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The first "Have a Heart" event is a raging AMICI success, thanks in no small part to Carolyn Langill, Don Langill, and the hot "diddies" of Jory Nash



"LOOK JAMIE, I'VE SIGNED MILLMAN UP FOR THE CHARITY 'GET PUNCHED IN THE GUT' EVENT." Don Langill proudly shows Jamie Delemere some of his creative fund raising ideas. John Millman (behind flowers) is not impressed.

February 13th. Not really that significant of a day. A rather unlucky day if you think about it. Being the day before Valentine's Day, it is easily overlooked and quite often forgotten about. If someone asked you what you did February 13th, 2000, you would have no idea.

Well, for a rowdy group of 40 year olds and some very impressed AMICI members, we will have an answer to, "what did you do February 13th, 2003?" In the first ever Have a Heart Event, Carolyn and Don Langill not only entertained their family and friends to a fun filled night of drinks, food and prizes, but they helped raise over \$20,000 for AMICI. That is not a typo – \$20,000.

In an effort that began in the Fall of 2002, Carolyn and Don Langill wanted to put on an event to help raise awareness for AMICI. They felt that if people could hear first hand about AMICI, they would love to support it and they were right. In Carolyn and Don's recent history with AMICI, they have realized that very few people actually know about the cause, so they set out to change that. With the help of 200 of their closest friends,

they put together a night that will not be forgotten.

Held at the Manor, located on the Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf site off of Bayview Ave., Carolyn and Don had paintings and pictures for sale, Maple Leaf tickets to give away and, of course, loot bags to head home with. With an amazing Valentine's Day theme and the background music of Jory Nash, people filtered in and grabbed a beverage of choice. They then proceeded to socialize with AMICI staff and others, learning more about AMICI and what it stands for.

The formal part of the evening was light and featured a few key speakers who simply introduced AMICI and gave some first hand experience. Matt Gibson introduced AMICI, explained the cause and thanked everyone for both attending and for their support. Then Michael Chen, an AMICI camper, discussed his camping experiences at Alive Outdoors and explained how summer camp had changed his life. He thanked AMICI for giving him the opportunity and let everyone know that their generosity had made him a better person. HOW HOW!

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Once a Kilcoo camper, always a Kilcoo camper... unless you get caught breaking camp rules, that is. The Gazette editors would like to remind the boys and girls of the perils of drinking and smoking on camp property.

A WORD FROM YOUR FEARLESS EDITORS...

Ahh, Spring is in the air. After a particularly punishing winter, it is at this time of year when a young man's heart fills with the warm thoughts of... well, camp. Whether he's an Advance Camp guy awaiting an imminent trip north to erect the "Prayer of the Woods" sign, a young camper who is excited and nervous about the summer's return, or, like the majority of us, an alumni who will spend far too much time this summer looking at a computer screen and too little time "polar bear" swimming, Kilabaloo skit planning, or starting his day with a bowl of Jean Marie's special porridge (everyone knows Quaker Oats have nothing on our favourite Quebecois' special brew).

Not to worry, though, as we have plenty of ways to enjoy the summer anyway. For those of you not fortunate enough to spend the summer on the shores of Gull Lake, your editors have come up with 10 superb ways you can remedy this situation at your very own work place (see page 15). And why settle for humble pie as your summer meal, when you can whip up Jean Marie's classic "final banquet turkey dinner" for 350 of your closest friends? (see page 14). Or if you find yourself bopping away to "Do You Think I'm Sexy" at a rowdy, Rod Stewart concert this summer, you'll feel an extra bit of camaraderie with the Scottish superstar when you realize just how closely he is linked to our own Kilcoo family (see pg. 15).

For those of you who plan to be truly ambitious this summer, why not make your way up to Minden on Aug. 1 to run with fellow Kilcoo staff, campers and alumni in Canada's finest/only 7.4 km race. Or if running isn't your thing, you can take part in a swingin' golf tournament, a bouncy ball hockey game, an astounding art auction, or a boozy pub night. These great events and others are all set to dazzle both alumni and friends this summer, and you can get all the details within these fine pages.

By partaking in these or any of the other great AMICI events planned for this summer, not only are you keeping a bit of camp in your life, but you're helping ensure younger generations from across Ontario get a shot at experiencing the thrill of camp for themselves. Now, we'll drink to that.

Jamie Lynn '98 and Sean McCurley '97

Have any questions, comments or story ideas? Why not send a note to our e-mail address, gullrockgazette@yahoo.co.uk. It's your Gazette – tell us what you think! !

FIRESIDE CHAT WITH "LUB"

As I write this "fireside chat" we have just over a month until Advance Camp begins again. This will be my 23rd Advance Camp and people often ask what I see as some of the big differences between 'now' and 'then'. Well, Advance Camp is now based mostly on school groups (nine in total), and our groups of guys has continued to grow, but otherwise the spring at Kilcoo remains remarkably similar to the way it always has been. It always helps create a terrific spirit. It begins and ends with the Prayer of the Woods being put up and taken down. Actually, Advance Camp guys usually start requesting their spots 2 and 3 years in advance.



This year will be a little different for me, as Beth and I are expecting our third child (only 1 this time) at the end of May (everyone is hoping for a girl...ha!). Plans are "all set" for the summer and, as always, we are very full with campers and we have a remarkable return of staff.

"K-Way" has had a great year at Greenwood and is excited to begin his 5th year as Assistant Director. We have bought two new 'Fusion' sailboats, 6 new windsurfers, 8 new canoes, 6 new bikes and have invested a lot into the continuing growth of the aerial course. We are once again sending a group of our oldest campers up to the Nahanni River in the Northwest Territories and the boys from Camp Awakening will have a brand new cabin this year (yes, the old staff lounge was finally torn down this winter). All in all...things are looking great for 2003. With Mrs. Chief and Kim working hard in the office, Beth, Chief and I wish you well and as always, please drop by and visit if you're ever driving by Gull Lake Road 36, on Highway 35, 6 miles south of Minden...I think you'll be pleased with your Kilcoo. Rip Ram Razzle Scram!!



DAVID "LUB" LATIMER



"YO KIDS, WHO DOWN WIT, A BIT OF FRISBEE GOLF?" David Latimer proves he's still "got it" when it comes to keeping up with the hip trends of today's youth.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Father of newborn gets his article in on time. Mike Jack shamed.

My wife and I recently had our first child, a beautiful little girl named Olivia. This may be why I find myself thinking these days about what it would be like to be a kid again. What would I be like as an 11 year old in 2003? Would I be aware of the global unrest, conflict, threats from known and unknown sources, viruses (both human and computer, I suppose) and the natural disasters that fill our newspapers and television screens? Most likely. Would I really understand those images? Perhaps not. Would I search for answers or reasons as to why? Almost certainly yes. Kids are inquisitive and clever, but not necessarily intuitive. They need helping hands to guide them through their own cognitive, emotional and spiritual development. We all benefit from having positive role models help us find our own answers to difficult questions or troubling concepts. Camps are filled with those role models - people who can make a lasting and positive impact upon kids wanting to understand "why".

I'm sure all readers of the Gull Rock Gazette are directly aware of the positive power of a camp role model. Most of us have several such people in our lives (and many of us likely share the same role model - thanks Chief!). We are a community



"OK OLIVIA MY DEAR, ONLY 86 MORE PICTURES TO GO." Olivia Roland, pictured here with her proud new papa Mike "Mouse" Roland, does not quite share her daddy's buoyant enthusiasm for photography.

affected by the positive influence of summer camp. We all have the ability to share with others what we have gained through our own camping experiences. In our way, AMICI is directly doing just that - sharing the gift of summer camp. We could not do so without your support. Thank you!

Beyond having the ability, I believe many of us also have the desire to share what we have gained through camp. Many of you are already sharing by sending your own kids to camp, or perhaps by giving to AMICI. Some of you already go an extra step for AMICI and organize gala fund raisers (thanks Carolyn Langill and Jalynn Bosley!!) or keep an ear out for new sources of donations (thanks Tim McMartin!!) or make and sell wonderful and charming trinkets and give the proceeds to AMICI (thanks Melissa and Graham Jones, a.k.a. the Saucy Kids Co.) or selflessly give generously of your passion (thanks Peter Taylor!!). But there are so many other ways to give back, to share the gift of summer camp. And they do not have to necessarily involve AMICI. Challenge yourself to find or invent different ways to share - coach a team, volunteer your time, lend a quiet ear, organize a massive road hockey day for the neighborhood kids, or be a big brother or sister. And never stop being a teacher, no matter your chosen career. The more we share the gift of summer camp year round, the more future "sharers" of that gift there will be. And I quite like the idea of more gift sharers in the future. Though I will never again be 11, Olivia will. And when she is full of questions and uncertainties, I will take great comfort in the knowledge that you and all the people you affect will be out there to help guide her along the way!



MICHAEL "MOUSE" ROLAND '95
President, AMICI Camping Charity

KILCOO TRIVIA

1. How would David, at Grand Council, address the 'braves' to open the Council?
2. When the Chief was in a bad mood, what floor of what building would he wash?
3. Name the cabin that Bob Slingerland slept in his first year at Kilcoo.
4. What was used to hold up the roof of the old lodge?
5. Who sculpted the totem pole outside the main gates of Kilcoo?
6. Who holds the record for laying down in every camper bunk in camp in the fastest time (it took less than 1.5 hours)?
7. In 1961, what did all the LITs/CITs do to make themselves more noticeable in camp?
8. What happened to Bob Slingerland when he left camp early from his last summer at Kilcoo?
9. Who is the only camper (and eventually staff member) to have fallen to the ground from the aerial ropes course?

EDITOR'S BONUS: Mike Jack asked, in July of '92, how many days (out of 28) did it rain for at least part of the day?

Answers can be found on page 14.

We like to keep track of all of our Alumni and you can help us by keeping your contact information up to date with us.

Please contact the Kilcoo office by phoning 416-486-5264 or e-mail: kim@kilcoo.com

Thanks from Chief and all the Latimers for the notes and calls regarding Chief's bout with Pancreatic Cancer. Your encouragement and thoughts just make it so much easier for him to battle.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO SUSAN...

The "glue of AMICI" sticks to her retirement plans

Alas, all good things must come to an end. As the saying goes, it has come time for us to wish Susan Wilder all the best in her Laurentians/Muskoka retirement (how good does that sound!!). Susan has, since 1998, been the glue of AMICI - She kept us organized and well prepared for the ever rising number of camper applications that flow in each year.

She has been our front line Ambassador for 5 years and she will be truly missed. We wouldn't be where we are today without you Susan, so from all of us at AMICI we wish you nothing but bright blue skies as you sip a Mike's Hard Lemonade on your dock in Muskoka or the slopes in the Laurentians.

To get an idea of Susan's dedication we have included a letter from her son, David.



TIM WILSON '91

Dear Mom,

Now that you've gone I've finally come to understand just how much you put into your job with AMICI.

Thank you for making all of those trips down to the Kilcoo office to pick up the mail.

Thank you for making sure the mail gets delivered to the right person.

Thank you for answering the countless phone calls from parents who want to know if their children have been accepted into the AMICI program.

Thank you for educating so many people about AMICI and the value of sending children to summer camp.

Thank you for making the hundreds of phone calls to make sure that parents get their application forms in on time.

Thank you for being such a great "411" service connecting the AMICI members up with each other.

Thank you for the thousands of photocopies you made each year.

Thank you for printing even more thousands of pages of stuff every year.

Thank you for the hundreds of faxes you sent every year.

Thank you for making sure the camp directors are kept up to date with our campers.

And **thank you** for making sure that I keep the website up to date.

You've done such an awesome job, and you're missed by all of us.

With lots of love,

David

P.S. Where do I go to order more AMICI envelopes?

HE MAY BE A BIT SLACK, BUT NOBODY BEATS MIKE JACK

Jack's farewell column highlights the great work he's been doing . . . now if he could only get it in on time

The Campership Committee hosted Directors of our partner camps at our fourth annual Campership Reception, held during the OCA Directors Conference in early March. We had our best turnout yet, and we look forward to continuing the tradition next year. The reception offers camp directors the opportunity to meet face-to-face with the Campership Committee. A special thanks is owed to OCA President Brian Blackstock for his generosity in letting us make use of the Presidential Suite for our festivities.

I'm very pleased to announce that AMICI is on track to send a record number of kids to camp in 2003 - EIGHTY summer camp experiences. Our partner camps in 2003 total 18 OCA-accredited camps.

Thank you to the Committee -- Jamie Delamere, Brent Knightley, Peter "Agana" Roland, Kate Horton, Kevin Stewart and Geoff Park -- for their efforts in making this year a success. And thank you, the donors, for your continuing support of AMICI.

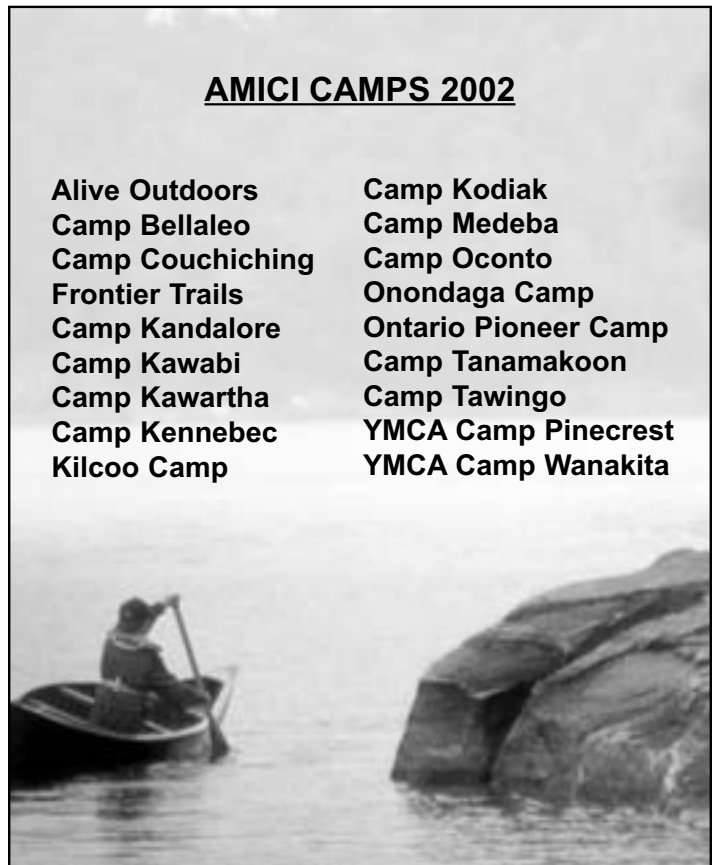


MICHAEL JACK '97

AMICI CAMPS 2002

**Alive Outdoors
Camp Bellaleo
Camp Couchiching
Frontier Trails
Camp Kandalore
Camp Kawabi
Camp Kawartha
Camp Kennebec
Kilcoo Camp**

**Camp Kodiak
Camp Medeba
Camp Oconto
Onondaga Camp
Ontario Pioneer Camp
Camp Tanamakoon
Camp Tawingo
YMCA Camp Pinecrest
YMCA Camp Wanakita**





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Derek Rumball also got up and spoke about the importance of summer camp for every kid and that kids should have a chance to experience at least one summer at camp, as it would change their lives forever. Carolyn was then presented with a gift (an appropriate "angel") and thanked for her dedication and drive to increase the awareness of AMICI.

With Don running around collecting \$20's out of everyone's wallet to enter into the tax receipt draw, it was obvious people were intrigued and willing to support AMICI. There was a raffle with some amazing prizes and everyone left with a loot bag and the feeling of contributing to a great cause.

Overall the night was a tremendous success. Everyone who attended and supported AMICI should be thanked for their generosity. It was truly a special evening where everyone learned more about the importance of summer camp and how it can change a child's life.

All of those associated with AMICI, would like to extend a huge gratitude of thanks for all the hard work Carolyn and Don Langill put forth in this effort. It was an event like no other in AMICI history. It was great to see the passion for AMICI spread (a trend we are sure will continue in the future).

 **ROB FLETCHER '00 & JON MILLMAN '01**

OUT WITH THE GIB, IN WITH THE MED

Major power shifts hands at AMICI, including the departure of old "tardy" Jack

Since the creation of AMICI, lots of money has been raised to send kids to camp. We're talking thousands! When I became involved with AMICI a year ago and realized just how much we were talking, I immediately offered to hold onto at least some of it. I assured the committee that it would be in good hands. It turns out, they already had someone in charge of that - our own Matt "Gibby" Gibson.

Matt has been the Treasurer for AMICI for a number of years and has done a fantastic job. He provides regular reporting which includes presentation slides and many graphs, no doubt drawing from his valuable experience at TD Securities. Matt deserves a big "How how!" from us all for his hard work.

While Matt will remain on the board (where he has promised to make hounding his successor a top priority), he is handing over official control of the AMICI coffer to Kilcoo Alum, John "Melon" Medland. A quick background check revealed that John has a great track record. A former Kilcoo camper and staff member, he has also served as Head Steward at Upper Canada College and had an equally successful stint at Queen's University where he toured with the rugby team as Scrum Half (although he admits he always wanted to be a forward). John's involvement with AMICI began with a bang last year when he orga-

nized the first ever AMICI Ball Hockey Tournament and he has been working closely with Gibby for months to ensure that the transition to his new role is a smooth one.

According to unofficial sources, John's first order of business as Treasurer will be to allocate funds for the new Gazette headquarters, which will be outfitted with a beer fridge, a ball hockey court and swank leather armchairs for the subs. Welcome aboard John!

Also retiring from official duty this year is Mike Jack. Mike has served as the head of the Campership Committee and has been active within the AMICI group for several years. He has made a number of changes and improvements to the program that will leave the group in good stead and ensure that many kids get the gift of summer camp. Mike has promised to remain active on the board as a "Member at Large". His presence on the Campership Committee will be missed, and he deserves a big "How how" for his efforts. The editors hope his replacement will not be as tardy in delivering the biannual Campership article to the Gazette. At the time of writing, we are still awaiting his submission (Grrr!).

 **SEAN MC CURLEY '97**

NOT JUST THE DRINKS MAKING YOU FEEL NICE

Camp Awakening's Pub Night raises funds & glasses for a great cause

Camp Awakening is a unique and exciting summer program for teenagers with physical disabilities. Based in Kilcoo Camp for boys and Camp Oconto for girls, but with a focus on canoe tripping, the Awakening program provides a wide range of unrestricted recreational and wilderness activities.

Entering its 21st summer, Camp Awakening allows young people with physical disabilities to enjoy the traditional overnight camping experience.

Geoff Park, Sean Mitchell, Louise Colley and Sarah Taylor are acting as 1/4 Chairs!! to organize our sixteenth annual Pub Night. It's taking place Wednesday May 28th, at Bistro 333.

The purpose of the event is to increase awareness of the organization and raise funds for the New Cabin 25 at Kilcoo.

So mark May 28th in your calendar and stay in touch. Don't miss out on a great evening!

 **MELINDA EVANS**

*16th Annual
Camp Awakening
Pub Nite*

*Prizes, Food, Friends
& Great Times!*

*Wednesday May 28
7:30pm
Bistro 333 (333 King st. W)*

**For tickets and more information,
please call Melinda @ 416.487.8400**



GOLF AND PRIME RIB ON A MONDAY! WHERE DO I SIGN UP?

The AMICI Golf Tournament has been resurrected so save up your sick days and practise your swing!

It's been a while, but the AMICI golf tournament is back! Polish up your clubs and get practising because the event is set for Monday, August 25, 2003 at Silver Lakes Golf & Country Club in Newmarket (www.golfcoursecanada.com/silverlakes/). The tournament will begin at 11:00am with a dinner to follow. An entry fee of \$150 covers your green fees, cart, prime rib dinner, red bag tags, course guide books and a chance to win some fabulous prizes!

To participate please contact Mark Davis or another member of the organizing committee. Entry fees (transferable but non-refundable) must be received no later than July 1, 2003.

The Committee

- Mark Davis, mdavis@ogilvyrenault.com, 416.340.6175
- Rob Galloway, rgallowa@JOICA.JNJ.com, 416.382.5950
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- Rob Fletcher, robertf@ptcstaffing.com

Similarly, anyone wishing to help organize the tournament should contact one of us.



MARK DAVIS '92



WILL THE 'STEAMERS' SQUEEZE OUT ANOTHER VICTORY?

The 2nd Annual AMICI Ball Hockey Tournament allows participants to play the game in its truest form - on tennis courts.

April 26th marks the day for the second Annual Kilcoo Ball Hockey Tournament. The Steamers, champions of the 2002 AMICI Ball Hockey Tournament, will be back to defend their title on the court and are eager to see what the competition can bring. The tournament will take place on the sports courts at the north end of Upper Canada College and promises to be a day full of great end-to-end ball hockey action.



"DON'T BE DISCOURAGED LADS! WITHOUT THE SKATES IT IS AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD." Unreliable sources close to the Gazette report that Sundin is putting in a team for this year's tournament. "Go Leafs Go!"

Please come out and cheer the teams on or join us for a beer after the action at the Quail and Firkin (1055 Yonge Street) and hear some glory stories.



JOHN MEDLAND '99

For more information, or to enter a team, contact John Medland at 416-842-4066 or at John.Medland@rbccm.com.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The editors dig deep into the archives each issue to share a piece of history.



AN ANTIQUE DEALER IN MINDEN FOUND THIS POSTCARD AT A COLLECTIBLES FAIR IN THE UNITED STATES! The image shows the Stewards' cabin on the left (Cabin one). The car by the small birch trees is parked in front of the tuck shop. Notice the very small trees by the flag pole which always flew the Union Jack. This postcard would have come from 1948. Thank you to Chief for deciphering this for us!

THEY NEVER SANG “BLOOD ON THE SADDLE” WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL

The “How How’s” continue to echo through the hallways (the ones that are built anyway)

Driving down Mount Pleasant Road in Toronto these days, you might see (and hear) a long-time dream of Chief’s finally coming to life. With Kilcoo as inspiration—and many members of the Kilcoo family providing the perspiration—Greenwood College School opened its doors to 72 students this past September. Founders Lub, Chief, Kilcoo parents Richard Wernham and Julia West, (together with the able leadership of Principal and former resident tripper David Thompson), have been working hard making Greenwood’s mark on the Toronto community. If ever there was a place that made you wish you were back in school all over again, this is it.

Whether learning to manoeuvre a sea kayak on the East Coast of Canada, or building a multi-media presentation on their trips to Chinatown, Greenwood kids are learning by doing. The school combines hands-on experiential learning and community service with state-of-the-art technology—a great marriage of the wired world, the real world and the outdoors. Laptops for each student and interactive whiteboards in each classroom allow teachers and students to communi-

cate instantaneously via our wireless network, while trips to Kilcoo, the Leslie Frost centre and other locations across Canada teach students that learning occurs well beyond the classroom walls—even when they’re not quite built yet!

Phase I of the construction was completed in time for the inaugural class to arrive in September, and a Phase II addition is scheduled to be completed this summer—adding a gymnasium, climbing wall, science labs and The Lodge (sound familiar?) complete with fireplace. The new space will help accommodate the 100 new students joining Greenwood this fall, forming an intimate school community that will grow to approximately 300 young men and women in Grades 7 – 12 by 2005.

Kilcoo connection of teaching staff continues to grow. In addition to Rob Burkett



“HEY MAC, WHERE YOU WANT ME TO PUT THE TETHERBALL?” Greenwood College School has remained true to its Kilcoo “authenticity” ethos, as Phase II construction continues on schedule.

and myself, Greenwood College has recently welcomed alumnus Marc Russell as a Junior Faculty. And as you know, a special someone appears at the front doors of the school every morning to hand out Vitamin C’s...

If you’re interested in hearing more about Greenwood College, visit the school’s website at www.greenwoodcollege.com.

 KEVIN WAY

CHILDREN’S CHARITY RECEIVES DONATION FROM CHARITABLE CHILDREN

Saucy Kids Co. donates hard-earned company profits to AMICI

Now and then someone gets inspired and develops a plan to raise money for AMICI. This past summer, a couple of very special “someones” demonstrated incredible initiative, as well as a healthy dose of business sense, by developing a plan that raised \$300 for AMICI in a single day. Melissa and Graham Jones started by founding their own company, Saucy Kids Co., and appointing themselves to the positions of President and Treasurer respectively. Not bad job titles considering they are both under 10!

Their business plan was simple. First they recruited friends and family (including their father Duncan Jones, a Kilcoo alumnus) to make wine charms, which are ornaments one wraps around the stem of a glass. Each charm (which come in sets of six) is unique



so you always know which glass is yours. One of their designs featured the Kilcoo peace tree.

The charms were sold at an arts and crafts sale called Art on the Rocks, and according to company reports, “Sales went very well and we almost sold out.” Saucy Kids Co. plans to be at the one-day event again this summer, so if you’re in the Georgian Bay area in August get over there and buy some crafts.

And if the mood strikes, follow the example set by these impressive young entrepreneurs. Get out there and raise some money for AMICI! Not only will your efforts help to send kids to camp, but you will likely have a great time too. Added bonus: you might even get mentioned in the Gazette!

 SEAN MC CURLEY '97

ASK CHIEF



Chief will answer your most pressing questions. We can't wait to see what you come up with.

GRG: The fighting in Iraq can seem very far removed from life in Canada, and certainly seems a world away from life at Gull Lake. What impact have past wars had on camp life?

CHIEF: Of the various conflicts of this century, WWII had the biggest impact on Kilcoo in terms of changes to everyday life. While we were safely tucked away into our little utopia on Highway 35, there

were constant reminders of the wars being fought in Europe and Asia. During the war, campers and staff would line up on the first day of camp to surrender our ration books so that the camp could purchase food for the summer. Shortages of all sorts had impacts that today's campers would have a hard time imagining. Visits from parents, for example, were fewer during the war as car tires as well as gas had to be conserved.

GRG: Were any Kilcoo staff involved in the fighting?

CHIEF: Many Kilcoo men fought in the war. In fact, the number of returning Counsellors and C.I.T.s returning decreased as 18 year olds enlisted to fight overseas. This gave the younger guys a chance to move up in the Kilcoo ranks more quickly than we otherwise would have.

Of those that enlisted, not all returned. The names of Kilcoo men that lived and died for freedom are still memorialized on a fireplace plaque in our tripping room. I would encourage today's young men, as they pack out trips, and sit around the fire reminiscing about their adventures, to take a second look at the plaque and realize how fortunate they are.

GRG: What impact did the Vietnam conflict have on Kilcoo?

CHIEF: Among other things, it gave rise to one of Kilcoo's greatest legends. In 1966 Andy Alston, a Kilcoo alum, was flying a Huey gunship in the highlands west of Quang Tri, searching for elephants which were believed to be used by enemy forces to transport equipment and ammunition. As he commenced firing on some targets he heard through his headset, "RIP RAM RAZZLE SCRAM." Instinctively Andy completed the familiar cheer, "YELL WHOOP AND ROAR." While the Co-Pilot and those monitoring from the ground thought he was quite crazy, later that day Andy met the man behind the voice at the Officers' Club. It was another from the Kilcoo family, John Shea, who had been flying a Bird Dog in the same area. Needless to say, a great reunion.

Got a question for The Chief??

Send in your questions for Chief to us at gullrockgazette@yahoo.co.uk and we'll make sure the mighty Chief gets it answered. The best question of each issue will win a night with the editors at a Leaf game paid for by you!

GIVE ME 10 BUCKS, OR THE PUPPY GETS IT

Kevin Stewart helps us think of creative new ways to make this year's AMICI raffle the biggest yet.

As the summer approaches and the days get longer, Kilcoo alumni and friends are presented with the gift of more time to sell raffle tickets. AMICI is excited about this year's raffle, but we need your help to reach our goal of \$20,000.

The raffle is the same as in the past. Tickets are \$10 each. However, we need ticket sellers who are willing to sell a couple of books of tickets (10 tickets per book). Please contact Kevin Stewart (416.440.0069 kevin_stewart@tys.on.ca) or Mike Roland (416.863.4393) if you are willing to sell some tickets.

Good luck and hopefully you will win a prize on the date of the draw (August 1st, 2003)!

Top 5 ways to sell AMICI Raffle tickets:

- 1) Catch up with a friend from camp (and when they aren't expecting it, sell them a ticket).
- 2) When you drive someone from Kilcoo in your car charge them \$10 for gas.
- 3) Add \$10 to any bill at a restaurant or bar when dining or drinking with Kilcoo alumni.
- 4) While watching Leaf playoffs this year look through seat cushions of friends' couches.
- 5) Charge all Kilcoo alumni \$10 for parking in your driveway.



KEVIN STEWART '99

The Gazette editors would like to thank Mike "Huggy" Adamson (Pinetop Designs) for the fantastic design job he has done on what we hope is the best Gazette ever! How How!

TAYLOR GETS TO THE ART OF THE MATTER

Jeff Kopas checks out Peter Taylor's latest collection of Canadian art, ahead of its premiere at the AMICI fundraiser on May 15, 2003

As a pretty spoiled kid, I was given the opportunity to see some great art growing up. In particular, the work of great Canadian landscape artists like Lauren Harris and Cornelius Krieghoff always fascinated me, and it continues to do so.

Thus, I was excited when I had the great opportunity of visiting Peter Taylor's studio a few weeks ago. As I walked into the old high school, now converted artist cooperative, I found Peter hard at work, with his music turned up. Surrounded by twenty enormous canvases and remnants of a few weeks of snacks and dinners, Peter was covered in paint, obviously physically exhausted, but his eyes were transfixed on one of his works in progress. He was in his element, and looking around me, I was overwhelmed by his incredible talent.

Myself and many others have spoken in length past about their appreciation for Peter's work, but it was awesome to see in person all the energy and vitality his current work so confidently shows. It's funny, I found myself becoming slightly dramatic, thinking that a century earlier I could have walked into a similar co-op and seen a young Harris or Krieghoff in the same spot. Their bodies too would be exhausted from weeks of passionate 'round the clock' work, eyes still fixated on their work and unwilling to rest.

"I find I am handling motion with more confidence and vitality," said Peter, in

reference to his latest collection. "I'm really finding I am able to toss the paint around more in order to get the energy the image deserves."

In addition to Peter's work, Gerry Lee will join him at this year's AMICI art fundraiser on May 15, with his own collection of incredible large format, black and white photographs. Gerry has been a professional photographer for over fifteen years, and besides being recognized as a great Canadian talent, he is also considered one of the top commercial photographers in the country.

Again Peter Millicon Catering will supply a feast of Canadian tastes, and local DJ's provide a mix of Canadian sounds and beats. For those of you who could not make it last year, please make the effort to come out and support these two great young artists and AMICI. Be prepared for a night of partying, Canadian style! (and yes, lots of beer will be served)

Collection Premiere May 15

7pm - 2am!

424 Wellington Street West

(west of Spadina, same place as last year.

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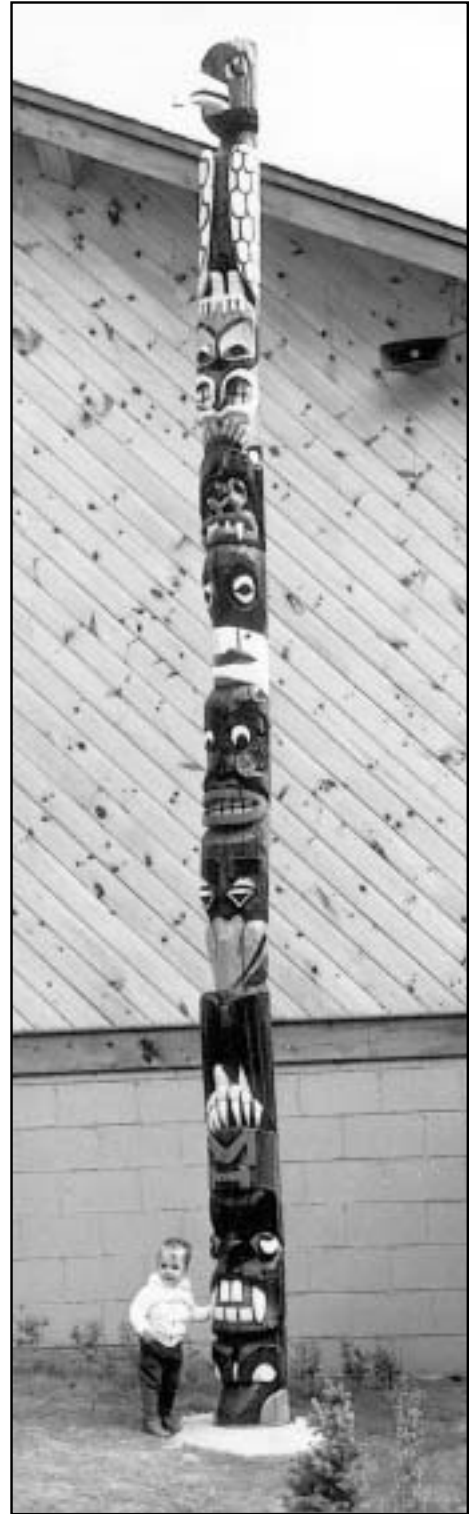
Post Premiere Showing: Mountain Equipment Co-op, from May 16th to May 31st



JEFF (ZIPPY) KOPAS '96

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The editors dig deep into the archives each issue to share a piece of history.



"WHO TOLD LUB WE'RE HAVING TACOS FOR LUNCH?" Future director of Kilcoo Camp, David Latimer, forgoes morning activities in favour of being first in line for his favourite meal.

An art exhibit in support of AMICI to help share the gift of summer camp

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SHOCK, AWE, AND HOSER BURGERS - IT COULD ONLY BE THE YARD

This years Highland Yard promises to be the most gripping 7.4km you'll travel all year

Before the U.S. Government co-opted the expression for war, "shock and awe" was first heard uttered by an unnamed Onondaga staff member way back in 1971. He was a bystander, baring witness to the birth of a true Canadian tradition, and mouthed those magic words as he watched the amazing spectacle of hundreds of galloping runners (mostly Just Like Mom contestants) storming through the Haliburton Highlands. It was truly a magnificent sight to behold.

I am of course referring to what has since become AMICI's annual 'Class C' accredited road race, The Highland Yard. And yes, it's almost that time of year again. So start stretching and start the carbo-loading.

Perhaps the finest 7.4km road race in the country, (well, more accurately, the only race of that exact distance) the Yard means many things to many different people. To AMICI, the race has become our highest profile, most important annual fundraising event. The money raised

through the race (runner registration and charitable contributions) combined with the profits from our annual raffle will allow AMICI to send over a dozen children to camps throughout Ontario next summer. For our loyal runners, it is a chance for friends and family alike, from the city, from cottage country and even from Buffalo, to get together, support a great cause, grab a Hoser at the 'Cliffe and showcase their complete lack of conditioning (perhaps this last point only applies to me).

This year, as tradition dictates, the event will be held on the Friday of the August long weekend on August 1st, 2003. 4 out of 5 meteorologists agree it will be the hottest day of the summer.

In this 2nd year of the new course (skillfully mapped out by Peter Oyler) you'll be assured great shade, sections that detour from the scorching pavement, long switchbacks giving runners the opportunity to see those ahead of them



and round bends to give runners views of well...other round bends.

For more information on location, exact time, pre-registration details, or how you can volunteer - we love volunteers, we need volunteers - etc... please refer to the AMICI website at www.amicicharity.org or call Scott (Elmo) Elmhirst at 905-951-2400.

We look forward to seeing you all out there again this year.



MATT SHOOM-KIRSCH '95

THE GAZETTE ASKS...???

Each issue we answer gripping Kilcoo questions

In this issue, we have asked a variety of luminous Kilcoo alumni, "What is the best job at camp, and why?" Here are some answers

I always wanted to be a tuck shop supervisor. I'd get to eat lots of chocolate bars and still get paid a decent wage. I think I'd probably take some of those old Kilcoo pens that have been hanging around since the 50's.

Mike "Plugs" Selby

Like many of us, Kilcoo provided me a range of 'job' opportunities and titles over the years. Of them, working at Outward Challenge remains the best job I had. The instructor's routine suited my personality nicely and the variety of pursuits at OC kept that routine fresh. August fatigue maybe, August blues never! Aside from stealing Dave Calver's crash boat, I always found those waterfront activities to be so overrated anyway! But with a decade of hindsight now, I do wish I had found my way into the trip den as a tripper. I think that could be, quite possibly, the best Kilcoo job I never did.

Tad "Burrhead" McIlwraith

Foreman during Cabin Clean-up!! There is something incredibly satisfying bossing around your cabin mates while lying on your bunk reading an Archie comic and eating last weeks liquorice from tuck - the true mark of a leader!

Pete "Agana" Roland

Trip Director. When it's hot you can quickly escape to the cool of the trip den and gorge on canoe trip supplies. And having no direct interaction with campers gives you the freedom to work on self-improvement and personal goals. I was able to secure the still unchallenged record for "Most consecutive visits to the Rockcliffe in a month" in August of '98.

Adam "Butter" Branscombe

[One summer in the 80's] when the cabin groups were announced, Mrs. Chief suggested I should not take my August pay cheque. "That cabin will run itself," she said. Known as the "Golden Boys", the kids (Robbie, Pete, Sammy, Chris, Brett, Mike, Willie) were complemented by "uber-LIT" Tim Wilson and were freakishly enthusiastic

KILCOO ALUMNI MAKE DIGITAL WAVES AT THE OSCARS

Kilcoo Alumni, Rob and Bill Coleman, impress the Academy with their visual effects.

With perhaps the exception of the Douglas clan (Kirk, Michael and Catherine Zeta-Jones), the Academy Awards is usually not the type of venue to host a family reunion. That is, except for the Coleman brothers. No, not the Cohen brothers, the Coleman brothers! Recently, Rob Coleman (last seen at Kilcoo teaching sailing in 1983) and Bill Coleman (Kilcoo 1980) were in Los Angeles to receive accolades for their pioneering efforts in the field of visual effects.

Older brother Rob was a nominee in the category of best visual effects for his role as Animation Director for STAR WARS: EPISODE II "Attack of the Clones". Rob, who joined the team at George Lucas' special effects company Industrial Light & Magic (ILM) in 1993, is responsible for some of the most visually stunning digital animation in recent memory (The Mask, Men in Black, and Signs to name a few). Rob was also nominated once before in the same category for his work on STAR WARS: EPISODE I "The Phantom Menace" in 1999. Look for Rob's work to be recognized again in the near future – perhaps even with a little help from brother Bill.



"THAT'S RIGHT PAL, IT'S AN OSCAR. NOW GO GET ME SOME BUG JUICE." In true Kilcoo fashion, a humble, Bill Coleman has refused to let his Academy Awards' success go to his head. How, How Bill!

Bill, you see, is the Global Marketing Director for Maya, the cutting-edge 3D animation software developed by Alias|Wavefront which has been used in almost every film nominated by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for the past five years. Do any of the following ring a bell: Spider-Man, The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring and the Two Towers, both



"10 BUCKS IF YOU CAN GUESS WHICH GUY HERE JUST WON AN OSCAR." Kilcoo Alums, Rob (right) and 'Smilin' Bill Coleman (centre), pictured here with younger brother Dave (Kilcoo 1988), celebrate their impressive achievement within the film industry.

Harry Potter films, The Matrix, Pearl Harbor, Monsters Inc. or Shrek? Maya has been used to create the visual effects for them all! On March 1, 2003 Alias|Wavefront was honoured by the Academy with an Oscar for scientific and technical achievement for their development of the Maya software. As an integral part of the global success of Maya, Bill was invited to the ceremony! Oh, did we mention that ILM is one of Alias|Wavefront's best customers!

On behalf of all Kilcoo alumni, the Gull Rock Gazette extends a huge HOW-HOW to Rob and Bill for filling our lives (and each Kilcoo Visitors Day movie night) with a little magic!



MICHAEL "MOUSE" ROLAND '95

about camp. People might remember our "cabin project" (a track they built by the old riflery range to race my new remote control car), our Black River "trip" (picture the tube ride at Ontario Place combined with five days off), and the "Tim & Jim Olympic Fallout" (where the kids actually ran the cabin for four days as we fought). In the end, Mrs. Chief was right. I didn't end up taking a pay cheque for August, as I had spent most of it on the remote control car.

Jim Hayhurst Jr.

I thought I was going to say waterskiing instructor, but quickly realized the question wasn't 'best way to get a tan'. Think about it... 8 hours in a boat driving in circles? Don't think so...

The best job at Kilcoo has got to be Bob and Brian's (our long-standing maintenance men). Think about it – they fix everything with the latest and greatest tools, they walk around and curse all day without getting in trouble, they never run out of the all important "bumwad" and in the winter they get to inhale fumes for six months, as they re-

paint the canoes for the 12th time. I can only imagine the profane cursing that goes on during those snowy days underneath the lodge. Does it get any better????

Tim Wilson

While not an official job, the role of "tower tormentor" always proved to be a great deal of fun. Taking inspiration from past greats such as "Space Cat", "Butters", "Hunter" and "Partridge", sailing instructors have often acted as the catalysts through which dissenters could rise up against the totalitarian nature of "the tower". Much like a Cold War era East Berlin, we would carry out our elaborate demonstrations, pranks and schemes under the watchful eye of "Checkpoint Bocknek". With only a humble crash boat and dreams of freedom, we attempted to start a revolution that promoted "liberty on the sea." Sadly, the inevitable wrath of this unelected power was never far behind. We may not have accomplished our goals that summer, but the dream lives on.

Jamie Lynn and Sean McCurley

Thank you to the following alumni for their generous donations.

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Jeremy Andrews 1989	Michael Hatton 1971	Peter Partridge 1995
Ken Armstrong 1984	Terence Hatto 1972	Elsie Petch 1969
Don Barber 1991	Bruce Heagle 1977	Gord Petch 1969
Chuck Bayless 1957	Mike Hill 1987	Dave Pogue 1962
Ian Beare 1962	Barry Hoffman 1970	Tom Reed 1983
Maurice Bent 1956	Jim Howe 1960	John Reid
Brian Blackstock 1990	Jeff Hutten 1971	Maggie Reynolds 1986
David Blandford 1985	Paul Hutton 1978	Barry Reynolds 1963
William Bobier 1973	Bill Jack 1986	Michael Roland 1995
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Michael Camp friend	Peter Labbett pre56	Geoff Seaborn 1975
John Carter 1962	John & Peggy Latimer	Matthew Shoom-Kirsch 1995
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Paul Chamberlain 1967	Dave Lawr 1941	Craig Smith 1981
Clive Chamberlain 1960	John Lindsay 1997	Paul Stewart 1968
Tom Clarke pre56	David Lloyd 1993	George Stratton 1967
Richard M. Clarke pre56	Bruce MacDonald 1975	Joan Taylor 1972
Paul D. Cleary 1965	Jeff Macdonald 1984	Phylip Tinning 1961
Robert Cramb 1984	Barbara Macintosh friend	John Turnbull
Ian Currie 1983	William Macrae 1983	Paul Turner 1956
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David Dinniwell 1993	Jamie McAlpine 1968	Clark Wallace pre56
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Ryan Foster 1997	Andrew Medland 1997	Jay Whiteside 1974
Rob Galloway 1975	Carrie Merrick friend	David Wilder 1990
Bob Garton 1966	Mike Merry 1991	Don Wilson 1967
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KILCOO TRIVIA ANSWERS

FROM PAGE 3

1. Metah Colah Nay Hoon Po Omnishee E Neeshowpee
2. The top floor of lodge
3. The Stable
4. Totem pole beams
5. Peter Holman & Morley Johnson
6. Craig Dameron (Bob's son)
7. All dyed their hair blond
8. He finally met a girl and got engaged
9. Jeff (Zippy) Kopas (Cabin 19) convinced the OC guys to let him bungee jump off the Burma Bridge but dropped too far. An unusually stretchy rope was to blame.

BONUS: 25 or 26. I remember because I taught swimming in the #@** freezing cold water!

Do you have a secret piece of Kilcoo trivia you're dying to share with the Gazette readers? Why not send it in to gullrockgazette@yahoo.co.uk? If we use your trivia question, we'll send you a free pack of "Fruitella" (or a Kilcoo painter cap... your choice). This is better than Bingo!

BRING THE TASTE OF KILCOO HOME

Host your own final banquet with Jean-Marie's magic turkey recipe

It may be a bit soon to think about Thanksgiving, but it's never too early to enjoy a classic taste from a summer gone by. Got a friend moving out of town, or a colleague starting a new job? Why not host your own Final Banquet for them, complete with the Francophone master's own delightful dressing.



By not allowing yourself to be interrupted by bad cabin sign skits, or that melancholic feeling of a summer at its end, you will be able to appreciate the true splendor of Monsieur Marie's specially prepared bird. Mmmm, and wait until you try the leftovers.

INGREDIENTS

Turkeys: 12 fresh ones (25 to 27 lbs. ea.)

Dressing: 20 lbs. cubes of bread, 1 lb. chicken soup base, 1lb. onion soup base, spices: 1 oz. thyme, 10 bay leaves, 1 oz. garlic powder, 5 lbs. water, 1 lb. margarine

Mashed Potatoes: 200 lbs. potatoes, 12 bags of milk, salt and pepper, 6 lbs. butter or margarine

Green Peas: 45 lbs. peas, 3 lbs. margarine or butter, salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS

Turkey

- Put salt, pepper, and 6 oz. of margarine in each pan (one per turkey) and roast at 300°f for 5 to 6 hours.
- Take out turkeys when cooked
- Put pans with cooking juice on the stove and add some carrots and onions. Keep boiling slowly for 15 minutes, then add water. Add some chicken base, salt and pepper. Taste it. Strain this juice in a pot. Add and mix with "beurre mincé" (margarine mixed with flour, 50 grams/litre). Keep cooking slowly for 10 more minutes. Taste and serve with sliced turkey and dressing.

Dressing

- Boil water in a pot. Add bread, spices, margarine, chicken, and onion base. Mix and it's ready!

Mashed Potatoes

- Cook potatoes in water and salt. When cooked, strain potatoes and put in mixing bowl. Add margarine, salt and pepper. Turn for 2 minutes at Speed 1. Add milk slowly. When mixed use Speed 2 and taste.

Enjoy your meal served with green peas or other vegetables!
Serves 350.

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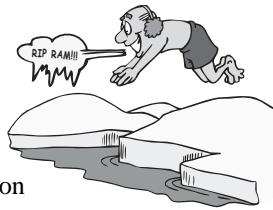
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SPICE UP YOUR WORKPLACE, KILCOO STYLE

More tips from the editors on how to fill your summer with Kilcoo magic, even if you can't make it up to camp.

It can be difficult to concentrate on your work when the summer sun is streaming through your office window. If you close your eyes and feel the warmth against your cheek, you can imagine for just a moment that you're back on the dock at Gull Lake... perhaps mooning the tower. But you don't have to rely on imagination alone. Following are ten "hands-on" techniques proven to bring the magic of Kilcoo into the workplace.

10: Start a Polar Bear routine in Lake Ontario. Consider anyone who attends to be completely nutty and have them fired immediately.



9: Develop a company cheer, climb up on your desk after lunch and belt it out! Try not to bastardize one of the Kilcoo favourites – be creative and write your own.

8: Limit your use of phone and e-mail in your office. When you need to communicate with a large group of your staff, use a big plastic megaphone instead.

7: Implement a daily "office cleanup" routine. A spinning job wheel will allow employees to share responsibilities.

6: Wear your sunscreen. Florescent lights won't give you a burn but that fresh coconut scent drives the opposite sex bananas.

5: Settle petty office disputes with a game of "Pat and Mike". Fill the sock with pushpins, staples and spare change for added punch.

4: Refer to your office interns as LIT's, forcing them to "steward" all the employees in the company cafeteria area.

3: Visit your local hot dog vendor after work every Tuesday for your very own Shore Supper. An apple for dessert will add authenticity.



2: Host a Parents' Day event, complete with a buffet featuring a variety of quality luncheon meats. You will learn a lot about your coworkers when you meet their parents and an afternoon water fight will help those suffering from homesickness to choke back the tears.

1: Two words - REST HOUR!!!!

SEPARATED IN MINDEN?



Who would have guessed that Kilcoo's own Dave "Lub" Latimer had such close ties to stardom. According to sources close to *The Gazette*, he and aging pop star Rod Stewart are actually twin brothers! Tragically, the Latimers disowned young Rod after he turned up his nose at an invitation to sing "Walk Through the Storm" in the lodge. Instead Rod strolled out to Chapel Point to work on his own tune – a song now known as "Do You Think I'm Sexy".

Rumor has it that Rod's latest comeback tour could include a visit to Minden, and perhaps even a reunion concert in the Rec-Hut. A source close to the star commented off the record, "Rod is anxious to meet his new nephews, as well as his sister in law Beth... but he'll be coming back only on the condition that he is not asked to sing that dreadful song."

The *Gazette* wants to reunite more loved ones. Know a Hollywood look-a-like? Send them our way!

 SEAN MC CURLEY '97



Comic by MIKE "PLUGS" SELBY '98

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