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## PLO

As a follow up to our last article, here are the names of the families, individuals and groups who have donated to the construction and upkeep of the Case of Distinction to date: **The Baus Family, Michelle and Scott Boynton [1979], Paul Coulter [1969], Mark Embury [1983], Mark [1970] and Paul English [1969], Frank Gerrits [1972] The Royal Woodwork Shop, The Hanlon Family, David Heaslip [1968], Bob and Lynn Hunt [1979], Bill Jenkins [1973], The KCSS Ski Program, The KCSS Student Council , The King Men's Hockey League, Tim Millard [1978], Russell [1970] and Jane [1972] Oldfield, The Orr Family, the Peddle family In Memory of Aaron Peddle [1989], Bert Tatum [1979] and Dr. Rick Zabrodski [1974].....It is becoming apparent to the Case Committee that finding the whereabouts, and thus the successes, of former female students from KCSS is a difficult task. Many, of course, change their name after marriage and we lose track of them. If any of our readers come across any women from the school's past who are deserving of consideration for the Case of Distinction please do not hesitate to contact us [see address below]..... Finally, the first meeting of the expanded 2006 reunion committee will take place at KCSS, on Wednesday, March 9th in the old library room, at 7:30 PM. If you live in the area and would like to be involved please do not hesitate to show up on that evening. In all likelihood the committee will attempt to meet approximately once a month from here on in [except for the summer months] until the end on this year.**

## Where Are They Now?

Former King City staff member, **Neil Crone**, who left KCSS in 1986 to pursue a career in television and movies, apparently has had a health scare but is recovering nicely. We wish him well. **Martha Wood [1993]** is presently living and teaching school in Japan. She has received a much-coveted permanent foreign teachers' contract and is thoroughly enjoying her life after KCSS. Former staff member **Peter Milavanovic** is now the principal of Langstaff S.S. **Petra Najafee [1993]** is teaching at The Dr. Williams S.S. in Aurora while her brother, **Bobby Najafee [1988]** is working on yet another Masters at Queen's University. **Amit Kumaria [1994]** was checking our web site recently, as he said, "in a nostalgic moment here at work yesterday", and passed along his mailing address and contact information for sister **Aarti [1997]** as well. Amit is presently working for a company, The Kaboose Network, one of the world's leading online media companies focused on kids and families. Anyone from 1994 who would like to contact him is encouraged to go to [kcssalumni@hotmail.com](mailto:kcssalumni@hotmail.com) and we will put you in touch with Amit.

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## Lost Sheep

The whereabouts of the following people are unknown to us. Please let them know that we are looking for them if at all possible: **Peter Patterson** [1972], **Jill Rowan** [1968], **Marilyn Bolsonello** [1963], **Cindy Hewitt** [1993] **Bernie Oberparleiter** [1988], **Daniel and Sylvia Kim** [1984] **Deanna Batsch** [1981] and **Greg Mitchell** [1990]

**Do You Remember** ... Geraldine, the Cheerleader? **Rick Pennycooke** [1983] made this takeoff on Flip Wilson's television character a hilarious addition to our days both on the P.A. announcements and at many basketball games in the gym.

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In the very early days of the school, back when it was called King City Composite School and for several years after the name was changed, the unwritten expectation which governed movement through the halls dictated that students would keep to the right when walking. This important brake on potential student unruliness was a holdover from the pre-60's era when young people were treated by adults as if they were all about to join the Black Panthers or some such radical subversive element. The thinking must have been, if they are going to drive this way they might as well walk in a similar fashion. Part two stipulated that no student, in motion or otherwise, was to be occupying the middle row of the terrazzo floor tiles. This space was reserved for staff, and God help the individual who trespassed. Offenders were certain to find **Mr. Marsh** or **Miss Tienkamp** there to correct their error. The final corollary to this rule held that only the north stairs were to be used by students wishing to go to the second floor; those students going the other way, say from Home Economics with **Miss Chamberlain** to Music with **Mr. Olynyk**, were expected to use the south stairs. This arrangement worked quite well for a time until a couple of things happened. The school expanded and added a third set of stairs, thus adding the proverbial monkey wrench; and the students became radicalized and learned to question authority. The halls then became a veritable cattle stampede and the world was never the same.....It is with regret that we announce the sudden passing of **Sean McKenna** [1981]. Sean was a very unique person, involved with the "Reach For The Top" team and the school football program among other things. He will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him

## Where Are They Now?

**Alex Blair-Johns** [1995] is in Toronto in the insurance business and working at the restaurant, "Quotes" across from Roy Thompson Hall..... **Jason Child** [1998] and **Suzanne Bowerman**[1998] are working at CBRE Realty in Toronto..... **Dave Bohach** is teaching at Banting S.S. in Alliston..... **Roxanne Wright**, who spent 1992 at King in Phys. Ed., is now at Sir William Mulock High School in Newmarket..... **Raphael Costa** [1998] is presently in management at World Fine Cars in Toronto..... Brother, **Tony Costa**, [2000] is in his final year at U of T and heading for a career in teaching..... Wayne Edward [1990], formerly known as **Wayne Edward Jones**, has tried just about everything by way of employment since he left King. he seems to have found his niche working for Avis Rent-a-Car. He now calls Tottenham his home and would love to know the whereabouts of **Greg Mitchell** [1990], his former classmate.....**Robin Rumble** [1994] has re-located to Barrie where she is involved in aquatic, first aid and CPR training....

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## Lost Sheep

**Ray Zimmerman** [1962], **June Jarvis** [1963], **Claire Barrie** [1964], **Benjamin Vaughan** [1965], **Lorraine Daoust** [1966], **George Clarke** [1967], **Susan Larkin** [1968] **Harry Turriff** [1969] and former staff members **Mr. R. French**, **Miss Freda Gumuly** and **Mr. Ed Hodge**.

**Do You remember ...** Option sheets that had to be filled out and returned so that you could take the courses that you wanted the following year? In later years, the school set aside a day so that students could go around visiting the teachers and courses of their choice. Sometimes we still couldn't get it right.

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Many thanks to readers who have been able to uncover the whereabouts of an even dozen former students. In most cases our Lost Sheep were not aware that they were missing; however, they were also glad to be remembered and promised, upon pain of death, to stay in touch. The best way to do this, if anyone should pull up stakes and relocate, is to forward a new address to the alumni association at .... [kcsslumni@hotmail.com](mailto:kcsslumni@hotmail.com)..... **Brad Smith** [1996] has the new Guestbook up and running on our website and is attempting to piece together the fragments of the old one, with its many sign-ins, that went AWOL a few months ago....as we plan for the 2006 reunion, the first all-committee meeting is scheduled for the school on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Anyone interested in lending a hand is asked to attend.

## **Where Are They Now?**

**Andrew Heffron** [1986] is living in Toronto and working for YTV.....  
**Peter Kratzmann** [1965] checks in with news about his long-time friend, **Bill Smith** [1966]. The two went to King together and later attended Waterloo after high school. Bill, in Peter's words, is "a retired ski-bum, ski-instructor, ski-school manager [Sunshine-Alberta], forest ranger and ... planner with the National Parks Service". They are both eagerly looking forward to the 45<sup>th</sup> reunion in May of 2006..... **David Beaton** [1980] was featured in an article in the Oct. 2004 "Cottage Life" magazine. He is a very successful owner of three high-end furniture stores in Scarborough and loves his cottage in Muskoka. "Thank you" to **Gwen Chvalevich** for this bit of information.....  
**Lindsay Dennett** [1969], who has been living in Thornbury, north of Collingwood for the past 30 years, contacted the alumni association to report that her brother Ian [1962] had recently passed away..... Former King teacher **Don Payne** [1968-1971] would love to stay in touch with former staff and students and is hoping to make next year's reunion as well..... **Krista Reardon** [1990] has pulled up stakes and is now living in New York.....Finally, for those who remember **Ivan Joseph** [1989], he is currently the head coach for men's soccer at Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa.

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## Lost Sheep

Are any of our readers able to provide us with information as to the whereabouts of the following? **Stacey** [1987] and **Deb** [1988] **Hedenberg, Steve Toth** [1976], **Genine Natale** [1978], **Peter Hiscocks** [1963], former staff member **Dave Knight** [1961-1966], **Patricia Hurley** [1967], **Rocky Kavish** [1987] and **Gina Gunraj** [1993].

**Do You Remember** ... the Walk-a-Thons and Bike-a-Thons that for years were a major source of income for the Student Athletic Council? North on Keele St, along the 15<sup>th</sup> Side Road, south on Dufferin and back to school was just enough of an adventure for most of us to realize that we should have been in better shape. Other versions of this '80's trek a decade earlier actually left the school and ended up at City Hall in Toronto. Now, THAT was a challenge.

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When King City Composite School opened its doors in 1961 it attracted an inordinate number of adult individuals who sported outstanding educational credentials. **Dr. Ivanofsky, Dr. Etele, Dr. Posteuca** and **Dr. Smereka**...the names roll off the tongue like the faculty list of a prestigious, cosmopolitan university with roots deep in the academic soil. Few who did not attend KCSS in the 1960's, and later, could comprehend that these men, and many equally well-educated women, were actually on the staff of an Ontario high school. As is often the case in a few short years a faculty critical mass was achieved, excellent teaching attracted other fine staff and King students would reap the benefits. A quick scan of the list of teachers for the first thirty years of the school's history makes one realize that this was truly a golden age. So many of these early men and women were of a mind to put down roots and make the school their academic home. For example, of the four teachers mentioned above, Dr. Smereka remained at his science desk for the next twenty four years and retired in 1987. Had Doctors Ivanofsky and Etele not been close to retirement when they arrived, there is no reason to think that they would not have wanted to hang out their shingle in King City for a long time as well. Unfortunately for us, Dr. Posteuca moved on to the U.S. where cancer claimed him far too early in life.

## Where are they now?

From **Nick Papandreou** [1975] ..."am in Greece, after years of peregrination, as they say, in the States, college, Ph.D., work as an economist, and then one of those sudden changes as I morphed into my present state as writer -- articles, short stories, fiction, novels, and the occasional economic analysis. I have written a series on King City but have not gotten my act together sufficiently to find a publisher in Canada. It's sort of like a time capsule of Canada in the mid-seventies, since I really haven't returned since then. It is a Canada I love, maybe because besides the country itself, we often consider our youth as a country in and of itself....I as pleased when Gayle told me that my name was on some wall in KCSS as highest scorer for a season or sumpin' like that. It felt like a very important distinction, suddenly. King City for us was the most stable part of our lives, since we had changed schools so often before that and then our lives would again go through various tumultuous seasons having to do with the overwhelming nature of Greek politics, something I tried to capture in my first book.....**Caron [Hyland] Shepley** [1986] writes that her husband, a national coach for the Canadian triathlon team, and she are busy running a company called "Personal Best" which consults to large companies about providing health and fitness services to their employees. She still competes in triathlon events herself. ....Sister **Jill Hyland** [1986] is still in the military and has been in Ottawa but soon will be posted to Edmonton with her husband. ....Meanwhile, brother **Greg Hyland** [1984] is in Michigan and still working with Magna Corporation. ....

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## Lost Sheep

The following, or someone who knows their whereabouts are asked to get in touch with us at our e-mail address [kcssalumni@hotmail.com].....**Joan Kitras** [1981], **Fraser Gunn** [1974], **Elaine Armitage** [1965], **Vivian Metherall** [1962], **Jurgen Kortebach** [1986], **Ulrike Zugelder** [1981], **Doug Gosbee** [1977] and **Judy Yorke** [1973]

**Do You Remember**.....your favourite field trip? Classes went everywhere, and still do, and chances are that in five years of school you experienced the good, the bad and all flavours in between. You may have done a pond study in Oak Ridges, visited the Ontario Science Center, enjoyed a German festival, a Beethoven symphony, a university lecture on Kinesiology or stayed closer to home and buried a civilization in the school's back yard, only to dig it up the next day. Whatever the destination, a field trip always made the subject seem more interesting.

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The cover of their first album [designed by **Rick Neagle** 1974] depicts two stylishly-dressed, jitterbugging teenagers swinging to music coming from somewhere off stage. Inside the jacket is an LP featuring [in the words of the liner notes] "...a repertoire...designed to appeal to younger people with pop tunes while playing the swing sound of the thirties which strikes the middle age audience with nostalgia". The band's musicians were **Marlene Mitchell** [1974], lead alto sax; **Julie Cruickshank** [1974], 2<sup>nd</sup> alto sax; **Sandy Kirby** [1974], lead tenor sax; **Debbie Turnbull** [graduated from Branksome Hall], baritone sax; **John Glass** [1974], lead clarinet; **Mike Kernen** [1975], 2<sup>nd</sup> clarinet; **Bill Pitkin** [1973], lead trumpet; **Virginia Arnott** [1974], 2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet; **Harvey Spry** [1973], 3<sup>rd</sup> trumpet; **Ken Loney** [1972], lead trombone; **Ken Orr** [1973], 2<sup>nd</sup> trombone; Brian Smith [1975], the 3<sup>rd</sup> trombone and baritone; Clayton Chapman [1973] playing guitar; **Frank Unterlander** [1972] on bass; brothers, **Ross** [1974] and **Charles McPhee** [1972] on piano and **Mike McDonald** [1973] looking after the rest of the rhythm on percussion. Album number two is a little more professional in appearance and featured additional members such as Bill Mitchell [1976], Ken Schneider [1976], **Kim Hopkins** [1976], Pat Barnes [1975] and technician Mike McLaughlin [1973]. Nostalgia, led by **Mr. Mulcahey**, started out as a challenging alternative for dedicated musicians and evolved, eventually, into a touring band which enjoyed a ten day, five concert tour of England and Ireland in the spring of 1973. Some students who were there at the beginning but, for various reasons, were not around for the recordings were: Jim Curran [1972], Peter Barabash [1974], Sue Caple [1973], Peter Gould [1972], Don Brooks [1972], Greg Natale [1972] and **Dan McConnachie** [1972]. From Nestor Olynyk to Carl Mulcahey, through **Jim Corbett** and on to the present with **Tom Walker** [1983], King City S.S. students have been blessed with excellent music teachers and the results that these staff members produced over the years were never more glittering than those displayed by this enterprising group over 30 years ago.

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## Where Are They Now?

From **Chris Cawthray** [1991] "I'm busy drumming and writing music. I run two websites, my personal music-related site <http://www.chriscaawthray.com> and my business site <http://www.musicformovement.com> and do lots of live-playing work. I have a regular weekly jazz gig in Burlington and do all sorts of other stuff. During the day I keep busy as a Guest Artist for the Toronto School Board, mostly teaching music to Dance majors at the Etobicoke School of the Arts [an arts high school] and playing piano and percussion accompaniment for their dance classes".....**Randy Spensley** [1979] contacted us from Vancouver Island where he has been living for the past twenty years. Family life and business are both doing well. He would like to know the whereabouts of **Carolyn [Greenfield] Volpe** [1979] and **Beth Scott** [also 1979]. If any of our readers can help, it would be appreciated. **John Druzina** [1985] and **Tara Browne** [1986] live in Fonthill, ON and work for the Ministry of Natural Resources..... **Kevin Tibbitts** [1983] is presently a service advisor at Slessor Motors in Newmarket ... **Britta Borchert** [1990] writes, "I've been living in Germany for almost ten years and I'm involved in adult education. I teach English at the university here in Marburg as well as at a company near Marburg and for the VHS, which has classes for adults. It is a lot of fun and although I miss Canada, I love my life here. I try to go back to Canada about twice a year...and I will see what I can do about the reunion."..... For those who remember **Dean Huisman** [1983] the following will be of interest; "Been in Europe almost 15 years now - strange but it is now home for me. Was at the OECD in Paris and have since found work in Rome at the FAO [Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN]. As a city, Rome is OK but cannot compete at all with Paris... Until 2006."

## Lost Sheep:

**Michelle** [1982] and **Danny Youtoff** [1980], **Ross Hare** [1972], **Ken Griffith** [1979], and **Tim Gillen** [1966]

**Do You Remember ... Mr. Carson's** overheads, **Mr. Bullock's** particle dance, Mr. Carson's dittoes, **Mr. Smith's** 'Physics is Everywhere' T Shirts and Mr. Carson occasionally stepping in his garbage can? Or what about the hidden Playboy centerfolds in Mr. Carson's overhead screen? In spite of those hilarious exceptions, those three with **Mr. Hill** and **Dr. Smereka** formed the core of a Science department that knew how to teach and remained intact for almost twenty years

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The KCSS family lost a gracious and beloved member with the passing of **Joan Parisani** [1968-1996] who came to King as an office secretary in 1970 and filled every position imaginable, from the Main Office to Guidance to Library, until she officially retired, succumbed to cancer after a pain-filled, nine month battle. Very few people spent longer at King. She served alongside the three head secretaries that King has known; **Marion Specht**, **Heather Rowat** and **Pam Blackert**. Joan even came back as a fill-in secretary periodically after she retired because, as she once remarked, "why wouldn't I? This was such a great place to work. The students were, for the most part, absolutely fabulous and you couldn't have had a better staff to work with." Joan Parisani epitomized everything that was good about the staff at KCSS over the years; dedicated, caring and thoroughly enjoying her work. She will be sorely missed.....

## **Where Are They Now?....**

**Neil Young** [1985] forwarded his contact information. He lives in NY state and has a business called ERISCO Industries, Inc which operates out of Erie, PA and Monterrey, Mexico..... **Coral Payne** [1976] sends this..."I left high school, went to University and then dropped out in the middle of third year. I worked for ten years in downtown Toronto in a couple of law firm libraries, and then went back to University at the age of 35 to finish my undergrad [an Honours B.Sc. in Psychology at Trent University], and then went on to do a Masters of Library and Information Science at University of Western Ontario. I moved out to Vancouver in 1995 and worked for Electronic Arts [video game company] doing Competitive Intelligence, and then for a Biotech Company doing research. I also travelled extensively. Right now I am 3/4 of the way through a second Masters degree - this time in Counselling Psychology! I know, that's a lot of learning - but I am really enjoying it. I do lots of volunteer work[(runs in the family)] and am a full time student. I finally got married 5 years ago (yes for the first time) - waited until I met the right guy - and my partner and live in Vancouver - and we have just bought a 28 foot sailboat - our first boat.".....**Chris Peskun** [1996] has recently received a posting to the University of Toronto Orthopaedic Surgery division....**Georgia Sanderson** [1985] is back in King City after many years in the United States. She tells us by e-mail that "I got into tourism and decided to see some of the world.....worked with Delta and Marriott Hotels....was a director of Human Resources and lived in Vancouver, Los Angeles and Atlantic City..... decided to come back to Toronto after 13 years and be close to my family as my parents get older. I am temporarily working in the movie business as an actress..." One thing that can be said for graduates of KCSS; their education prepares them for almost anything. Georgia is proof of that!.....This just in from **Paul Weiss** [1990] who writes, "**Mark Dillworth** [1990] was seen on a promo for the new Pet Channel ... seems he's a vet down in the Beaches".

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Paul himself is a systems analyst for MyTravel Canada in Toronto....Meanwhile, **Ole Nielsen** [1971] included these words in his e-mail to the association: "After graduating from King City, I completed a Master's Degree in Microbiology at Guelph then headed west. I have been a research scientist with the Freshwater Institute at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg for 30 years. I am married with 2 teenaged boys."

## Lost Sheep...

the Alumni Association e-mail address [kcssalumni@hotmail.com] is where you go if you are able to provide contact information on any of the following former students: **Alan McLean** [1962], **Susan Davie** [1962], **Sharon Kingsley** [1964], **Mara Petersons** [1966], **Gerald Wocks** [1967], **Charlie** [1973] and **Mike Shields**[1973] and **Cheryl Saunders** [1976]

**Do You Remember.....** wood shop classes [supervised by such Sovereigns of Sawdust as **Mr. Marsh**, **Mr. Quinn** or **Mr. Jurgenheim**] where you built a garden shed for someone's back yard; usually a teacher's back yard?

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## **PLO:**

On Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, four former students returned to King to be inducted into the Alumni Case of Distinction, bringing the total number of inductees to 20. **Nolan Natale** [1971], **Cindy Payne** [1974], **Rick Zabrodski** [1974] and **Andria Hill** [1976] all spoke about the sense of family and the feelings of confidence and empowerment that the teachers at KCSS gave them. They took turns fondly remembering their days in high school over thirty years ago and expressing the hope that their successes will provide an inspiration to current students. Just as impressive as their accomplishments is the fact that three of the four alumni flew in from British Columbia, Alberta and Nova Scotia to be there. The fifth inductee, **George Papandreou** [1970], was not able to attend in person as his responsibilities in Greek politics kept him at home; however, he too created smiling faces and moist eyes with his acceptance speech, read by former Guidance head **Ross McClure**. For the first time during the three year history of the ceremony former teachers were specifically invited by the committee at the request of the inductees. What a sense of satisfaction must have been felt by retired staff members **Ruth Hogg, Doug Hill, Les Smith, Linda Thomson, Gary Allen, Keith Carson, Charles Truax, Ed Smereka, Bob Sanderson** and King's second principal, **Bill Eckersley** as they listened to the acceptance speeches! Not able to attend, but often mentioned, were **Peter Henderson, Carl Mulcahey, Sue Daniels-Brown, Samir Saheb, Ron Bonham** and **George Gould**. The inductees were introduced and formally inducted by alumni president **John Peddle** [1970] and former teacher **Ed Sergeantson**..... One person very much impressed by the ceremony, and what it meant for all in attendance, was this year's Student Council president, **Alison Mumford** [2006]. Hopefully her presence on Saturday will help raise the profile of the Case of Distinction amongst today's students and staff.....Do you have someone whom you would like to nominate? If you know of someone who has distinguished him or herself through outstanding achievement and thereby made a positive contribution to their local communities, their country or the world then by all means let us know...E-mail us at [kcسالumni@hotmail.com](mailto:kcسالumni@hotmail.com)

## **Where Are They Now?**

**Bonnie Mackinnon** [1983] sent a message to the alumni web site Guest Book....."Hi. I am wondering where everyone from 1982 vanished to! I'd love to hear from some of my old group [such as **Mary Marrone** and **Linda Marsili**]. I am living in Rhode Island, USA [since 1998]. Been married nearly 21 years and have two very gorgeous boys, age 8 and 9. Eewww...we're old!"....Thanks for reminding us, Bonnie..... Also in the Guest Book was **Andrew Pinfold** [1997]...." Greetings fellow KCSS grads. I left in '97 and decided to move west. All is well out here. I have still avoided getting any sort of real job and continue to ride my bike to make ends meet. Cheers, Pinner"....

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Mrs. **Sue Daniels-Brown**, who had two stints as an English and Theatre Arts teacher at KCSS [1971-72 and 1976-81] has retired to the west coast; BC to be exact. "...Celista [her town] is on the North Shuswap, about an hour from Kamloops. My partner, Mike, and I have a home on the side of the mountain, looking down over the lake and the mountains beyond. It doesn't get much better than that!".....

**Katie Farnsworth** [1989] completed her PhD in Marine Geology in 2003 and moved to Ohio to teach at Muskingum College. It was then back to Virginia for a year teaching at the College of William and Mary. Finally, she moved out to Santa Cruz, CA and is now working at the United States Geological Survey on a project characterizing the fine-grained sediment input from the California coastline. We are not making this up! ....Former staff member **Paul Gilmore** is enjoying life in the Kingston area....

## Lost Sheep:

**Monica Cellucci** [1991], **Adrienne Rinnie** [1992], **Vince Van Den Brink** [1993], **Danny Borzellino** [1994], **Jess Phillips** [1995], **Farheen Hussain** [1996], and **Charlene Davidson** [1997]. Please contact us if you are able to help track down any of the above students.

**Do You Remember....** Yearbook inserts? At various times, especially in the 1980's, the hardworking crews that turned out our Archons decided to publish the odd insert which could be claimed at the following Commencement and added to our books. These inserts, which continue to fall out to this day and threaten to become permanently lost, were a way to cover the various events late in the school year [proms, ruby championships and the like] which otherwise had to be placed in the following year's Archon or, as was often the case, ignored entirely.

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## **PLO:**

Commencement exercises at King City S.S. used to be rather formal occasions; a time for grads to celebrate leaving high school and entering the so-called real world. Graduating students would enter the gymnasium while the school band struggled mightily with the Processional [see below], a piece that they had been practicing for weeks. Sitting in rows at the front of the auditorium students would, for the most part, file quietly out into the hall, walk onstage when called and receive their diploma, possibly a Proficiency Prize in a subject or two and, of course, the real 'brainers' would be rewarded with a scholarship or bursary. This all took place to polite applause with respectful [or so it seemed] attention being paid to the proceedings. It was worth one's life to act impolitely as a withering look from one of the administration would be followed Monday morning with a visit to **Mr. O'Beirn** or **Mr. Eckersley's** office; unless, of course, your parents killed you over the weekend. Some thirty five or forty years later it is sad to see that dignity on the part of a Commencement audience, students and parents alike, has largely disappeared. Catcalls, whistling and conversation are the norm nowadays, even while those on stage are attempting to make themselves heard above the din. Years ago no one would ever think of leaving after their child had been introduced and received their diploma. You waited until the end of the ceremony. Not any longer. It is a wonder that grads whose names end in the letters "Y" and "Z" have anyone left in the audience to wave to when their turn comes. It is about time that the school administration taught students how to behave in a public setting and time also that parents set an example for their sons or daughters. Sometimes the "good old days" were better.....

## **Where Are They Now? .....**

**Andrea Ecclestone** [1991] received her BSc. in Life Sciences, and an HSc. degree in Biology, from McMaster, a BSc. in Physiotherapy from Queen Margaret University College in Edinburgh, Scotland and is now working as a physiotherapist in Maple, ON....she writes..."I have kept in touch with many people from King over the years and have encouraged them to send their contact info to the alumni office. And we're all excited about the reunion next May!"... **Anita Vandeburgt** [1975] is working as a legal secretary in Barrie.... **Ron Zaiser** [1974] is also in Barrie and recently took his name off the Lost Sheep list....**David Kastner** [1984] runs Crossbow Athletic Wear in Toronto, while brother **Peter** [1981] is in the same line of work....**John** [1984] and **Shelley [Collacutt] Miller**[1987] recently helped us out with a Lost Sheep, Shelley's sister, **Laura** [1988]. Laura and her family will be moving back from Atlanta next year.

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## **Lost Sheep:**

The alumni association would appreciate knowing the whereabouts of the following: **Wendy Lawson** [1977], **Robert Vass** [1984], **Mark Sobers** [1994], **Kim Ciolfe** [1985], **Donna Zaiser** [1965], **Alice Cook** [1972], **James Campbell** [1980], **Jude Jones** [1984] and **Gary Adair** [1969]. Please contact us at kcsslumni@hotmail.com if you are able to help track down any of these former students.

**Do You Remember....** the processional music played at Commencement? For virtually all of the past 44 years graduates have proudly marched into the gym to the tune of Sir Edward Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March #1. There have been exceptions: in 1970 the march in was accompanied by the new school song, The King's Venturers, written by **Debbie** [1971] and **Nick Caple** [1968] and their father. For the most part, however, tradition has held sway.

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In the recent past there has been much speculation regarding the future [fate?] of King City Secondary School. The building will soon be forty five years old and in the age of cheap, throw-away consumer products it might be tempting to consider it time to dispose of the structure and build another. Not so fast says current office manager **Pam Blackert**. Pam reminds us that with the Board committed to spending millions in the next few months on a refurbished science wing KCSS will not be going away. Not only is the Board embarking on this latest renovation project but the addition of the "big pipe" to the town means that some population increase can be expected and King City S. S. will continue to serve the locals..... Construction began on the main King building in 1960 and the school opened in 1961. How does this compare to other schools in the region? Thornlea S. S. commenced in 1968 and Langstaff High School in 1965, making our neighbours to the south slightly younger than King while Bayview S.S took in its first students in 1960 and is one year older than KCSS; Woodbridge College [High School, 1958]; Thornhill S.S. [1956]; Markham District High School and Stouffville District Secondary with opening dates of 1954 round out the other local schools of the same era. One has to go all the way back to 1888 before encountering the official opening of Dr. G. W. Williams [originally known as the Aurora High School; the present Aurora H.S. is a fresh-faced youngster, having started in 1972] and further still for Richmond Hill High School [1851] and, finally, the granddaddy of them all, Newmarket High School, which was begun in 1843. While several of these schools have, of course, moved into newer buildings over the years they still serve their communities and we may expect King to be "Semper Progrediens" for many years to come.

## **Where Are They Now?**

**Jennifer Willson** [1980] "I got chemistry degrees from Guelph and Waterloo and then worked for Fiberglas Canada in Sarnia. They were purchased by their American parent, Owens Corning, in 1989. I was transferred to the US in 1994. I spent 8 years in Columbus, Ohio and now live in Charlotte, North Carolina where I have been for the past 3 years. I am a senior scientist in the Product Development group at National Gypsum, trying to come up with new types of wallboard -- it's more interesting than it sounds. **Doug** [her brother - 1980] is VP for a market research firm in Philadelphia. [Sister] **Andrea** [1983] is a stay-at-home mom and lives in Richmond Hill."... Kamloops BC resident, **John Richardson** [1962] , who graduated from the school's very first class has not been back since the 1990 reunion and is very much looking forward to this one. He hopes to drag buddy, and Case of Distinction inductee, **Arthur Black** [1962] with him next May. Arthur currently resides on Saltspring Island, BC....

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**Janet Kope** [1978] lives in Bolton and is planning on competing in the alumni golf tournament in May....Former Theatre Arts teacher **Neil Crone** confesses that, "I've been out of the witness protection program now for over a year so I'm not moving around nearly as much". He lives in Sunderland....Finally, **Kent Atkins** [1984] is a sales rep for Re/max York Group Realty and has been in the business for over nineteen years. As he says, "Time sure flies by".....

## Lost Sheep:

Please contact us at kcossalumni@hotmail.com if you are able to help track down any of these former students **Margaret Duffield** [1964], **Ian Rawlings** [1971], **Brian Bredehoeft** [1984], **Andrea** and **Andrew Woudstra** [1974], **Nadine Derrick** [1967], **Judy Armstrong** [1961], **Michael Falsarella** [1986] or **Doug Radies** [1981].

**Do You Remember**.... waiting for the Langdons bus in the morning? Not many things so defined life at King City S.S. as the buses that brought 90% of the students to and from school every day. Whether the trip was twenty minutes or over an hour we met a lot of our friends for the first time on that bus. The grade thirteens reserved the back seats for themselves and everyone else found their place in the "food chain". This memory, of course, will include the afternoon Late Bus, the means by which so many athletes, music students, members of the school play and the few unfortunate ones who missed their bus home and had to wait around in order to get home.

**Note:** In last month's article reference was made to the sometimes unruly behaviour of some modern day Commencement audiences. Our comments were made to point out what appears to be a trend in society and not intended as either a criticism or reflection of the current administration of KCSS. The alumni association sincerely apologizes to Principal **Teresa Micone** and Vice Principal **Frank Hood** for any offence taken.

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## **PLO:**

Plans are well underway for the May 12th and 13th reunion at KCSS and in the next few articles we will attempt to keep you, the reader, up to speed on plans and problems as they occur. After three all-committee meetings at the school an enthusiastic group of volunteers has started to emerge and each committee chair is working feverishly to put together some friends and former classmates to act as their committee helpers. One committee that wishes to get the word out to as many people as possible is the Golf Tournament group. Initially conceived by **Brent Morning** [1988] and currently chaired by staff member, **Mike Mallory**, the event is planning a small tournament on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness of, and create funding for, the Case of Distinction. At present the committee is accepting foursomes for play and those interested may phone Mike at the school, 905-833-5332. Any person or local company offering to sponsor a hole should also contact Mr. Mallory.....It is slowly becoming evident that to us that very few people are familiar with the Commencement Award which the association hands out at each graduation ceremony. Created in 1988 and presented in that year to **Rasmus Lerdorff** [1988], the award, soon to be increased to two, recognizes the efforts of a graduating student in three major facets of school life: academics, clubs and teams in addition to community volunteer work. **Ginny Arnott** [1974], whose sponsorship committee we will highlight next issue, e-mailed us to say that when she told some old school friends about the Alumni Award they immediately put together a sizeable donation to help support this worthy cause. The alumni association is hoping that, as awareness of the award spreads, more former staff and students will join in this attempt to make it possible for King students to continue their post-secondary education.

## **Where are They Now?**

**Mary Jane Chapman** [1965] is an Account Executive with a London, Ontario firm. She has three grown children, recently was in touch with **Lynn Emerson** [1965], who lives in the States, and plans on meeting up with many former classmates at next year's reunion..... **Robin Matthews** [1974], has been working in the oil industry since graduating as a geological engineer from U of T. Robin currently lives in Moscow with his Russia-born wife and if things work out would like to join some of his former "Chevy's Heavies' basketball teammates in May..... **Carol Higgs** [1976] has moved back into the area after stints in California and the Canadian west coast. She is a software consultant who spends a lot of time on the road in the U.S....**Louise Gilchrist** [1974] is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor, the Program Director and a Doctor of Physical Therapy in the Department of Rehabilitation Science at the University at Buffalo....**Tom Deans** [1981] is in Orangeville while brother **Bob Deans**[1980] just moved to Indiana, **Steve Reid** [1984] is in Bolton, **Mike McQuoid** [1980] may be located in Innisfil while **Wendylee Stott** [1985] recently contacted us to say that all is well with her in the U.S..

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## **Lost Sheep:**

Last month's article helped us to find **Mike and Tammy [Weishuhn] Falsarella** [1986]. This time the shepherds are trying to locate the following individuals: **Beryl Pring** [1965], **Charles DeWinter** [1976], **Carolyn Margerum** [1963], **Roberta Wilson** [1963], **Susan Larkin** [1968], **Stiig Larsen** [1968], **Paul Rose** [1971] and **Mike Finnigan** [1971]. Information may be sent to ...kcssalumni@hotmail.com.

**Do You Remember....** Teacher Tricycle Races in the halls?