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PLO: We promised, last time, to produce a list of former students who have gone back to King as teachers; here is that list: **Tom Ellison** [1964], **Leone [Graham] Scully** [1968], **Susan [Towers] Peddle** [1969], **Debby Turner** [1971], **Sabrina Greupner** [1981], **Phil Honey** [1981], **Tom Walker** [1983], **Melanie Paul** [1988], **Alison Agnew** [1995], **Kelly Gosnell** [1997] and **Natalie Munro** [2002]. Some students, such as **Anthony Costa** [2000] and **Taylor Jones** [2001] have gone back to KCSS in order to serve as practice teachers while working on their degree....The 2011 reunion Committee is slowly building a list of former students who are willing to act as class representatives for their year and work hard at contacting as many people from their grade as possible. Would you be willing to do the same? There are two major criteria that have to be met. You must be willing to actually work at contacting those people with whom you spent some of the best years of your life and you really should live within a reasonable distance of the school because there will eventually be some meetings that you will have to attend. What is a reasonable distance, you ask? Anywhere from Toronto to Newmarket and from Stouffville to Bolton..... Does that sound like you? If so, please drop the Alumni Association a short note via e-mail [kcssalumni@hotmail.com] and we will gladly add you to our expanding list....Nothing is going to get rolling until next year [2008], nevertheless, it would be nice to hear from people as early as possible. Thank you in advance.

Where Are They Now?

From Neil **Borecky** [1992] comes this message, "I'd love to fill you in on the fortunes of a former student. I'm not even close to wildly wealthy (stupid science degree). Basically I'm a surf and ski bum out here on Vancouver Island. Land is pricey, but adventure is not. I've been exploring the surf and the coastal mountains since 1997 after graduating from McMaster. I still drive through King City every Christmas..."... **Freda Jarvis** [1989] is in Bradford. She writes us to say, "I've been working for Scholastic Canada in 1992, and I've been married for almost 12 years now, with 2 children...I've just recently realized how fast the years are flying by, and with the death of my friend **Suzanne Mizuno**, I'm anxious to touch base with people I grew up with.".... Next we give you **Peter McConnachie** [1976] who organized all of those great school dances in grade 12 and 13 back then. Peter is a project architect for a firm in Barrie and does a lot of work throughout Ontario related to hospitals, schools and retirement homes.... To date there have been a total of 236 Lost Sheep listed in our various articles. Of that total, 30 have been found and reported to us by readers. The latest was **Don Ough** [1968]. A family member reported Don's whereabouts. It seems that he is alive and well, living in Barrie and working for his brother, Brian, in Bolton.

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Lost Sheep: Shawna Steadman [1989] is being sought by several of her former classmates. Can any of our readers help? Other people who have been inquired about include...**Carolyn McGuire** [1964], **John Collins** [1964], **Nick Henshaw** [1966], **James McWhir** [1971], **Diane Tozer** [1973], **Gloria Guimond** [1975], **Frank Ford** [1978] and **David Surgenor** [1985].

Do You Remember..... sitting next to someone with a cold during an exam? Chances are that they didn't have any tissues and you couldn't concentrate on a particularly difficult Math problem because of the infernal noise. When they finally had enough consideration to ask to leave the room and blow their nose, the teacher probably said "no" anyway.

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PLO: The alumni association has in its possession various artifacts from King's past that hopefully some day might be placed on display in the school for students and staff to view. These range from gifts to the school community from the school board when King opened, to assorted clothing and paraphernalia representing clubs and teams from our past. Nearly all have been donated by former staff and students wishing to add to our collection. Nothing that the association has come across recently fell into our lap quite in the manner of our recent acquisition. In May of 1969 **Carl Mulcahey**, with the able assistance of the school's Senior, Intermediate and Junior Bands plus the King City Sr. Public School Choir, hosted "A-Muse-ic-all, otherwise entitled "Music To Amuse All". The show was presented by the Music Club, whose executive members were **Anders Nielsen** [1971], **Ian Laing** [1971], **Soren Neilsen** [1970], **Dave Robertson** [1971] and **Bruce Foliott** [1970], and was performed in the gym over two evenings, the show featured many talented musicians, many of whom would go on to star in "Nostalgia" two years later. To make a long story short, someone not even connected with KCSS happened across a vinyl recording of this presentation a few months ago. The album is in remarkable condition and inside was a copy of the evening's program with all musical selections and musicians listed. This individual contacted us and was happy to turn both items over to the association. Maybe, sometime in the not too distant future, we will have the ability to share all such items with everyone....**Jane Fenn** is looking for her old friend, **Glenda Thomson** [1969]. Glenda's brother's name is Rick and they lived in Oak Ridges. Jane says, "I didn't graduate from King City because we moved back to B.C. in 1967. I live in Victoria, B.C. I'm fine with you mentioning me but I doubt anyone would remember me". If you can help us find either of them, it would be appreciated.

Where Are They Now? Tom Simpson [1972]...."After 1 year of living in the little town of Madoc [identical to Oak Ridges in the 70's and 80's] a local politician suggested if I did not like the way the town was being run, I should run myself. Well I shocked the hell out of everyone and I am now known as the Deputy Reeve of Madoc [Centre Hastings]".... **Melissa Manson** [1977] passed along a very thoughtful comment when it was mentioned in a recent exchange of e-mails that it appears she is quite successful these days..."I thought a lot about your comment on success this morning. I suppose it depends how you measure success. The short answer is that I was very successful in the commonly understood use of the word but I gave it all up to do what I really wanted to do. At 48 years old I finally know who I am and what I want to be when I grow up. To me that is success". Today Melissa lives in Vermont, runs a farm and is in politics. She also is president of the local Historical Society, which is not surprising since she played a prominent role in preserving the history of 1976 at KCSS when she was the Archon editor.....**Brian Monkman** [1982] has been on the management team of the Heritage Pointe Golf Club in Calgary for the past 15 years. He is also a director of the Central Alberta Hockey League and a Board Member of the Chestermere Minor Hockey Association.

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Not content with his resume so far, he finds time to be a member of the Canadian Society of Club Managers, volunteers two days a month at his son's school and is an assistant coach for the Pee Wee Chestermere Lakers. To top everything off, he finds time to play with the local Old-timers hockey club. Brian is looking to hear from any old friends who remember the good old days at King; friends such as **Paul Steadman** and **George Davidson** [both from 1983]. Brian's website is www.heritagepointe.com... And his e-mail address is... bvtmonk@shaw.ca.....**Tamara Mabley** [1990] is on the East Coast of Canada and has a blog spot called "Tam's Little Corner of the World". You can also visit her business site, www.tamjai.etsy.com. Her recipe for inner peace is absolutely hilarious....**Judy Gajdacs** [1984] "started working at CBC in June, 1984 (before exams - I had to get out of work to write my grade 13 exams!) I've been in Internal Audit, Radio (a couple of departments), and now Communications. I'm a Finance & Admin Specialist. I got married in 1985 (we're still together). We have two kids - a daughter who's 14 (yikes!) and a son who's 10. We moved to Halifax in 1999 and find the lifestyle here preferable to Toronto".....

Lost Sheep: **Martha Henshaw** [1979], **Hans Teekens** [1972], **Wolfram Lunscher** [1970], **Elizabeth Parry** [1997], **Ken Marland** [1969], **Duncan Ellis** [staff], **Laura Weese** [1993], **Ed Hopkins** [1964], **Gloria Bell** [1968] and **Barbara Fawns** [1966]. Contact the association at ...kcsslumni@hotmail.com...if you can help.

Do You remember..... teachers' Friday night hockey? Started by **Sarge** and **Ross McClure** back around 1965, the 4:00 PM get-together is still something that a number of staff, former staff and students and assorted pick up players look forward to every Friday after school. No one who was ever exposed to the shinny skills of people like "**Legs Allen**", "**Gorilla Gould**", "**Bumper Gut Bonham**", "**Suitcase Ellison**", "**The Bull**", "**Gorilla Gingrich**", or real hockey players like **Mr. Honey**, **Mr. Fraser** and **Mr. Kraemer** will ever be the same.

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The field has been narrowed to four inductees for the Case of Distinction ceremony, to be held on Saturday, September 29. Joining the 24 previous outstanding former students are: **Dr. Harold Robertson** [1963, Medicine], the brilliant and much-published Professor of Pharmacology and Medicine, whose career has taken him from Schomberg to Cambridge University in England and Sweden as he searches for cures to such dreaded illnesses as Parkinson's disease; **David "Hap" Wilson** [1971, Environmentalist], whose witty and biting cartoons in the Archon helped to launch a Northern Ontario career in publishing and the Great Outdoors; **Ulrike Zugelder** [1981, Adventuring] from Nobleton whose forays into the worlds of avionics, real estate, architecture, structural engineering, sculpture, travel and business make her one of the more accomplished graduates of KCSS and **Jeff O'Neill** [Athletics, 1992], the King City native who represents the hard work and dedication that are required to achieve the pinnacle of success in that career that every red-blooded Canadian boy is encouraged to pursue, hockey. This is an extremely gifted class of inductees that spans four decades of our school's history and is as eclectic a mix of individuals as one could imagine. Everyone is invited to come and hear these accomplished individuals speak at their induction into our Case of Distinction.

Where Are They Now?

Cristina Torelli [1996] is working for UPS Canada as a communications manager. She is looking to get in touch with Jill Noble who graduated the year before in 1995.... **Stephen Foster** [1983] in a recent e-mail says that he "graduated from the Engineering Science program at the University of Toronto in 1987 and then proceeded to study further at U of T's Institute for Aerospace Studies (UTIAS) and obtained my M.A.Sc. degree. I subsequently worked for a few years doing contract research at UTIAS involving computational fluid dynamics. In 1995 I founded a company, Aventech Research Inc., together with an associate from the University. Our work has culminated in the development of technology for measuring meteorology from a wide variety of aircraft types serving a range of applications from atmospheric research to aerial application of pesticides. I got married in 2000 and now have a family with two wonderful children". **Susan Rutledge** [1992] has worked her way up the ladder to Executive Assistant, and now works for CanWest MediaWorks (better known as National Post and Global Television). She and her husband married in 2003 and live in Toronto with their young son..... **Carlos Guillen**, who attended King from 1991-1994, works in Markham and fondly remembers many in the Tech Department, especially **Fred Jurgenheit** the department head, **Dave Gingrich** and **Mike Harris**....**Luciano Bertato** [1980] presently lives and works in Mississauga as an Electronics Technician fixing Bell Sympatico and Nortel equipment. Brothers **Ronnie**, who briefly attended King for Grade 9, lives in Innisfil, and **Maurizio** [1985] lives in Uxbridge and both are doing well according to Luciano.

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Former staff member, **Bill Earle** [1966-1967] wondered, in a recent e-mail, what had become of **Linda** and **Verna Nicholson** [1969]. If any reader is able to help us locate these co-Senior Athletes of the Year, please contact the association at ..kcssalumni@hotmail.com... Some other people whom we are attempting to locate are: **Jennifer Durkin** [1971], **Charlie Muscat** [1973], former teacher **Ron Curniski**, **Norm Cross** [1978], **Jordan Burge** [1997], **Julie Shaddock** [1993], **Judith Winter** [1968] and **Peter Meeuse** [1964]

Do You remember.....the desk in the main office? How many times did students get called to the office, or were sent by a teacher, to be greeted either by **Mrs. Harvey [Specht]** and asked to produce a note from home? That was usually the lightest punishment you could expect. If the issue was not some minor administrative error that could be cleared up by a secretary then the next move was to THE BENCH where you waited to see "Sudsy" or, at the very least, an attendance person. In later years, **Mr. Turchin's** job would be handled by vice principals such as **Mr. Muir**, **Mr. Bright** or **Mrs. Bulson**. Of course to some students, such punishments were no big deal. First-time offenders in grade nine didn't know any better. Habitual visitors and the really cool older students viewed such trips to the office as "no sweat" and would wear them like badges of honour. However, most of us wanted nothing to do with such calls to the office. You would not recognize the office these days. Carpet, new desk modules and fresh coats of paint have transformed it from what seemed like Satan's waiting room into something slightly more pleasant. The desk is now long gone. The much-feared bench still receives visitors, but the students who occupy it have been told to remove their hats, which in itself is a reflection of how times have changed and how more sophisticated the clientele is, and **Mrs. McLean**, at her desk, can hear a small pond gurgle through the courtyard window behind her.

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PLO:

On Saturday, September 29, the Alumni Association welcomed four new members to its Case of Distinction when **Jeff O'Neill** [class of '95], **Harold Robertson** ['63], **Hap Wilson** ['70] and **Ulrike Zugelder** ['81] joined 24 previous inductees in the cases which now greet visitors to the school foyer. O'Neill, our youngest inductee, joined fellow NHL stars **Rick Hampton** and **Mike Kitchen**. **Mr. Mallory**, one of Jeff's invited guests, was present as O'Neill took time to thank the staff for making him a better person with the discipline which they imposed. In the next breath, tongue in cheek, he also pointed out that they probably did not contribute much to the development of his hockey skills. **Dr. Robertson**, who left King in 1963 without completing Grade 13 and later joined the army, becomes the second oldest member of the Case of Distinction. His outstanding career in the study of neurological illnesses, notably Parkinson's disease, has made him a world-renowned expert in his field. Dr. Robertson took the time to mention his appreciation to his former History teacher **Mr Fidler** [present for the ceremony] and to his former English teacher **Mr. Nicholls** [unable to be present] for helping him to learn how to write. His ability to communicate has undoubtedly been of critical importance in his life's work. **Hap Wilson** was lauded by presenter **John Peddle** for being years ahead of society in his love of, and desire to protect, the environment. Wilson himself admitted that he had come along way from the days in the late 60's when he was seeking direction and he took a moment to acknowledge the role which KCSS played in helping him to find his way. The final inductee, **Ulrike Zugelder** picked up where the first three left off and spoke passionately about how much she owed to **Mike Chvlevich** [in the audience with **Mrs. Chvlevich**] for his influence upon her as a young teenager, and the benefits she received from the countless hours of training and competing on the cross country team. She then turned to **Dr. Smereka** sitting nearby and singled him and his classes out for special mention as well. "Dr. Ed Smereka, you peaked my scientific curiosity; I learned to wonder why, to ask 'how come?'...you gave me the gift of confidence".

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At the reception which followed, all four new members of the Case of Distinction family stressed that, while they may have received more international recognition in their lives, nothing will ever surpass the satisfaction that they received from knowing that their old school had not forgotten them. They had now been given an opportunity to give back to KCSS and to hopefully inspire others to live their own dreams and achieve their own type of success; and when you think about it, is that not what it's all about?

Where Are They Now?

Ewart Atchison [1976] operates Mulmar Aggregates in Alliston. His sister **Dalyce Atchison** [1978] works in the Region of Peel in the health care system...**David Bellis** [1977] is a Reiki teacher and healer living in Tottenham. For those unfamiliar with the art we offer a brief description taken from an article published by the UK Reiki Alliance, "Reiki (pronounced ray-kee) is the Japanese word for the Universal Life Energy that permeates and sustains our entire world.... this ancient healing system... is a completely natural healing method, accelerating the body, mind and spirit's healing process. Reiki healing sessions naturally encourage holistic health and well-being, balance, purpose and spiritual harmony..."**Ian Vipond** [1987] is living in Barrie.... **Lorna Moir** [1980] is currently employed at Dol Turf Restoration in Bond Head.... **Elizabeth Stevens** [1986], who says she plans on attending the 50th anniversary reunion, got in touch with us with news of her family. **Carolyn Stevens** [1988] has relinquished her job as a professor in Montreal and has opened her own business; **Tom Stevens** [1994] is an engineer in Ottawa and **Katie Stevens** [1996] has just graduated from Teachers College... Finally **Jeff Moore** [1988], who left King after Grade 10, is a grade three teacher in New Jersey. Sister **Jennifer Moore** [1989] owns Premier Designs Jewelry in Pennsylvania.

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Lost Sheep

What ever happened to **Rachel Russo** [1998], **Joan Scott** [1975], **Don Brooks** [1972], **Mike Kordyback** [1967], **Marlene Archibald** [1969], **Darryl Thoms** [1982], **Lisa Grech** [1987], **Ben Tyson** [1992], **Catrien de Ruyter** [1994], **Jerry Redfern** [1962], **Martin Deary** [1964], **Carolyn Holman** [1965], **Benjy Griffith** [1978] and **Kelly Gentle** [1979]. Please get in touch with the alumni association know if you know where any of these former students are today.

Do You Remember..... attending any of the major events of the 1963 – 1964 school social calendar? The Student Council led by **Jack Foran** [1965], president, **Norma Cooper** [1965], vice president, **Carol Anne Roberts** [1965], secretary and **Jane Darrach** [1965], treasurer offered a lot of variety for students wishing to be seen at any of the school dances. The first event was the Initiation Dance which catered to all “minor niners”. This was followed in order by the Hallowe’en Spook Spree, a Barndance, the Yuletide Waltz, the King City Hootenanny and topping off the year, the prom, the Shu-Ku-La-Shan, where **Flora Wakefield** [1965] was crowned Queen.

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Three and a half years will seem like an eternity to some. In this category you could expect to find Blue Tooth technology geeks or people anxiously awaiting a cheque in the mail. For others like veteran Leaf fans waiting for that elusive Stanley Cup parade or anyone on the 50th year school reunion organizing committee, three years and a bit will be but a moment in time. That is why plans are already afoot for May, 2011. One committee that cannot afford to be caught waiting at the start line is the Class Reps committee, a group which has already begun to take shape and to which interested former students could consider devoting some time. In many ways this may be the critical committee of the entire reunion, for the major reason for reunions is to bring people together. It is as simple as that. If you are someone who feels they might be able to devote a little time to hit the phones, or send out e mails, in an attempt to locate former classmates kindly contact the alumni association at kcssalumni@hotmail.com or e-mail Tom Ellison at tom.ellison@zing-net.caAnother key component which the committee would like to nail down early is that of sponsorship. Undoubtedly there are former students out there who would gladly put their name and financial backing to any one of several features at the next reunion. There will be opportunities to sponsor such diverse reunion functions as: back issues of the Archon, the Dinner / Dance, Reunion Pub, Open House and much more. If you are so inclined, please e-mail Ginny Arnott at ginny.arnott@nbpcd.com.

Where Are They Now?

Julie [Shaddock, 1993] and **Craig Horne [1991]** live in Oak Ridges and have 3 sons. Julie is a Chartered Accountant working for ABC Group Inc in Toronto as Director of Accounting. Craig works at IBM. "...I can't believe it's been 14 years since I graduated from KCSS ~ never really thought about it that way. I still keep in touch with many friends from those years" **Mike Lescombe [1973]** is still living in Ajax ... **Christine Bedford [1986]** calls Toronto home.... Former KCSS staff member **Sharon Frayne-French** dropped us an e-mail a while ago and wrote, "What a surprise to "Google" my own name, and then find myself in an article by the KCSS Alumni - looking for lost sheep. Sounds like I missed a great reunion last year... hopefully, next time around I can be there. I would love to hear from some of my former students, or fellow teachers - I taught Art and English at KCSS as a brand new teacher fresh from teacher's college. (1977 - 79) I was known as Mrs. Frayne-French, but now, many years later, I just go by "Sharon French". I learned one day that my "kids" called me "Mrs. French-Fries", so I decided to simplify! My beginnings as a teacher at KCSS were wonderful - I am still in education...after King, I taught in Brantford, Burlington, Acton, VP in Milton, Georgetown and now, finally, Principal at McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School in Acton... But King City, my first school, is still # 1... I hope that all is well at King City Secondary School, and I have many happy memories of my times there - especially skiing behind the school and horse back riding across the street. Cheers, everyone!"....

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Reports have **Andre LaVoie** [1970] sighted in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. Does anyone have any details about his exact location that could be passed along to us? Those same reports have **Steve Griffith** [19??] living in Texas ...**Dave Cooke** [1986] is now a partner at Wealth Strategies Group in Toronto.... Finally, **Anthony Costa** [2001] is working at Greenwood College, a private school in Toronto.

Lost Sheep

Of the entire staff of the first Archon in 1962, we can be certain of the whereabouts of only **Mr. Fidler** [Business Advisor] and **John Richardson** [Business Manager]. Whatever happened to **Richard Macnaughton** [Photography Director], **Allan Reynolds** [Consulting Editor], **Brian Knight** [Assistant Business Manager], **Gordon Empy** [Humour Editor], **Peter Macnaughton** [Treasurer], **Alastair Russell** [Boys' Sports], **Nancy Darrach** [Social Editor], **Janet Irvine** [Class News Editor], **Kulla Ounapuu** [Editor-in-Chief], **Valerie Patterson** [Girls' Sports], **Leanna Wilson** [Literary Editor] and **Mr. McCarty** [Staff Advisor]?

Do You Remember... being a cast member in a school play? Or maybe you were part of the construction team that built the sets? Ok, you were a member of the stage crew and pulled the curtain open and shut when needed; no matter. If you had anything to do with such productions as "The Skin of Our Teeth", "Little Abner", "Appointment With Death" or "Don't Drink the Water" you will likely never forget the experience. Who was your Theatre Arts teacher for that play? Would it have been **Neil Crone**, **Karen Lindsay**, **Carol Wells** or **Larry Lubin**?