

Homecoming Weekend 2008

It was wonderful to see so many classmates back for the 25th reunion last weekend. Science '83 had the largest turnout of any reunion year! About 125 people attended the dinner on Saturday night and we were entertained by memories from 25 years ago through a great slide show and by reconnecting with some wonderful friends. Some of you were back for the first time since graduation, and many of you have made this a regular pentennial celebration. For those of you that couldn't make it, we'll put together a collection of shots from the weekend and post them on the web. No doubt you'll agree that our graying hair makes us look even smarter than we once thought we were.

Sunday brunch was a relaxing time when about a hundred joined at the Kingston Yacht Club, including Rob Macnamara and Mark Milne, both from Science '09 and the co-winners of the Mark Latham Award. They were interested to hear about Mark and about Science '83 exploits (Globe and Wail, greasepole etc). Mark's sister, Alison Latham, was unable to attend at the last minute, but she is very interested in hearing from Mark's old friends. Contact Glynis if you want Alison's email address.

Rain didn't dampen our spirits at the football game as Science '83 filled up section F in the Alumni stands. Even though the leather on our jackets is shrinking, the stands were a sea of gold.. The Gaels performed at their best, and the Western Mustangs were, as the students chanted, "overrated". We showed our numbers at the half time parade around the field under the huge Science '83 banner. For those of you who didn't make the football game (and for some of those who did), the final score was Queen's 43 - Western 16.

Slide Show

The slide show on Saturday night was a big hit, thanks to Ginny (Hewko) Hardy and all the class photographers. The slide show can be viewed online and the link is listed below. When we get photos from last weekend, we will also post them and send you a link. We've tried to be discrete with the pictures so they won't show up on Google or Google Images and cost you your next plum job promotion or cause your kids to lose any remaining respect they might have for you. However, if you see a picture of your younger self that might damage a future political career, we can remove it. A small donation to the Mark Latham Fund is all you have to do to get your picture removed. (just kidding of course.....only a huge donation will get our attention). To view the photos, go to <link hidden>

The Resurrection

At dinner, the engineering physics grads performed a miracle of quantum proportions. The resurrected Ed Gifford! And unlike any other engineering physics project, this feat was both practical and surprisingly easy to understand. If you had looked at the Science'83 website last summer you might have noticed Ed's yearbook photo solemnly displayed on the 'In Memorium' page. It turns out that Ed is very much still with us, and all those nice things you said about him can wait. As the story goes, Ed didn't like getting fund raising calls from Queen's, so he reported his premature passing, which was promptly recorded in the University database. So, please welcome back our nearly departed, Ed Gifford. (Rumor has it that Queen's is now going to hunt him down for his outstanding library fines)

2013 - Our 30th Class Reunion

There is no time like the present to think about our 30th reunion. What would you like to do at the 30th? How old will you be in 2013? (sorry, that just slipped out) Do you think you'll make it back with the rest of the class? We would like to hear your thoughts about future homecoming events, so we've created a very short online survey for you to complete. In addition to your thoughts about 2013, we'd like to know whether you are doing any professional engineering. The results will be posted on science83.com.

Click here to complete the survey: <link hidden>

Mark Latham Memorial Fund

Many thanks to all of you that have donated to Queen's through the class fund in Mark's name. The fund is now over \$170,000 well short of our goal of \$250,000, but it's never too late to make a contribution. We hoped more of you would consider donating, but perhaps you are just concerned that your donation won't make a difference. There is no amount too small to give - whether it is \$50, \$500, \$1,000 or more - every little bit helps. Please give this some serious consideration. The link to the Queen's Giving page is <https://www.givetoqueens.ca> under "Please direct my gift to:" choose "Other" and write "Mark Latham Memorial Award". We'll post an update to the Science '83 website on the status of the fund at the end of October.

Our Thanks to the 25th Reunion Organizers

Thanks to all who planned and contributed to the Science '83 events at Homecoming 2008. It's been a true team effort, despite distance, time zones and competing priorities (minor things like work and family commitments). Without the help from the following people, we wouldn't be the Class of Science '83. Warmest thanks to everyone that helped out, but especially to the following:

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As always, if you have any thoughts, ideas or news, you can write to us at the addresses below, or to queens.science83@gmail.com.

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