

The Townships

Bishop's in top five small universities — survey

With Canadian Press files
LENOXVILLE — The Bishop's University of 1992-93 rates as one of Canada's top campuses, well up from last year in a national survey of higher learning.

Universities in New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec are the best in their classes, says *Maclean's* magazine's second annual ranking of 45 Canadian universities.

Among large universities — defined as those with medical schools and offering major PhD programs — McGill of Montreal tops the list.

The University of Toronto, Queen's of Kingston, Ont., UBC of Vancouver and McMaster of Hamilton, Ont., round out the top five schools out of 15 in the category.

Waterloo of Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., ranks first among medium-sized schools offering a broad range of under-graduate and graduate programs. Next in the 12-school ranking are Simon Fraser of the Vancouver-area suburb of Burnaby, Guelph in Ontario, Victoria, and York in north Toronto.

Among 18 small universities

offering primarily under-graduate programs, Mount Allison of Sackville, N.B., is followed by Trent of Peterborough, Ont., Acadia of Wolfville, N.S., Wilfrid Laurier of Kitchener-Waterloo, and Bishop's in Lennoxville.

Those schools at the bottom of the heap in their respective categories included Laval of Quebec City and Manitoba in Winnipeg among large universities, Windsor and Quebec among medium institutions and P.E.I. and Cape Breton in Sydney, N.S., among small campuses.

The universities were rated on 22 criteria including class size, the average grade of entering students, and percentage of faculty members holding PhDs.

Maclean's 54-page report reaches newsstands today in the magazine's Nov. 2 issue.

The division of universities into three groups is one of the weekly magazine's main concessions to vocal critics from many schools who panned last year's debut survey.

It was dismissed as meaningless for assessing all 46 universities — small and large, well-endowed or not — on the same terms.

"They said we were comparing apples and oranges," Ann Dowsett Johnston, editor in charge of the university project for the last 10 months, said Sunday.

Despite the criticism of its methods, last year's survey was immensely popular. The magazine quickly sold out and went into an unprecedented second printing.

"We started having students phoning here for academic counselling," said Johnston.

With its change in methods,

this year's survey is bound to raise some eyebrows — for instance, Waterloo's jump to first in its category from 22nd out of the 46 in last year's single group.

McGill, No. 1 among big schools, also placed first over-

all last year, while comparatively tiny Mount Allison, first among small universities this year, was impressively rated third overall last year.

Sainte-Anne college in Nova Scotia, included last year, was not on the latest list.



Based on the range of programs

Maclean's magazine divided 45 Canadian universities into three categories based on the range of programs offered.

Within each division, universities were rated within the six general areas of class sizes, student body, finances, reputation, library and faculty.

Here is how the universities ranked:

Schools offering mainly under-graduate programs:

1. Mount Allison (Sackville, N.B.)
2. Trent (Peterborough, Ont.)
3. Acadia (Wolfville, N.S.)
4. Wilfrid Laurier (Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont.)

5. Bishop's (Lennoxville.)
6. Saint Mary's (Halifax)
7. St. Francis Xavier (Antigonish, N.S.)
8. Mount Saint Vincent (Halifax)
9. Lethbridge (Alta.)
10. St. Thomas (Fredericton)
11. Brock (St. Catharines, Ont.)

12. Lakehead (Thunder Bay, Ont.)
13. Brandon (Man.)
14. Moncton (N.B.)
15. Winnipeg
16. Laurentian (Sudbury, Ont.)
17. P.E.I. (Charlottetown)
18. Cape Breton (Sydney, N.S.)

Schools offering a broad program range at the under-graduate and graduate level:

1. Waterloo (Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont.)
2. Simon Fraser (Burnaby, B.C.)
3. Guelph (Ont.)
4. Victoria
5. York (Toronto)
6. Carleton (Ottawa)
7. New Brunswick (Fredericton)
8. Memorial (St. John's, Nfld.)
9. Regina
10. Concordia (Montreal)
11. Windsor (Ont.)
12. Quebec

Schools with major doctoral programs and medical schools:

1. McGill (Montreal)
2. Toronto
3. Queen's (Kingston, Ont.)
4. UBC (Vancouver)
5. McMaster (Hamilton, Ont.)
6. Dalhousie (Halifax)
7. Montreal
8. Ottawa
9. Alberta (Edmonton)
10. Western (London, Ont.)
11. Calgary
12. Sherbrooke
13. Saskatchewan (Saskatoon)
14. Laval (Quebec)
15. Manitoba (Winnipeg)

Massawippi Trail awaits development

SHERBROOKE — Having acquired the stretch of old CP Rail trackbed between Ayer's Cliff and Beebe with \$30,000 of privately raised money, Sentier Massawippi Trail is planning how the path which leads from Lennoxville to the American border will be developed.

The citizen's group, which has fought for the past three years to have the former CP line turned into a linear park for hikers, cyclists, riders and cross country skiers, held its

annual meeting Saturday morning to set its orientation for the next year.

The group is awaiting a study by McGill urban planning students on various ways the path could be developed, said outgoing Massawippi Trail president Jacques Robidas.

Robidas said the students will suggest five possible plans. They range from few changes, which would cost little, to paving the path like the Estriade trail which links Waterloo and

Granby, which could cost millions. The plan will be released in December.

Robidas, a horseback enthusiast who has been behind the project from the start, stressed that the cost of developing the trail will be paid by the private sector. Fundraising activities are already in the works and will be announced soon. The nine municipalities along the path will be asked to provide some maintenance.

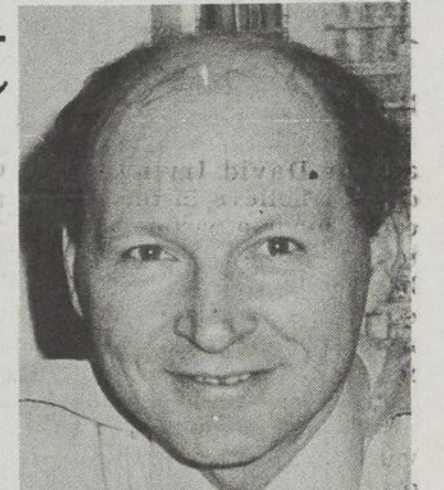
Robidas said the new presi-

dent and board of directors will have to seek the support and cooperation of local municipal governments which include nine municipalities and the regional municipalities (MRCs) of Coaticook and Memphrémagog.

In the past, both Ogden and Stanstead Township were strongly opposed to the path because they were worried they could get saddled with the high costs of upkeep. However most of the opposition was squelched

when the project was better explained to citizens, Robidas said.

Robidas, a former Quebec Police Force community relations officer whose mandate was to bring various parties together and acquire the land, said he will be stepping down at the next executive meeting of Sentier Massawippi. He will be replaced on November 12 by someone will be named from the newly-elected nine-member board of directors.



Jacques Robidas... To step down next week.

ETSB counsellor sent to trial: Two fraud charges

SHERBROOKE (SA) — A youth counsellor with the Eastern Townships School Board will face two charges of fraud, including one count of defrauding the board itself, when his trial begins June 2, 1993.

Judge Gabriel Lassonde ruled at the conclusion of Gordon Baird's preliminary hearing Friday he should also face the original charge of defrauding Nancy Davidson.

Davidson, 37, is also a coun-

sellor with the board. Davidson has said Baird forced her to hand him over 10 per cent of her salary from the time she was hired in September, 1991.

The judge said there was insufficient evidence to proceed

with a third charge of extortion of Davidson by Baird.

Baird was arrested in late May at Alexander Galt high school near Lennoxville and suspended in June without pay from his job supervising programs for teens in trouble.

On Friday, the last day of the preliminary hearing, the judge heard testimony from Davidson, as well as from Lenn-Ascot police Det. Mario Lebrun and from Joanne Dupont, manager of the Bank of Montreal branch in Richmond where Davidson does her banking.

The witnesses' testimony may not be reported because Baird requested a publication ban at the beginning of the preliminary hearing. Judge Lassonde was obliged by law to grant Baird's request.

QUESTIONS

Davidson showed signs of frustration as defence lawyer Michel Dussault questioned her for nearly an hour.

Proulx, the Crown prosecutor, twice interrupted Dussault's questioning of Davidson, and took issue with Dus-

Man dies in crash at St-Élie

SHERBROOKE — A 33-year-old man from St-Élie d'Orford died in a car accident in Brompton township at about 6:10 Saturday morning.

Police said Guy Boisvert's car went out of control and left the road at the intersection of Laval Street and Chemin de la Rivière.

sault's approach.

"These are questions the witness already answered several times previously," Proulx said.

Later Proulx objected again, this time after Dussault shrugged following Davidson's answer to his question.

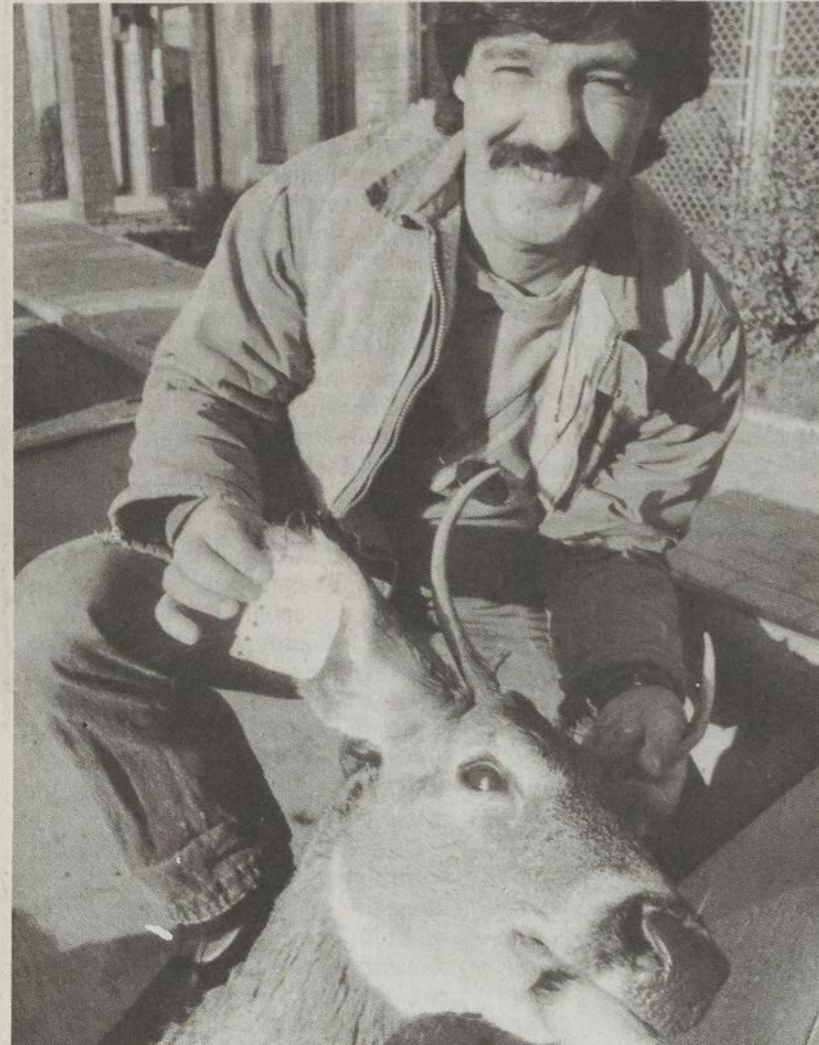
"He's criticizing her answers and her attitude," Proulx said.

"If he doesn't like the answer he should ask another question."

Davidson sat down after her testimony, her face flushed red, as she awaited the judge's decision on a trial.

Baird and his lawyer decided to argue the case to a judge alone, and not to a jury.

Slow start for buck season



Hunter Claude Bergeron of Bishopton displayed his whitetail buck Sunday at the Sherbrooke registration office of the Ministère des Loisirs, Chasses et Pêches in Sherbrooke. Bergeron, who bagged his animal on the first day of the buck-hunting season, regrets the early kill. "Now I have no excuse to leave the house," he said with a smile.

SHERBROOKE — Hunters were out in full color this weekend for the start of the main deer hunting season.

Weighing stations around the Eastern Townships closed down Sunday night with reports that fewer deer were being brought in than usual for the first two days of the season.

The catch wasn't all bad, however.

One hunter weighed in a buck of 227 pounds dressed weight on Sunday at the Brome Hotel registration station, for the weekend's biggest catch there.

In zones 4, 5 and 6, covering the lake Megantic, Drummondville, Asbestos, East Angus, Coaticook, Magog, Cowansville, Granby and Sherbrooke regions, hunting season for Virginia whitetail bucks with antlers 7 cm or longer lasts until November 15.

Hunters are limited to one buck each.

The big-game hunting season isn't limited to deer. Black bear hunting season started September 19 and continues until November 22, with hunters limited to one bear each. Five hunting dogs are allowed per hunter or group of hunters.

Coyotes can be hunted without limits from October 25 until March 1.



Padré honored: Roland Garand of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 in Sherbrooke handed a Canadian flag to Padré Germain Dandeneault at a ceremony Sunday morning honoring Dandeneault and St. Patrick's parish. District Commanders Roger Morin and Roy Thorne also decided to present Dandeneault and the parish with a Quebec flag. "We are very proud to be considered parishoners of his parish," the Legion said in a letter.