading too!” The books are part of a new series of IB textbooks written for the new science curriculum and published by Heinemann, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, publishers of professional development books and resources for teachers.

“Our teachers at Pearson College were unlike any I had experienced before. They sought excellence from each of us and really communicated their passion for their subjects.”

Mélanie, PC 15 Canada

News from Race Rocks

In mid-December, **Mike and Carol Slater** retired after two decades of service as lighthouse keepers and eco-guardians on Race Rocks. “Mike and Carol will be greatly missed,” Director of Operations **Chris Blondeau** states. “Since the College took over stewardship of Race Rocks they have played an important part in the research and ecological protection carried out at this exceptional living laboratory. Many student experiences at Pearson College have been enriched through Mike and Carol’s role as hosts and mentors on the island.”

Ryan Murphy, PC 26 Canada has returned to the College as the new resident eco-guardian. After completing his studies at Pearson College, Ryan received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from Mount Allison and a Masters Degree in Biology from Memorial University. He also has extensive experience as a diver.

In addition to his many duties as eco-guardian, Ryan has spent many hours taking photographs of the spectacular marine life and environment and has captured some brilliant images. He recently observed the birth of an elephant seal on Race Rocks. “This area has long been visited by elephant seals, but we have never seen anything like this,” stated **Garry Fletcher**, former Pearson College teacher and champion of the preservation of Race Rocks. “Babies are usually born in Baja California not this far north.”

Please visit www.racerocks.com to view more of Ryan’s photographs and to keep up-to-date with daily activities at Race Rocks and the adventures of young elephant seal, baby Ninene.



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