

The Farside Chronicles

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Portraits of Farside

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1 - Introduction

No chronicle of Farside's progress could be complete without the life stories — for that is what they truly are — of the men and women and their families who were the grain of sand in the oyster around which that pearl we know as Farside congealed, growing layer by layer.

Nor am I in the least bit unaware that in selecting some person for highlighting, I am of necessity bypassing another whose story may be equally revealing. No one ought feel slighted by their absence from these pages. Limitations of space and time color all our choices from birth to death, and the choices made here reflect not so much the value of their lives as they do the limits of the talents with which I may have been blessed. There are tales of Farside I am simply incapable of adequately retelling, and I leave them to more talented writers who will surely follow.

In contrast, there are those whose stories could not be excluded whatever the limitations of the *raconteuse*, limitations that are, unfortunately, all too obvious. I beg the reader's indulgence.

That said, I now present to you the results of several years of research and interviews with many of the key players whose backbone, muscle, wit, and perseverance have produced the Farside we know today. In almost every case, I met these people more by accident than design, and without exception they have graciously volunteered sometimes intimate details of their lives both within Farside and pre-Farside. For those still living, I have obtained their permission to publish that which follows. In more than one case, unfortunately, death has intervened to prevent them giving their assent. In those cases I have occasionally self-censored events and actions that are either unflattering or irrelevant to the narrative. I feel no guilt at doing so; *de mortuis nil nisi bonum*.

When I began what was to be a journal or diary of my experiences in Farside, I felt sure the journal would be quite short. My father, Armand Rochereau, was one of the earliest volunteers from Rand-McNally for the Farside Project, officially known as 'The Rand-McNally Farside Special Projects Division', and moved to Okambo, Farside Capital District with my mother Audrey and myself. It was to have been a four-year assignment, but my father shortly after moving into Rand-McNally's Okambo compound suggested we consider the possibility of a very long term sojourn in Farside. The task of mapping Farside, he said, would be the work of "multiple lifetimes". I began to think in those terms. The result you now hold in your hands.

Special thanks go to my husband, **Dante Robinetti**, DVM, Chief Agronomist for the Farside Capital District, for his help with 'colloquialization'

of a manuscript much of which was originally written in French; to HRH **Deirdre** Princess **Elaine Walsh** for her proof-reading; and to **Mrs. Daniel Murphy**, Gatemaster emeritus, for critical background information.

---- *Geneviève Robinetti*

2 - The House of fitzGibbon

The House of fitzGibbon is the first (and perhaps only) 'royal house' of Farside. It is peopled by members thus far exclusively named 'Walsh' and derives its name from the maiden name of HM Queen Barbara the First, **Barbara Rose fitzGibbon-Walsh**.

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I first met Barbara Rose fitzGibbon (she hates it when people use "Her Majesty") while out exploring. She stopped me from going into the Great North Meadow because I had no firearm. For a 19-year-old girl fresh from Paris, this was a double shock: first, that I might need a firearm, and second, that anyone as young as I would be able to obtain one.

She guided me through the process, so completely alien to my upbringing, as would a mother, patiently, gently, and lovingly. What words can one use to describe the utter astonishment engendered by an absolute monarch, Catherine The Great in blue jeans and work boots, interrupting her day in order to see to my welfare? I believe such a thing has never before happened in all the history of mankind.

The orthography of Barbara Rose fitzGibbon-Walsh's name deserves a special note.

Many people comment upon the interior capitalization of fitzGibbon, and so I asked Barbara directly why she wrote her name that way.

"Tradition," she told me. "According to Dad, one of his ancestors decided to be as big a pain in the ass as he could to the census taker and insisted on a lower case 'f' and an upper case 'G'. It's been that way since before the American Revolution. Yes, I suppose we could fix it — or should I say 'Fitz' it? — but it made us feel special in a world where feeling special was sometimes in short supply. These days I actually try to feel un-special, but I'm leaving it because that name will pass into history with me, I think."

Barbara Rose was born fifty-two years ago at USMC Base Quantico (Virginia) to **Marion Eugene fitzGibbon** (called "Buck") and Alice Northrop while her father served as an instructor in small arms and advanced close quarters combat. She was educated at base schools until the age of nine when the tragic death of her mother during a surgical procedure prompted the family to relocate to MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, California. Thereafter, her education was exclusively off-base at local public schools including Monument High School where she was valedictorian.

There followed four years at California Polytechnic (Cal Poly) where she received her B.S. in Physics, then the California Institute of Technology (CalTech), receiving her M.S. in Mathematics and her PhD. for her research paper "*The 4-Space Meaning of n-Space*".

She taught briefly at UCLA before being offered a permanent position at UCB.

At UCB, she mentored Alfred Beddowes Jr. during his research into multi-dimensional rationalizations. She willingly admits that the line Beddowes took led directly to the discovery of Farside, but of Alfred Beddowes himself, she is taciturn, admitting only that "it has been a long time since I have seen him". When asked directly if Beddowes was deceased, she says only "I believe so".

Twenty-four years ago, coincident with the opening of Farside, she married Ernest Walsh of Boulder, a fund-raiser for The Better World Society. A few years later, the union produced **Penelope Alice, Eugene Steven, Deirdre Elaine, and Mark Dennis**, all of whom are now 'HRH'.

When asked to describe the initial development of Farside, Barbara is typically self-effacing, reserving her highest accolades for everyone else. She will effuse over the Okambo family and their investment of time and talent into the initial scraping of the landscape, over the late Paul Gillman's skillful planning and recruitment of the core personnel who made Farside self-sustaining, over Dennis Cameron (for whom HRH Mark Dennis is named), over Laurel Hamm Davis, her first regent and still Barbara's closest confidante, as well as several others. Of herself, she hardly speaks a word. Getting her to "open up" is nearly impossible, but some information can be pried out of her.

Although she is very taciturn regarding Alfred Beddowes, she is less so regarding Beddowes' one-time girlfriend, Fatah Abou-Saad. She openly admitted to knowing that Fatah lived with the St-Louis-in-Farside community. I tracked Ms. Abou-Saad down and tried to interview her for this work, but she refused on the grounds of 'national security'. What that might imply, I have no idea, nor would anyone else comment on the topic, presumably for the same reason. If anyone knows why the topic is so off-limits or why the former girlfriend of one of Barbara's students is a citizen of Farside while the student is not, I haven't heard of such a person.

[Update: On the occasion of the death of Anwar Al-Ajib (Pecos), the Chancellery issued the following statement:

The Chancellery of Farside notes the passing of Anwar Al-Ajib of the Pecos colony. Mr. Al-Ajib was, with Fatah Abou-Saad of St-Louis, serving a life-sentence of house arrest for their parts in the events which brought Farside into being. No further statement ought be expected.

Fatah Abou-Saad had pre-deceased Anwar Al-Ajib by eight months at that point. As far as I can tell, no similar announcement had been made on the occasion of Fatah's passing.

"...for their parts in the events which brought Farside into being..." Again, no one will comment on this topic, but the phrasing of the announcement clearly indicates that Fatah and Anwar were in Farside by something other than their own free will. The telling of that story will have to wait until it is no longer "a matter of national security" and can be told by one with knowledge of the assuredly fascinating circumstances.]

At school, Barbara fenced (foil and saber) and was on her high school's varsity team. During her freshman year at Cal Poly, she learned to fly, got her pilot's license, and is currently certified for multi-engine jet aircraft and IFR. She and Ernie own the aircraft commonly referred to as "Farside One", a twin-jet Honda. All the Walsh children are said to be competent pilots.

Ernie Walsh is the youngest of three children of Sean and Elaine Walsh of Chicago, both of whom have passed. His older sisters, Penelope and Deirdre (for whom two of the Walsh daughters are named), act as liaisons for Farside with the Chicago commodities market. Neither resides in Farside, but they are frequent guests at Okambo and elsewhere in Farside. Four of their children, nephews and nieces of Barbara and Ernie, reside permanently in Farside while maintaining business operations and contacts in various cities throughout the U.S. Midwest.

Deirdre Lawrence freely admits that the sisters heavily discounted their brother for his aversion to the practical aspects of modern life and his attraction to what they considered 'lost causes', The Better World Society prime among them. In the words of Penelope Maxwell: "Apparently even an altruist like Ernie can, like a stopped clock, be right twice a day. The fact that Barbara chose him out of what must have been a very wide field of suitors certainly calls our assessments into question. And there's no doubt that he has been a wonderful father to their children. Just off the top of my head I can name fifty or sixty families that wish their kids grew up as well-mannered and respectful of parents and others as did Ernie's and Barbara's. If you're looking for someone to give you a negative assessment of our brother, you've come to me a dozen years too late."

Penelope Princess Alice Walsh-Tonnessen is the eldest daughter of the House of fitzGibbon. She is married to Olaf Tonnessen with whom she has adopted two orphaned children from Nearside. She currently serves as Farside's Trade Minister. She often flies herself to meetings requiring face-to-face negotiations aboard her personal aircraft, a Northrop-Grumman T-38 named 'Halo 4'.

Prince **Eugene Steven Walsh** is younger than his elder sister by twenty (1y8) months. He is the principal adviser to the Privy Council on matters of Energy and Technology.

Deirdre Princess **Elaine Walsh** is seventeen (1y5) months younger than Eugene Steven and thirty-seven (3y1) months younger than Penelope Alice.

Mark Prince **Dennis Walsh** is fifteen (1y3) months younger than Deirdre Elaine, thirty-two (2y8) months younger than Eugene Steven, and fifty-two (4y4) months younger than Penelope Alice.

I met **Buck fitzGibbon** exactly once, at a community hoedown in the Niwot area. I neglected to interview him at the time, and he passed away before I could remedy that. From other interviews with people who knew him during his years of military service, I can state without fear of contradiction that he was well-regarded by his fellow Marines and highly-prized as an instructor. Many of the pioneers, the initial group of settlers in Farside, were drawn to the idea of emigrating into wilderness because of Buck's eloquent description of it as having no practical limitations for people with talent and drive. He is considered by some to have been Farside's chief recruiter.

3 – The Road Builders

Paul Gillman was born to a logging family in Washington State and would have happily continued the tradition. Unfortunately, the Gillman-Dixon Lumber Company went under shortly before Paul's 17th birthday.

Paul attended Washington State University earning spending money by lumberjacking and related work during summer vacations and term breaks. After graduation, Paul was inducted into the USMC, working his way up to Major before retirement.

He had a successful civilian career as an industrial planner until a 'golden opportunity' presented itself in the form of a telephone call from Arlo Rubinstein and a quick trip to Denver to consult with Buck FitzGibbon and his daughter Barbara. For several months, Paul and his family lived off their savings while Paul worked to make Farside self-sustaining. **Elaine Gillman** then followed her husband. Within two more years, their four grown children, **Paul Jr., Eleanor, Glenn, and Jack**, made bids for entry to Farside citing their Nearside skills and joined their parents as gold miners in addition to the various talents they brought through the gate.

Paul continued to be a critical asset to Farside, serving as Prime Minister and a permanent member of the Queen's Council until his death from cancer at age 68.

His surviving family continues to reside in Farside.

Eleanor Gillman is married to **Dennis Cameron**.

Steve Okambo Sr. joined the pioneers of Farside early on because he and his family were in the heavy equipment rental business, and thus had the kind of assets needed to do the initial land clearing in the wilderness of Farside. A widower, Steve Sr. ran that business with his two sons, **Steve Jr.** and **Daniel** until his death. The site of the Okambo rental yard on 75th Street in unincorporated Boulder County corresponds to the town of Okambo in Farside's Capitol District.

Randy Burke was one of the original settlers, serving as crew chief when Westroad and Northroad were first surveyed and cleared. While Randy early-on saw the potential of Farside, it's fair to say that **Samantha ("Sam") Burke** had the clearer vision, encompassing not just the potential, but the whole sweep of future development.

While Randy concentrated on developing surface improvements within the Farside Capitol District — roads and building sites, Sam directed her focus toward infrastructure — stores and businesses. Indeed, during

the first few months of Farside's existence, 'Sam's Deli' not only kept the pioneers fed, but saved several thousand man-hours (by some estimates) by making it unnecessary to abandon work in order to find lunch.

Samantha Burke served as Chancellor for 16 years until her and Randy's death in an airplane crash in the mountains northwest of Okambo.

Walter ('Walt') Clancy was one of the first recruits among Buck FitzGibbons' military associates. His wife, **Margaret ('Peg') Clancy** was part of the initial group of family members brought into Farside during the earliest road-building days. Walt Clancy did not actually know Buck initially since they had done their hitches in different outfits, but Walt was an old friend of Ed Smith who served as their common point of contact. It was because of Ed Smith's long list of colleagues and colleagues-of-colleagues that put Walt and Buck together.

Walt and Peg with their daughter, **Moira**, were singularly successful with their mining claim on The Great North Road, now commonly called just 'Northroad', leading north out of Okambo. Their output, sparse at first, soon developed into a bonanza, producing, at its peak, nearly six times the average for Westroad and Northroad sluice operations. The 'golden gusher', as their neighbors dubbed it, made the Clancys one of the wealthiest families — if not the wealthiest family — in Farside, save only for the Walshes whose wealth derives almost exclusively from oil.

It was the gold from their claim that provided the bulk of the 'ceremonial gold' used in Farside: the circlets worn by the four Walsh children, and the chains of office for the Gatekeepers' Guild, among others.

Moira Clancy is married to Connor Smith, son of **Lee and Edie Smith**, and continues to operate The Golden Gusher on a part-time basis.

4 – Farmers and Ranchers

Of all the stories that might be told of Farside's agricultural origins, the most fascinating must be those concerning "Farside's felons". Working with Colorado's Department of Labor and Employment, **Paul Gillman** and **Ernie Walsh** recruited many immigrants having both farming/ranching experience *and* non-violent felony convictions as farmers or cattle ranchers as a way of getting an agricultural economy started in Farside. In most cases, this involved getting court orders relieving the recruits from their obligations to periodically report to their probation officers. In a few, the recruits simply disappeared into Farside, never to be seen in Nearside again.

Of all the subjects I have been able to interview, I have yet to find one that would characterize their decision negatively. Every single one of them would gladly do it again, if asked. Although they were, none of them, given mining claims, they are still among Farside's wealthiest citizens today. None have reverted to the behaviors that earned them their original felony convictions despite those actions being perfectly legal in their new communities.

Dr. Dante Robinetti, DVM, my husband, is the story I know best, and so I will tell it first.

Dante Robinetti was born and raised in Loveland, CO, the only child of Rose and Emilio Robinetti. He was educated at local schools and CSU in Fort Collins where he received his DVM, and he had a veterinary practice near Fort Lupton.

His 'crime' that made him a candidate for recruitment involved a dalliance with a minor girl who had a much older appearance. This sort of crime results in the offender being placed on a sexual predator database from which one never gets off. Dante Robinetti's recruitment 'deal', therefore, was to disappear into Farside, never to return.

In fact, some years later a federal court judge re-examined the case and managed to get the sentence overturned, so the Robinetti family may now visit Nearside without the danger of being arrested for parole violation.

While in Farside, Dante met and married Lisa Spencer, but the marriage only lasted three years before divorce and produced no offspring.

With Geneviève Rochereau Robinetti, his second wife and the author of *Portraits of Farside*, Dante has three children, all boys: Dante Jr., Emilio, and Paulo.

His first wife, Lisa Spencer, remarried and lives in Farside near Hays, KS with her second husband, Barry Winslow.

Pyotr (Pete) Gorsky grows cereals and vegetables on nearly half of his allotment, and with his wife Grace Turner of Yuma CO, is growing a family of five: Grace, Susan, Peter, Mark, and Timothy.

Like Dante Robinetti, Pete Gorsky fled into Farside becoming a parole violator, and like Dante Robinetti, has had his status as a parole violator lifted by a sympathetic federal court judge. Pete has served several terms on the board of the co-operative for his area in different capacities, including two terms as President. His natural understanding of modern farming methods and enthusiastic help from his children has enabled him to exploit nearly 1400 acres of his original allotment and produce thereon some of the widest varieties of agricultural products in the Platte Lake region. He often takes home blue ribbons from local agricultural fairs, and he supplies many top-end Nearside food markets from Longmont to Loveland as their exclusive source.

Jeff Fuller, like many Farside farmers, started out with modest plans for a modest farm that might earn him a modest living. Jeff's discovery of wild hops on his land led him to try — successfully — to domesticate them and he is today the primary source for medicinal and brewer's hops in the Platte Lake basin.

Martha Crooks and Jeff have yet to formally wed and may never get around to it. Their three children have grown to become entrepreneurs in their own right. **Henry** brokers cowhands, mostly teenagers, for short-term work among the ranchers in the West Basin. The teens let Henry know their availability and the ranchers let Henry know how many cowhands they need and when. Henry puts the two together for a slice of the fees. **Dinah**, at 13, owns her own fleet of pontoon boats and is thought by many to be the most reliable way to cross Platte Lake for business or pleasure. **Zach** is widely considered the most deadly varmint slayer in the basin and will clear your land either for a flat fee or per-unit. His .22 rifle brings home either a first- or a second-place trophy at every local match.

Lee and Edie Smith are dairy farmers in the area north of Okambo. Their dairy, just west of the Ag Dome, puts them on the list of 'tourist attractions' for first-time visitors, and Edie Smith makes sure to have all such visitors sample her award-winning ice cream. The ice cream factory now a part of the Smith operation supplies several top-end food markets in the Boulder area and "Mrs. Smith's 1888-style Ice Cream" can even be obtained as far East as St. Louis.

Lee Smith was recruited by **Dante Robinetti** and entered Farside as part of a parole agreement negotiated with the help of the CDLE. **Connor Smith** runs beef cattle in the range north and west of his parents' dairy. **Laura, and Deborah**, have each claimed small allotments in the

agricultural range west of Platte Lake and have expanded the Smith Family operation into feed grains d/b/a 'Smith Sisters'.

Connor Smith is married to **Moira Clancy** with whom he has three children.

5 – The Regents

Marcel d'Hourtin, an old friend and colleague of Barbara Walsh, was the regent for Westeurope. He resides in Pauillac, France where is located the Embassy of Farside, and maintains an office in Farside as well. D'Hourtin was the first-installed European regent and therefore the longest-serving European regent until his retirement.

Mike Foster is the regent for Oz, that portion of Farside corresponding to Australia and New Zealand. He is said to be one of several in line to succeed Barbara when and if she relinquishes the crown. Mike and his family maintain their home base in Farside close to Canberra ACT, the better to interface with Australian government officials. As Regent, Mike is the highest-ranking Aboriginal in Farside.

Laurel (Hamm) Davis is the regent for Eastamerica. She is the daughter of Mark Hamm and niece of Bert Hamm whose joint properties hosted the first Eastamerica gates for the first Eastamerica colony. She is widely thought to be Barbara's most intimate *confidante*. She is married to Gregory Davis of the Hammberg colony with whom she has three children.

Gideon Matowa is the regent for Africa housed at Johannesburg. Matowa was instrumental in brokering a peace treaty between Tumbuzia and Transgava, and guided Farside's efforts to reduce the incidence of human chattel slavery in several African nations. Matowa is married to Jana Mgabwe, sister to Jiji Mgabwe, CFO for Diamonds Farside. They are parents to five children, two of whom are native Farsiders. Matowa holds a M.S. Chem. Engineering from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg.

Linda Rios is the regent for Sudamerica operating from Lima, Peru. Linda is considered by many to be Farside's political 'whiz kid' for her clear-headed analysis of many otherwise-intractable social problems. She regularly teaches an online seminar for FIPS remotely from her Lima headquarters. She is considered to be a close friend of almost all the heads-of-state in South and Central America, even those who are not friendly to each other, and is thus often called upon to smooth relations between Nearside nations with antagonistic common experience.

Nadya Simonova (Westasia) operates from Moscow and maintains very close ties with the Kremlin. She is said to be very closely aligned with PM Ivan Deruschka as well as several European heads of state and is thus one of Farside's 'movers-and-shakers'. Nadya is widowed and childless, but

has adopted six orphans from various places within the former Soviet bloc, migrating them all into Farside. She is a dedicated advocate for several Nearside adoption services.

Leif Thorvaldsson (Nordeurope) added Westeurope to his portfolio upon the retirement of Marcel d'Hourtin, and operates from Oslo. Leif and his long-time partner, Ingrid Gustavson, have four children, two of whom hold teaching positions at Uppsala University in Nearside, and two who work land-based jobs in the North Sea oil industry.

6 – Civilizers

Dennis Cameron was Farside's original 'money man'. His business connections to several Nearside-based companies proved very useful during Farside's early years, including his own air taxi service and his own precious metals refinery in Lafayette. Although most of his work on behalf of Farside occurs in Nearside, he does maintain a Farside office in the Aurora complex, and makes a home with his wife, the former **Eleanor Gillman**, near the Aurora complex. He and Eleanor have three children.

Oscar Gruder, a professor at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, was the driving force behind Farside's initial economic boom centered around gold-extraction from the many streams originating in the foothills of Farside's Rockies. During Farside's early development, Oscar ran the 'Royal Mint' that all the miners, sluicers, and panners used for converting their gold dust and nuggets into cash, ingots, and coins. As well, the Gruders operated their own sluicing site about 12 miles NNW of Okambo, a site that rivals the Clancys' 'golden gusher'.

Nell Sullivan Gruder was, until her untimely death, Farside's Petroleum Minister, and was chiefly responsible for the extensive system of pipelines that transport fuel from the oilfields in the Pecos area to several remote sites.

Harry Tumulty was, until his passing, Farside's Minister for Communications. Harry was a radioman during his Marine service, and operated an electronics repair business in Elmhurst, (Queens) NY, his hometown, as a civilian. When Farside began opening up, Harry sold the business and relocated to Hammburg in Pennsylvania with his family.

Davy Harmon was another early pioneer from Queens and a long-time acquaintance of Arlo Rubinstein with whom he served in the Marines. His quick mind and intuitive grasp of complex tactical issues made him the ideal pick as Farside's first Minister for Security. Upon retirement from that post, he turned over responsibility for security to his hand-picked successor, **Tony Dinardo**. Sadly, a massive stroke took his life a mere five weeks later, and Adele Doan, his wife of 46 years, passed away four months after that. The Harmons' four children and their families reside in Farside and collectively operate the region's largest silver mine.

Robert Larreau was the head of the Department of Physics at UCB until his retirement. Upon his retirement from UCB, he was offered and

accepted the position of Master of the Gatekeepers' Guild, and moved permanently into Farside with his wife, Emily Swann, where he worked to develop gate technology to its present state, aided by his First Keeper, **Dan Murphy**, and his Second Keeper, **Tricia Mullins Murphy**. The Larreaus had no children. On the death of Robert Larreau, Dan Murphy became Guild Master and Tricia Murphy assumed the position of First Keeper.

Dan Murphy and **Tricia Mullins** were both students of **HM Barbara fitzGibbon-Walsh** at UCB and were, if the rumors are true, 'matched' by Her Majesty herself. After graduation, Dan and Tricia worked briefly in high-tech until Dan decided to get into the industrial laser business, creating Innovative Optics. They married shortly thereafter and have two daughters, Jane and Grace. When the Gatekeepers' Guild was first formed, Dan and Tricia were offered and accepted the positions of first- and second-keeper, respectively, working for **Bob Larreau**.

Ted Chubb, a jack-of-all-trades, handled all manner of assignments for the Crown until being appointed Prime Minister/Foreign Minister when Paul Gillman's health declined to the point that he could no longer handle those positions. Alas, Ted served in that capacity for less than three months before he, too, died, one of several painful losses during a span of only seven months. His children continue to reside in Farside, mainly engaged in technology-related pursuits.

Pete Logan, **Larry Hopkins**, and **Pat Messier** were, collectively, responsible for most of the early residential building in and near Okambo FCD. Between them, they erected more than six dozen (mainly birch) log cabins, a task that kept them — until much later — too busy to actually work the claims they were entitled to for their efforts at logging and road building. **Melinda Logan** served for several years as Barbara's personal secretary and Secretary of the Moot.

Leroy Starkweather, a business acquaintance of Steve Okambo Sr., is a registered land surveyor, and created the first maps of the village of Okambo and its environs. Later, Leroy turned over his original responsibilities for platting land grants to Tester-Cameron Builders and retired from that profession. Leroy married very late in life to **Wanda Swain**, a widow, and helps her run her farm in the Niwot area with her three children from her first marriage.

Ivan Deruschka was in the first graduating class of FIPS, the Farside Institute for Political Science, and — as a graduating Senior — was tapped to be Prime Minister on the unexpectedly-sudden death of **Ted Chubb** who had assumed that post from **Paul Gillman** less than three

months earlier. He also serves as FIPS' Headmaster, a largely ceremonial position. Ivan is engaged to Dr. **Kathleen McCormick**, a graduate of FIPS and an instructor at UCB in Nearside, but the pair have not yet set a date for their wedding.