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2012 has so far been a terrible one for the KCSS family. Original staff member, and office head secretary, **Marion [Harvey] Specht** passed away in June after a brief stay in hospital. Marion was in her 93rd year and had been living in Aurora. She was the first staff member hired by the Aurora School Board and was witness to every event, significant or otherwise, that occurred at the school from 1961 until her retirement in 1983. Many students feared her as she met them at the counter in the office, but if they ever had the opportunity to get to know her in greater depth they soon came to realize that she cared for them and wanted them to do well. Marion will sorely missed by all who knew her.

We also lost **Norm McLeod** from the teaching staff. Norm was a teacher at King, and a stalwart in "Pod B" from 1990 to 1999 and his laughter and infectious sense of humour made time with him very enjoyable.

Peter Henderson, who retired from teaching in 1994, has not been well of late. Having survived a cancer scare, Peter was struck down by the very medication he was taking for his treatment. We wish him well.

On the "good news" front we offer a sincere apology to **John Michez** [1989]. We had erroneously listed John on our "Deceased" list but, to our relief, John sent us an e-mail to announce that recent reports of his passing have been greatly exaggerated.

On October 13 the annual Case of Distinction ceremony was held at the school to honour our latest inductees. Nominations were received by the Selection Committee for: **Kerri Rumble** [2000], one this country's more prominent women's hockey officials. Kerri's career highlight to date was working the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver; **Andrew Heffron** [1987], who is a rising figure in the arts, particularly the sculpting of props for television. While active in the television and film industries, he is also currently working with a local toy manufacturing company as their technical liaison with clients, overseas

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and domestic; **Nick Boynton** [1998] played for 12 years in the NHL. His career included two All Star selections and a Stanley Cup ring (with Chicago in 2010); **Mike Douglas** [1990] today lives in Calgary and is a member of Canada's national skeleton racing team. He participated in the 2010 Vancouver winter Olympics. While a student at King he was one of the school's more decorated athletes, both in track and football. Congratulations to all four individuals, whose induction brings the total number of honoured alumni to 44.

Where Are They Now? Jim (JT Bear) Hughes [1971] and **Joey Balz** [1971] were in the school recently talking to the school secretaries and lamenting the fact that they missed the last reunion...

Lost Sheep: The alumni association has lost track of these former students: **Simon Drosi** [1993], **Lindsay Marrin** [1986], **Katherine Eliopolous** [1999], **Brett Anderson** [1993], and these Jr. Award winners from 1990: **John Hopkinson** [1992], **Lawrence Puente** [1992], **Cheryl Hall** [1991], **Daniella Carrubba** [1993], **Karina McQueen** [1991], **Andrew Gallagher** [1993] and **Allan Pittman** [1991]. If our readers are able to provide us with any information as to their whereabouts we would be extremely grateful. Kindly go to www.kcssalumni.com and send an e-mail to one of the executive members.

Do You Remember ... your first day of high school? You were either very nervous, or scornful of those who were. If you were in the first category, chances are that you had your books pulled out from underneath your arm as you tried to find your home room.