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50th Anniversary Celebration & Reunion DVD A Call to Action!!

If you have not yet received your DVD order please email me,
editor@lpssmatters.com.

Dear Grads,

It just seems like yesterday that the team was putting the finishing touches to the last newsletter! But as the band Ambrosia sang "My yesterdays have all gone by..." and so with that we find it is time for our next edition to come off the press.

I hope that this one finds you well and off to a good start in 09.

For all of us at LPSS Matters 2009 and this newsletter provides a chance to say good-bye, welcome aboard, welcome back, but mostly thanks!

Good-bye!

Leaving LPSS Matters for a well deserved rest after many years as a newsletter-contributor and key organizer of the 50th reunion is David Crouse. David was the 65 - 69 grad rep. Please join with me as we extend our sincere thanks and best wishes for the future to David.

Welcome aboard!

Fortunately because our readers are excited about their newsletter and want to help it grow and meet the needs of our expanding grad community calls for help are quickly answered. So with no delay please join with me to welcome aboard:

65 to 69 — Jane (Smith) Connely ('66) + Elaine (Ostrander) George ('66)

80 to 89 — Hugh Murphy ('85)

90 to 94 — Kelly (Brisbin) Harris ('92)

Thanks!

Without your interest, the ability of the LPSS Matters writing team to create interest and the great people at Maknet who make it possible to bring it all together this would just not happen.

THANKS
The Editor

History of Valentine's Day



Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men — his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailor's daughter — who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial — which probably occurred around 270 A.D — others claim that the Christian church may have decided to celebrate Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to 'christianize' celebrations of the pagan Lupercalia festival. In ancient Rome, February was the official beginning of spring and was considered a time for purification. Houses were ritually cleansed by sweeping them out and then sprinkling salt and a type of wheat called spelt throughout their interiors. Lupercalia, which began at the ides of February, February 15, was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.



Jo-Anne Suffield (Cutler) ('79)



Emotional Fitness

By Jo-Anne Cutler

It is another snowy day and as I sit looking out my picture window, I watch the fluffy flakes settle onto the ground and nestle in the branches of the trees...the bright red colour of the cardinals is a spectacular sight against the white backdrop...there is a peace and stillness evidenced by the many morning doves sitting quietly in the tree, yet at the same time, there is a flurry of activity as the squirrels play and chase each other around in the snow while swarms of smaller birds swoop in to peck at the bird seed that has spilled from the feeder and then fly away again. I laugh as I'm sure that the package guaranteed that this feeder would be squirrel proof!

I open the door slightly, and although I can hear the familiar noise of the snow ploughs doing their job, the sounds that are more prevalent to my ears are those of the chatting and chirping of the animals.

To me, it is a beautiful day, yet to others it may not be. Somewhere, at this same time, this new accumulation of snow might be cursed at by the driver late for work stuck in traffic, by the one whose new suit just got sprayed with a coating of slush as they stood waiting to cross the street or by the disgruntled traveller watching the departure screen and seeing the words 'delayed' or 'cancelled' for yet another time. A beautiful day? It's all a matter of perspective.

Change seems to be the mantra for 2009 and our perspective will have a lot to do with the kind of year we will experience as it does our individual days.

Lose weight...get happy...find balance...the cycle of New Year resolutions is in full swing and making the shift to take care of ourselves *mind, body and spirit* has been the hallmark message as the way to find what we all seem to be searching for and there are certainly no shortages of talk shows, self-help books and health and fitness regimes to help support our intentions.

Taking care of ourselves on all levels as suggested is certainly needed and a great way to begin living the life we truly desire, however, I have found that there is one more component that could be given more attention.

A lot of emotions are being brought to the surface these days with the financial crisis, wars and personal tragedies that are taking place...fear, frustration, anger, depression, disappointment, loss of security and the list can go on.

We are headed in the right direction as there seems to be a lot more awareness out there as to the feelings and emotions that are being triggered, however, as I listened to the news the other day as they shared that a new study supported that it is okay to blow up and have tantrums at the office if you are having trouble with a co-worker, I thought... *hmmmm, we have a ways to go!*

Imagine if you rarely brushed your teeth, the plaque would build and it wouldn't feel very good, right?

Can you picture what you would look like if you didn't exercise and your diet primarily consisted of unhealthy and fatty foods? Would you maybe expand around the middle and then some? Would you feel the heaviness?

Now remember a time when you really, really had to go to the bathroom, and I mean *really*.... and there wasn't one to be found. Did you start to feel the pain as your body couldn't contain it any longer? Did someone decide that it was funny and although you didn't want to, you laughed or maybe you felt a sneeze coming and oops...well you know what happened next and you couldn't stop it!

We can be more conscious of our thoughts, eat better, exercise more and meditate for even extended periods of time, however, no matter how much we look after ourselves, mind, body and spirit, we all have an emotional body and if we don't take care of it, the shoved away emotions accumulate like plaque, we can harden, feel and wear the heaviness of this emotional weight and then, before we know it, they leak out, sometimes even explode as we can only hold so much.

When we healthily take care of our emotions, the feeling that can best describe it is the same feeling of relief when you finally find the restroom...*ahhhhhh*. Having had an *inner exercise* to keep me emotionally fit for the past 8 years has been the key component that completes my mind/body/spirit connection.

So as we embark on this new year that is sure to be full of changes, we have the opportunity to shift our perspective, be open to the possibilities that the year holds for our life, and by embracing emotional fitness, we will have found a way to stop attracting the same issues and dysfunction in our relationships and our lives by releasing our negativity in a healthy way... stopping those leaks...shedding those physical pounds feeling lighter from the inside out and connecting with more self-love, peace and happiness while discovering more JOY along the Journey Of Yourself!

Make 2009 your year to become physically *and* emotionally fit!

There is light at the end of every tunnel
So make the ride an unforgettable experience!!



“Into the Unknown”— Lynn Jenkins (Stevenson) ('71)

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Into The Unknown

A New Year begins – a time of economic uncertainty. Will the year improve? Will it continue on a downslide? What about the real estate market? What about my job security? Will my investments continue to lose money or will the market recover completely?

My long time friend and fellow psychic, David LeFort and I put our heads together to come up with some predictions for the year to come.

The common thread in our predictions is caution – as a whole, people must be cautious when moving forward and making decisions. Running blindly ahead will more than likely lead to closed doors and brick walls. Being prepared and having a plan will take one further with greater ease.

On the whole, our predictions indicate a slow improvement to the economy – though it will remain somewhat rocky for a period of time with a major dip in March and a minor setback in May. July will start to show an upsurge and the world economy will gradually begin to strengthen for the next few years.

David predicts that due to the current market situation, there will be new laws placed in major western countries that will hinder markets and will protect the very, very wealthy. These laws will prove disastrous for the majority of people and companies and could possibly result in financial anarchy in 24 to 36 months. Banks will not have the immunity they would like.

I feel that political uncertainty will continue in Canada for the next year. By the end of 2009 there will be an attempt of Mr. Harper's life, however, it will be unsuccessful.

In Central and Eastern Canada, the economy, job creation and real estate will out perform the rest of Canada and much of the world. This will result in a political and economic shift in the summer of 2009. Western Canada will be plagued by slumping oil and grain prices, due to Russian and Chinese dumping of trade which will result in lower prices.

Weather wise, Southern and Central Ontario will experience a normal, mild winter. Wiarton Willie will see his shadow in February, meaning another six weeks of winter. Summer will be very warm and wet yet again; however, records will not be broken as they were in 2008.

I feel this winter will not be a terrific one for those who enjoy snowmobiling, as the fluctuating temperatures will wreak some havoc on trails, especially those trails close to water ways.

Outside the country, Texas, California, Oregon and of Gulf of Mexico, including Mexico and Central America will experience record breaking weather from heat waves, cold snaps, wind, violent storms, etc. Batten down the hatches!

Come springtime, more people will find themselves planting their own gardens in response to the increasing prices of food. This 'return to the earth' mentality will also bring people closer together, helping each other out in the neighbourly manner.

On a personal platform, I predict that 2009 will be a year of both good and bad. It will be unpredictable, yet predictable at the same time – it will be year of contradictions.

Those with the good sense to recognize opportunities and have the patience to see them through will do much better. 2009 is not a year to take unprecedented risks. Good judgment, hard work, and planning are key factors this year. Being a year of uncertainty and change, 2009 is the year to have a plan in place. It will be important to know where you are heading and how you are going to get there. Building a foundation for the future is important this year

Relationships, will be the focus of the year. Relationships of all kinds and in all areas – love, family and career – will be at the forefront for many. New relationships will form, old will either strengthen and grow or come to an end, and current ones may evolve to new meanings.

Internationally speaking, David and I both predict unrest in the United States as Obama enters the Office of the President.

David goes on to say "Mr. Obama will be confronting large issues as he enters the Office of the President of the United States. There will be highly publicized assassination attempts on Mr. Obama's life early into the new year, however the third attempt on his life will fail, but it will unfortunately result in the death of some who are around him at that time. October seems to ring true for the timing. There will be much political upheavals in the United States and sporadic racial violence throughout America.

In England, Prince Andrew will announce a surprise engagement. A scandal will rock the British ruling party that will result in the changing of the guard, and an election late in the summer. Queen Elizabeth will continue to "carry on" as she does, however, Prince Phillip's health will continue to wane...

There will be resumed talks of a united currency for Canada, US, Mexico and some if not all Central America. Though the talks will be slow, it will pave the way to an eventual North American version of the "Euro." These talks have gone on for a long time, however this will be the first time that North American governments admit to them publicly. This could open up political and economic cans of worms as well as opportunities for the future."

Melissa and I wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. Check out our website: www.ml-ideas.com to learn more about our new initiative, Project Progress, a goal achievement program.

If anyone is interested in a personal reading by either David or myself, David can be reached at 416-620-1691 and I can be reached by phone: 519-395-3657 or email: lynn@ml-ideas.com





I hear so many horror stories about long waits in Emergency rooms. Is there any point in even taking my elderly parents there? How can I be sure they are seen quickly?

It's important to understand how Emergency departments are run, the alternatives, and some tips for preventing a health crisis. Here are some guidelines:

Visiting Emergency:

Medical professionals advise a visit to Emergency when any *acute* change occurs; in the case of the elderly, this might include trouble breathing, decline in cognition, a bad fall or perhaps excessive bleeding when taking blood-thinning medication such as aspirin.

Rather than driving your parent yourself, you may wish to call 911. The Emergency Medical Services will arrive quickly, assess and stabilize your parent, and advise whether an Emergency visit is required.

Making the Most of Your Visits

Emergency room staff strongly advise that patients bring an advocate, ideally a close friend or family member. That person should have a list of the patient's current medications and dosage, provide information as requested by the staff as to how their behaviour or condition compares to their normal state, and generally act as an advocate for the patient, who is usually confused, in pain and fearful. The advocate should also make notes about findings and recommendations.

When all patients enter Emergency, they are seen by a triage nurse who determines the urgency of their condition using a 5-level assessment tool known as the *Canadian Emergency Department Triage and Acuity Scale*. For example, Level 1 patients, in critical, unstable condition, such as cardiac arrest, must be seen immediately. Patients are therefore seen based on the acuity of their condition, not arrival time, nor the fact that they arrived by ambulance.

Geriatric Emergency Nurses:

A new innovation in many Emergency departments is the Geriatric Emergency Management, or *GEM, nurse*. This is a practitioner who will make a full geriatric assessment, including physical condition, cognitive level and home support. GEM nurses can diagnose, order tests and prescribe, working in consultation with the physician and emergency team. Their goal is to treat seniors, and to discharge them with a care plan that will ensure better long-term health, that will prevent future Emergency visits.

Alternatives for Emergency Care

Urgent Care Centres are clinics designed for low-acuity emergency patients, usually with a referral relationship to major hospitals. In the Greater Toronto area, Urgent Care Centres are located at North York Branson Hospital and Sunnybrook Women's Hospital, as well as Etobicoke Urgent Care Centre (416 74102273) and Metro Urgent Care Centre (416 222-6007).

Telehealth Ontario (1-866-797-0000) allows 24/7 telephone access to a registered nurse, who can help assess the seriousness of symptoms and suggest your options. *MedicAlert* bracelets, which contain medical history and contact information, and personal emergency response systems such as *Lifeline* allow 2-way communication to help guide your parents in assessing their problem and receiving help.

Being Prepared

Be sure emergency information is collected, updated and accessible, including medications, pharmacy name, family doctor's name, medical history, valid health card (photo-ID health cards have expiry dates) and updated contact names and phone numbers. Attend medical appointments with your parents, meet their doctors and learn about their medical conditions.

Becoming a partner in your parents' wellness will pay off when emergencies do arise.

Letters

2001 Grad Strikes Out!! (but that is a good thing)

Pat Kniginzky ('73) was kind enough to share this information about her hard throwing son!

Matt Kniginzky (2001) was named 2008 Pitcher of the Year by Wilmington Blue Rocks (advanced A minor league affiliate of the Kansas City Royals Major League Baseball team).

<http://www.bluerocks.com/cgi-bin/dist/news.cgi?id=1220646491>

Kniginzky signed with Kansas City Royals in June 2005 following his graduation from High Point University in High Point North Carolina (BSC Marketing).

He was originally drafted out of high school by the Toronto Blue Jays but followed the academic path in the U.S. on a baseball scholarship instead.

Matt is a 2nd generation Lorne Park graduate, son of Pat Kniginzky (nee Davison), class of 1973 and nephew of Jim (1971), Jack (1974) and Nancy (1977).



2001 Alumni Publishes Book!

Hello LPSS!

I thought I would let you know that as a grad of the class of 2001 I have recently published a book entitled "Do It Afraid".

It is the true story of my life changing experiences while studying in New Zealand during a university study abroad program.

Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you,

Jessica Selzer

www.do-it-afraid.com



Letters

"I had given up hope that there would ever be another publication. I think the Sept. 2008 was the best yet. Please be advised that I am available to assist. Thank you for your efforts."

Geoff Last ('69)

Editor Note: We routinely receive email from grads like Geoff who are willing and eager to lend a hand. LPSS Grads—with your right hand reach over your left shoulder and give yourself some pats on the back. It is grads like you and Geoff and it is the members of this newsletter team that made and have made LPSS such a fine high school in so many different ways. All of us here hope that you continue to enjoy your newsletter and that with each edition it puts a smile on your face, a tear in your eye from a happy memory and a tug at your heart for getting the opportunity to look back to see what you helped build and what you were apart of short and long years ago!



Newbie's guide to Facebook
by
Josh Lowensohn

What is Facebook and why should you use it? (continued from our last Newsletter)

PRIVACY

Privacy is one of the key differentiators of Facebook from other social networking services. Facebook gives you the option to control what others see, right down to individual photo albums, or various pieces of personal information such as your address, phone number, and screen name on instant messaging services.

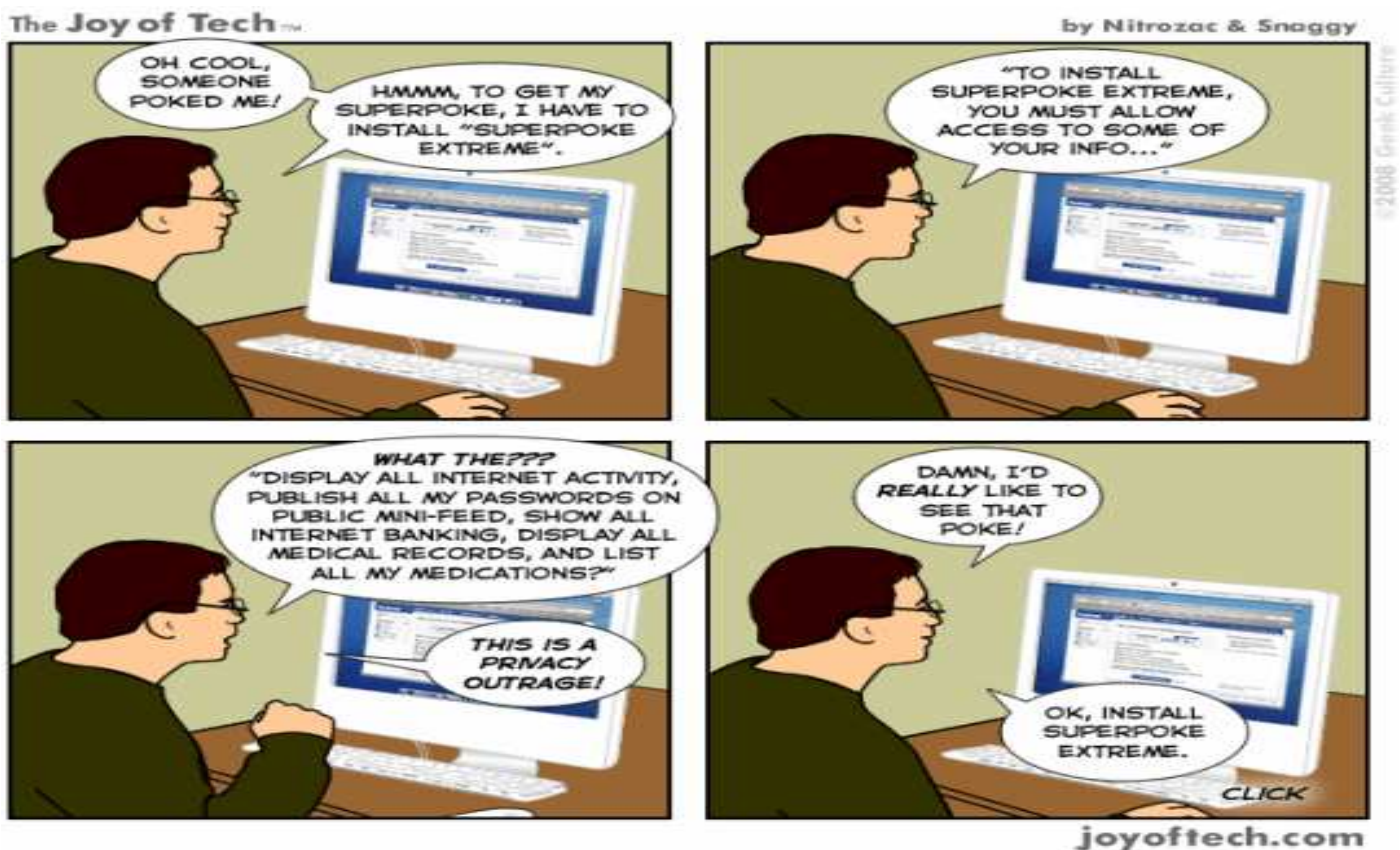
Privacy controls you'll find on the profile edit page.

To control or limit the flow of information to others—including your friends—Facebook has set up some simple controls to adjust privacy. When setting up your profile, you might have noticed some little blue locks under your contact information. You can adjust each one of these for the information to be visible to everyone, just your friends, or no one at all.

Those little blue locks are just the tip of the iceberg. To dig deeper, beyond just contact information, click the privacy link on the top right of Facebook. This will take you to a control panel that lets you manage various elements of your profile, including: what users see when searching for you; what actions Facebook reports to others; and which people get limited, or no access to your profile.

While you can go in to change any of these, the two most important ones that are worth tweaking are the profile settings (what parts of your profile people can see), and your news feed and mini-feed, which is a running ticker of your activity on the service. Some people are more than happy to let everyone know what they're doing, but if you don't feel like sharing this information with people, it's worth taking a minute to tweak.

As far as what you should share with everyone, it's whatever you're comfortable with. I'd obviously recommend keeping your home address off, along with telephone numbers. Your best bet is to provide your real e-mail address, and limit it to



Spartan Stuff

1957—1964 Fred Hilditch ('63) - fred@businessdata.on.ca



Memories of the Premiere Class Era' 1957 to 1964- Fred Hilditch 1963
January - 2009 – Twenty-Fourth Edition

Pat (Buckland) Moore LPSS 1964 from Alberta, visited **Sharon (Tosswill) Christie LPSS 1965** from Mississauga, last September and had a chance to visit Fred Hilditch at his cottage. We reminisced about the LPSS Reunion the previous year and about people we knew when growing up in Clarkson. We also visited **Orval Crawford LPSS 1960** and his wife Anne. Pat used to ride horses with Anne at Major Rattray's place. They also visited Leigh & Louise Box in Milton. Pat & the Box boys grew up together when kids. Those visits meant so much to Pat and Sharon, and old memories came flooding back about the good times they used to have as kids. They had a chance to walk through the Major's place again, along Meadow Wood Road and along the lake front where Pat & Sharon used to live. It was fantastic touching base with their youth again.



Regarding the Sept 08 newsletter -**Bruce Conron LPSS 1963** — Hello Fred: Thanks for sending this out to me. I lived on the east side of Lorne Park. Clarkson was an extended bike ride away. The history of Clarkson and its families is excellent. I remember Dr. Vernon from the early 50s as being the doctor. I'm not sure Lorne Park had a resident family practitioner until 1953 or 54. Good to know that there are still some of the 19th century landmark homes and even a few stores, including the Antique Market on Lakeshore Road still standing. One of the highlights of the 50th celebration for me was meeting Coach Richardson. Ron Belcher's thoughts on JR's life and times are shared by legions of LPSSers.

Ron de Jaray LPSS 1963 Hi Fred....thanks, that's all cool information. Of course I remember a lot about that area because, as you may remember from being at a party at my house in Grade 12, I lived 1/2 way down Meadow Wood Road. I attended Clarkson Public when Annie Hall was principal, and so forth. Lots of people from LPSS lived in this area. We all got our mail at the post office on Clarkson Road and bought our meat at Doug Auld's. Beside that antique shop in the photo was the BA station owned by the Browns (Buster (Bob) Brown) and there was a coke machine standing outside the building where the small bottled coke was 5 cents. Of course the gas was only 35 cents a gallon as I recall. On the way home from cubs we usually stopped and bought a coke. Of course there weren't many street lights like there are today, so the walk home was pretty dark down Meadow Wood. We used to ride our horses on the Major Rattray estate down at the end of the street, which I assume is all developed now.

Tom Edward LPSS 1965 Hi Fred -Great job on the newsletter. Many of the old '65 football gang attended JR's funeral and of course a few of our favourite teachers/Jack's friends were there as well. Phil/John/Dave Richards' father, Roy, had filmed the '65 championship game with Port Credit. Phil still had the film but it was not in good repair. Craig Webb

thought it would be a great idea to make a copy of it on DVD as a bit of a tribute and memory to our mentor and coach. Phil managed to get the film to Craig, and Craig arranged to get the film restored and copied to DVD. The DVD is short but has the very end of the Junior game as the players hoisted coach Jack Long in the air in celebration. Much of the senior game is on the film and, of course, the celebration with JR. Cameo appearances of Coach Gary Ewart and the best cheerleaders in the GTA. I occasionally saw Jack and Margy in Haliburton. I intend to get a copy of the DVD to Margy. I think all the guys are telling their wives and children that they were either number 80 Rolf Kielman, or 52 Peter Raham. Craig has made arrangements for the team members that we have email addresses for, to get a copy. Of course we can provide details to others that we don't have email addresses for. So thanks for the memories, man. Stay well, and as always, I look forward to the next. By the way, Jim & Janice Grant were just here at my house the past few days, and Rick Gorman & Connie were here a couple of weeks ago. So if you are ever passing through Vancouver, don't forget to let us know, and come by for a visit.

1934 Picture from **Sandra Lindsay LPSS 1964** Mr. Abbs Senior & Ted Abbs at the back, Marguerite (Cathy's Aunt Marg), Lawrence Abbs **Cathy Abbs' LPSS 66** father & Dr. Howard Vernon (on the right) at the front. And picture of Dr. Howard. Dr Howard is still with us.



One of our **Lorne Park'ers** had a heart attack. Here is his response to the good wishes sent to him - Thx for your wishes. Alas I never expected as mom is still around at 93. Dad died at 82. I should be home this week and into a rehab program that ought to include golf -no such luck. A quick aside. My wife who many of you know - her CPR she learned from \$ Grays Anatomy and her German strength carried her as she broke 2 ribs to get my heart going. This whole cardiac unit was donated by Peter Monk of Barrick. Good example of someone giving back when he could be on a boat or a condo in Dubai. Thx again for your wishes and see u soon. On a golf course!

Encouraging words from a fellow LPer "Seems like you have joined the club of 'mending hearts'. Broken, only to be

fixed and made truly whole. Let me add my own 'heart-warming' and 'heart-encouraging' story to the members' list. Had the 'cardiac event' when I was 51. A few years later, a quadruple bypass. That was eleven years ago and I can honestly say; getting older, getting better. You are being sent waves of healing light and love as you venture forth. Remember the old cheer: "Lean to the left. Lean to the right. Stand up, sit down, fight....fight...fight. The wagons have circled. We are with you.

More words "We are all rooting for you. Take care of yourself, and much will come back, maybe all! We are all getting to that nasty point in life when our bodies begin to stop cooperating. We all wish you a full and speedy recovery!

More words "your note was most encouraging. It is a tough haul having been through the heart attack business myself and subsequent operations and procedures. Do what they tell you do, which I have not. Golf will come. The ribs will heal and your fine spirit will return as will as your golf swing. Fortunately, there are many people like Peter Monk around, he who did more than invent the G-stereo for Claritone and Barrick, who so generously give of their time and money to make life more worthwhile.

John Elsasser LPSS 1964 - Here are some Clarkson, White Oaks and Hillcrest public schools pictures from John. If anybody wants larger pictures just let Fred know.





Last thanksgiving I visited Gary Jasper LPSS 1964, his wife Sharon, daughters Bernie, and Nichol at his Florida home. We made a trip to his boat and rode in his 1966 Chevelle convertible.



Memories of **LPSS Class Reunion 1963** - Held at the Burloak Canoe Club, Oakville ON, Friday, October 19, 2007 - My first impression of the evening was the transformation that had taken place to the Canoe Club due to the decorating prowess of Karen Kerr and her sister, Ellen. The room was magical – red, white and grey, carefully melted candles in wine bottles, and balloons for LPSS 50th Reunion topped off by an excellent spread of food and music with memories for

everyone. For myself, I was grateful that the evening was organized as a Class of '63 party – with others welcomed. My experience of the evening and my fellow classmates was a cascade of memories and laughs, peppered by maturity. They came from as far away as Australia, Florida, Cleveland, Ottawa, and Tobermory to meet with those that stayed more local to Mississauga. We recounted hilarious events; we stated, "You haven't changed a bit!"; we discussed children, grandchildren, and work/retirement; meshed with a curiosity about those not attending. Despite the efforts of co-chair, Rick Gorman, several former classmates were not able to take in the festivities but were anxious to be remembered to those that did attend and desperately wanted to be kept informed of any future functions.

Equally regretful, was the fact that we were not able to find many of our friends from the past but the networking has started for the next reunion using the resources of those who were contacted. Putting it all together, I recognized how fortunate we were to have been teenagers at that time (1958-1963) and place (Lorne Park S.S.). We had some excellent teachers; we attended a small school that was a community without the challenges of guns, knives, sexual expectations, a plethora of illicit/licit drugs and discordant peer groups. We made friends for life. The reunion was a magical reminder of how blessed my adolescence was. The final consensus was that we should make it a habit to meet every 5 years on a casual basis as a solo class, or for the whole alumni group, as proposed by Jack Richardson, one of our favourite teachers.

Rick and the others will make a concerted effort to find the missing individuals as it seems that someone knows where a particular person was at some point in the recent past, even though they don't know specifics about how to contact them. This is where all alumni will be able to help! With our thanks to Donna (Lascelles) Macrae for her special words reflecting on the evening (with a few added comments from Rick Gorman) and her help with the Friday party. And a special thanks to Karen Kerr for tackling all the party arrangements at the Canoe Club.

Murray Cuthbert LPSS 1964 I'm a CA, currently living Toronto. One son in Toronto and one daughter in St. John's Newfoundland. No grandchildren (yet). Wife passed away July 2006. Attended the Owenwood Public School reunion a few years ago, and renewed many acquaintances. I grew up on Lorne Park Road a couple of doors north of the Lakeshore, and our next door neighbours were the Reed family-Suzie '62 and her older sister Ginny. I see they are both registered as alumnae. I'd love to say an email hi to both and catch up a bit. I know you don't give out email addresses, but could you pass this on to either or both girls? You're free to include my email address if you wish. I stayed on in the old place in Lorne Park till 2002, moved into Port Credit, then (October 2008) into the west end of Toronto.

Message From **Murray Cuthbert '64** through the LPSS Matters Volunteers page. -

Do you have the name of the homecoming queen for the '63-64 school year? I sent Murray the queens from 1963 & 1965. His comment "Thanks - the girls really were prettier back then, weren't they?"



Queen Susan Youngman



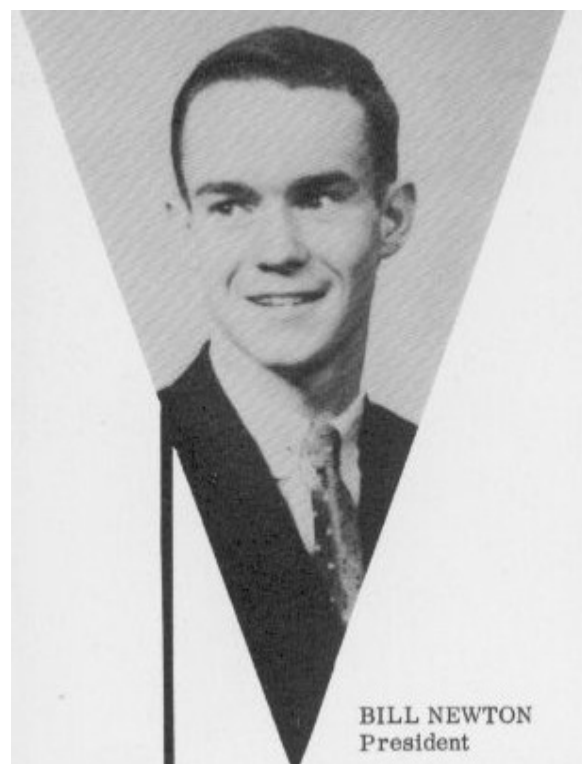
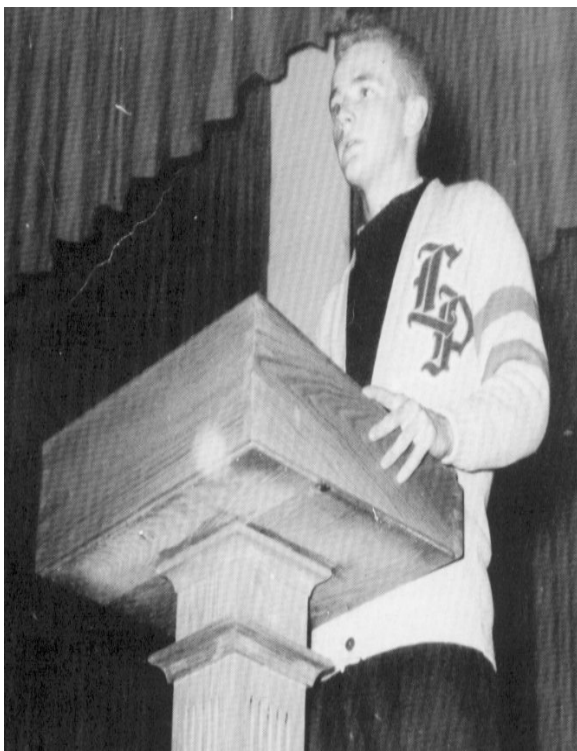
THE QUEEN
MARG MACLENNAN

Courteous **Sandra Lindsay LPSS 1964** - Our Enduring Past by Richard Collins (The Booster Oct. 15 2008) - **FOOD FIGHT!** - It wasn't quite the Kent State Riots, but in a quiet little suburban corner of Mississauga, where stately oak trees still stand guard over neat rows of brick bungalows, a student protest of any kind was cause for alarm. In an era of racial segregation on school buses in the Deep South, students at Lorne Park Secondary School rose in protest over cafeteria food that they described as being "tasteless". The students had been complaining about the blandness of the food ever since the high school opened three years ago, but it was 1961 so, in the spirit of the new decade, everyone just mellowed out. Besides, it was late May and the summer break was almost here.

Smelling a good story Toronto Telegram reporter, Ron Evans, drove out to what he called "the pines of Port Credit" to sample the offending meals first hand. After talking to some of the protesting students (after being cautioned not to do so by LPSS principal, Lloyd R. Mumford), Evans ate at the school's cafeteria (after being cautioned not to do so by the students). Evans thought the food was nothing worth staging an uprising over, but it is possible that Associated Caterers may have been tipped off about Evans' visit (or else concluded that the middle-aged man with a notepad and camera wasn't a student). Sympathetic to the cause of his classmates, student council president Fred Meth tried to calm the situation by urging students to bring the tone down to a Lorne Park level of civil discourse by staging a boycott of the cafeteria on May 31 and signing a petition that student council would send to the school board. On the appointed day, 300 students came to school armed with homemade lunches. But even this attempt at passive resistance turned ugly when the paper bag battalion hurled insults at teachers in the lineup. School board administrator H. J. A. Brown assured students that "the board would give the students' petition a sympathetic hearing", but principal, Mumford only confused the situation by calling the protest, "kid stuff". When the students returned from their summer break, they had 'put their heads in a better space', and nothing more was said of the matter.

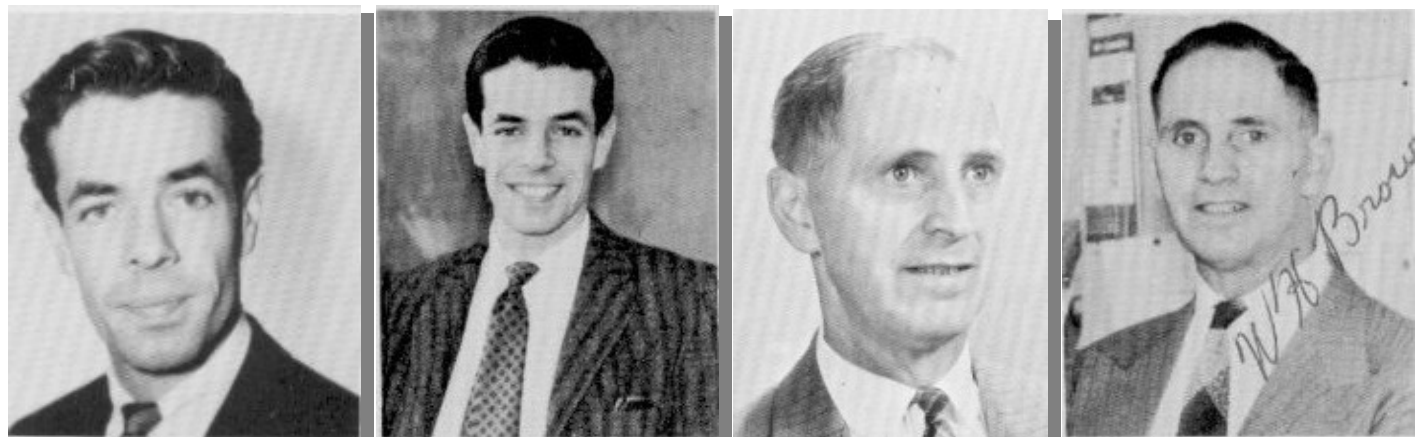
From **Fred Meth LPSS 1961**: Hi, Fred: Wow, that brings back a memory. My first and only venture at organizing a protest - lots of fun and momentary notoriety! What you don't know, of course, is that Bill Newton, who was the immediate past president of the Student Council, and I discussed strategy as to how to make our boycott as effective as possible, and I wound up phoning all three Toronto newspapers to give them a heads-up. Bill recalls that he got the reporter names from his father who had those types of contacts. I think the Telegram was the only one that responded, but the coverage certainly helped the cause. As I recall, the food did improve the next year!

From **Sandra** - I was trying to remember the guy who was running for student council for the next year and whose platform was getting better food in the cafeteria. He would have been running for president for the year after Fred Meth was president but I don't even know if he won the election. I suspect he didn't win but I don't really know.



Don Ross LPSS 1962 - Positive Influences Can Last a Long Time. When Old Age Security cheques began arriving, I tried to recall what influences have shaped my life. I thought of my time at LPSS. I remember two influential educators who have left me with lasting impressions. Although, I did not perform to the academic standards of the institution and left to enter the workforce before graduation, I am eternally grateful to Mr. G. Macfarlane and Mr. W. H. Brown. My first encounter with Mr. Macfarlane was an art appreciation course, which introduced me to many classical painters, including the old masters, impressionists, cubists and some who focused on pastoral landscapes of hills, open fields and agricultural activities. For some reason, the lasting pastoral images eventually led me to purchase acreage on the east side of the Beaver River valley with a dominant view of both Georgian Bay and the west side of the valley with rolling hills, open fields and woodlots. To this day, I am grateful to Mr. Macfarlane for the exposure to the history and diversity of art that circuitously led me to the present.

Another experience involved my creation of a crude, amateurish and dismal oil rendering of the aftermath of a forest fire. Mr. Macfarlane with a few small strokes of colour brought the scene to life. Although a cliché today, to a high school student, it clearly suggested that broad strokes can produce an impression but it is the fine details that determine success or failure. Mr. Macfarlane's simple demonstration taught me that even in the bleakest scene, there can be brilliance, provided you look close enough to see it. Strangely, my daughter resurrected this painting, had it framed and now it hangs in our guest suite as a reminder. Unlike many educators who often forget this major element of education, Mr. Macfarlane practiced consistent encouragement of all students and I respect him for this. Mr. Brown taught very different but practical lessons. Although I was one of his antagonists, I respect Mr. Brown because he demonstrated that even without a background or experience in tackling a project, a student will always come away with two very important lessons; First, you will learn something about yourself and your ability to address detail as you deal with new challenges planning, constructing and finishing the project. Second, you will learn a great deal about the technical skills required for your undertaking. Many times, learning what not to do, as well as, what will work to complete the project to the best of your current abilities. Mr. Brown encouraged me to tackle building a boat, which in the end consisted of wood, screws, glue, marine enamel and many holes, which eventually produced leaks. However, with this experience, I learned the significance of minute details. It was Mr. Brown's enthusiasm to tackle new and challenging projects, which helped me, find the confidence to tackle the design and construction of the unique house in which I now live. For his lessons in dealing with the unknown, I am grateful to Mr. Brown. Although my experience at LPSS was not entirely successful, I am indebted to the institution for exposing me to these two exceptional educators. The positive influences of Mr. Macfarlane and Mr. Brown have lasted my lifetime. The world needs more teachers of their character.



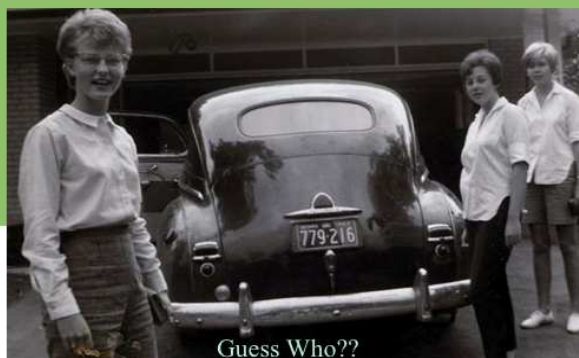
I LIKE ALL THESE PICTURES. Each picture reflects what Don is saying about them.

Thanks to: Sandra x4, Pat, Sharon, Bruce, Ron, Tom, Cathy, John, Gary, Murray, Fred & Don

The 1965-1969 REPORT



Paul Raney, Tom West, Rich Harris
at the Reunion



Guess Who??



John Day, Bob Waller, Marna Dent
at the Reunion



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Hi Everyone! As your new correspondents, we hope to provide you with entertaining updates, photos and news of interest. But 'why us?' you might ask. When David Crouse announced his retirement, we two got together over several scotch and coffees and later decided that it might be fun to tackle this job especially if there would be more scotch and coffees! We have known each other since public school at Whiteoaks, survived being roommates at U. of T. and were committee members for the 2007 reunion. So here goes...

We need your help to make this report happen. Get in touch and send us photos, current news, and memories of the good old days. Don't be shy... we want to hear from you soon. The recent reunion reminded us all of how much we enjoyed sharing the memories of our high school years. Before we forget them, let's record them.



Here's how it could work. These general headings may provide some inspiration. Any other ideas are welcome.

1. Profiles - suggest a classmate or teacher that you would like to see interviewed.
2. Travel Snaps - send us 1 or 2 pics of your recent travels with a short descriptive caption.
3. Remember When - tell us about a funny school incident or event that you've never forgotten.
4. Who'sWhereDoingWhat? - brief updates about yourself or high school friend (who agrees to this re:newsletter).
5. Lunch Circuit - describe your get-togethers over lunch or coffee.
6. Eye Spy - send us any other photos of interest with friends, family, cottages.
7. Finding Nemo - tell us about a classmate you might like to find and who may want to reconnect through the newsletter.

"BEV ODA SIGNED MY YEARBOOK"



Photo 1



Photo 2

Marilyn (Wagner) Shapka '65, in the fall of 2008, wrote to the Newsletter:

"I thought I'd share these photos from the campaign trail in Guelph, Ontario last August 2008. We were in the midst of a by-election (which was cancelled by the calling of the general election) and I had been working on the campaign of Conservative candidate, Gloria Kovach. Gloria and I were colleagues on the Guelph City Council for several years. We had many visits from Conservative Ministers over the summer to support Gloria's candidacy, but this visit was special! The Honourable Bev Oda, Federal Minister of International Cooperation (a 1962 LPSS graduate) finally signed my 1961-62 LPSS Yearbook! I told her it would be on e-bay the next day :-)."

Photo 1 (from left to right): The Honourable Rona Ambrose, The Honourable Bev Oda, Marilyn (Wagner) Shapka, Gloria Kovach.

Photo 2 (from left to right): The Honourable Bev Oda, Marilyn (Wagner) Shapka, Gloria Kovach.

Travel Snaps

To kick off our Travel Snaps section, here's a few pictures for your enjoyment.

Check through your photo collection, and send us one good one with your short caption.



Ray Riddell '66 - Peru, 2007

"Picture taken on Machu Picchu, Peru after climbing up to Hyanu Picchu, the adjacent peak with spectacular views over Machu Picchu. The climb was harrowing to say the least, because of the altitude and steepness of the track. As you can see, the view was worth it. Our guide told us it was too dangerous to go up there and he did not go with us. He was right! But we now have some great photos after some hair-raising moments during the climb. Going down was even tougher."



Donna (Walker) Harrison '66 - NYC, 2008

"This picture was taken outside of the Rockefeller Center. Our family (husband Bob and girls Julia and Jennifer) had a lovely fall trip to New York City where we took in many fabulous sites. We walked around Central Park, visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Canal Street, Soho, and the financial district. We also had time to take in a play and check out the art in the Frick Gallery. We were lucky that our hotel overlooked Central Park, and at a time when all the fall colours on the trees were at their peak."



Bob Connely '66 - New Zealand, 2007

"This picture was taken on a 'tramp' across the Tongariro Crossing on the north island of New Zealand. Riddell thinks Machu Picchu was tough .. HAH! ... try this one, Ray. What does a lawyer from Halifax know anyway ... We did both North and South Islands of New Zealand, - fantastic people, great wines, and lots of sheep. An amazing trip!"

Phew, we're underway... it's time for us to relax and sip some scotch! And it's time for you '65-'69 folks to get involved. Looking forward to hearing from as many of you as possible. We are sure that there will be lots more material coming for the next issue.

Event: "Pub Night" - Friday, May 8. Drop in between 6-9. The Harp (55 Lakeshore Rd. E., 905-274-3277) in Port Credit. It is a fun spot to meet. Hope to see you there...put this one on your calendar.



1970—1979 **Ross Murison ('73) - rmurison@sympatico.ca**

Happy New Year!

I sure hope it's been a grand one. We had a very good Christmas and New Years, lots of baking. Too much food and way too much to drink. That's okay, some things are very welcome and extra time spent with family and friends is always welcome in my life.

So, is there enough snow for you, I know, stupid question. Too much for me, that's for sure. I'm running out of places to put the stuff. (You can fill in your own description, you know, like wonderful, or maybe fabulous.)

My annual New Year's resolution seems to be the same each year. To get in better shape, get out the gym and lift some weights and go do that cardio work.

Last year was very good, in fact I went to the gym on a very regular basis, until December. So here it is, mid January and off I went back to the gym and because I forget that I'm not 18 years old anymore I go hard at it. Not too smart, I pulled some muscles in my leg and have been hobbling around the house ever since. Now, tie that in with the snow we've been getting and I have a problem, what the heck am I going to do?

I remember being a kid and walking around with a shovel looking for driveways to clear. I was always on the lookout to make some extra money to spend at the little restaurant at the Red and White. Later the pool hall took precedence. If kids still do this it's not on my street.

However my neighbours came out and cleared my snow for me. Cost me a few beers and that's okay by me. I would have been handing them out regardless. We have a wonderful thing in our area, a neighbourhood, a real neighbourhood. We get together on a regular basis and we are always up to something or other. If someone needs help, like I did, they were all there, shovels in hand.

I remember that this was how it was, growing up in Lorne Park. A much simpler time to be sure. I don't believe that we locked our door, even when we went away for the weekend. You certainly wouldn't do that now. What kind of neighbourhoods do you live in? Do you have a relationship with your neighbours? Finally, did you make a New Years resolution?

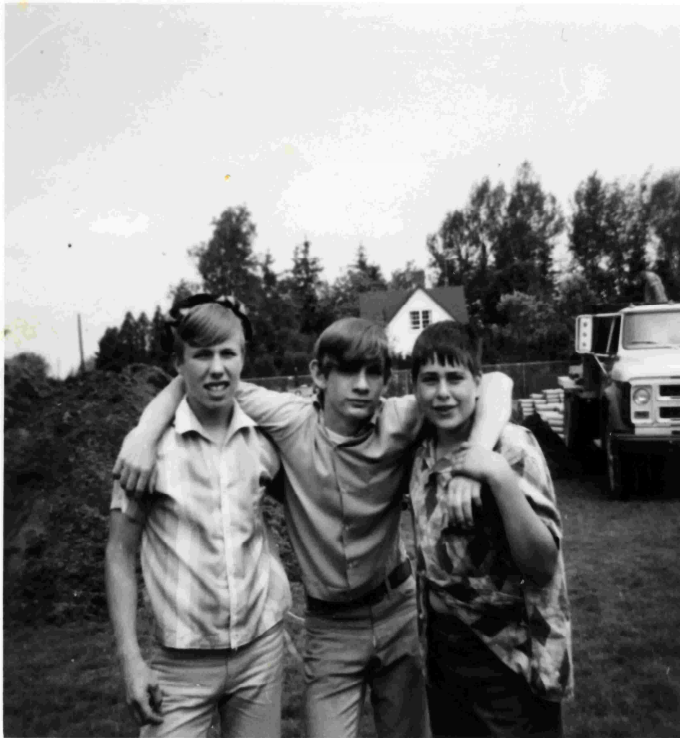
Please feel free to email me with any comments about this or anything else that's on your mind.

I had a project on my plate for the past few years, that of organizing the family photos. Well Santa was kind to me and gifted me with a very nice scanner.

Now I can transform all those old pictures into a digital image and clean them up. The I can start another pet project and put together the family tree, complete with photos.

Anyway, I found a couple of pictures that I thought I would share. Now these almost certainly go back to Tecumseh, but a lot of us started out there.

While I recognize the fellows on the left, and at least one on the right, the rest, while looking familiar have been lost to my current memory, such as it is. If you recognize yourself, or someone else, please drop me a line and help with the identification process.



Re-Connecting

I received a couple or three very nice emails, one from Colin Pearson. Colin and I ran in very similar circles and had lots of common friends. I was talking with Greig MacInnis the other day and he had a fun memory concerning Colin. Back in the day, a bunch of us frequented a watering hole in Port Credit called the Newport Hotel, even when we weren't of legal age. The manager came over and looked s over and carded Colin. He was the only one who was 18 at the time. Talk about your blind luck.

Even thinking about the Newport brings back a flood of memories, what a place that was, or should I saw adventurous place.

Please as always let me know if there is anything I can do to help you re-connect with someone.

I'd like to thank Paul Rouleau for the very nice email. Rest assured that I will update everyone on any reunion activities. Thanks everyone for the nice emails concerning the people we have lost.

Our Culture

Well, here we are at one of my favourite spots, movies and music. Don't know where I would be without them.

I have to tell you I was disappointed with some of the movies this past summer.

Hellboy 2: The Golden Army and The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor, well, not close to being up to what I was expecting.

Hellboy is such an excellent film, lots of tension, Hellboy II, not so much. When I was watching the Tomb of the Dragon Emperor, all I could think was "Why did you bother?"

However you may have other ideas, please let me know your thoughts.

The new James Bond film is fun, Quantum of Solace. I enjoyed the remake of Death Race. They were smart, they had Roger Corman on the project. I really like Roger Corman films.

I got a couple of excellent B Movies for Christmas, both Bruce Campbell films. The Man With the Screaming Brain and Alien Apocalypse. Great fun.

Other Bruce Campbell films that are excellent are the classic Army of Darkness and Bubba Ho-Tep.

And let us not forget the wonderful Evil Dead films.

Movies Released in the Winter/Spring

1970 – M*A*S*H

Released: Jan. 26th

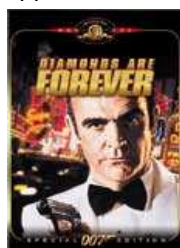
What a fantastic film. Robert Altman at his best. This movie is in my DVD collection.



1971 – Diamonds are Forever

Released: Dec. 17th

Sean Connery retired from the 007 franchise but was lured back for one last official appearance.



1972 – Slaughterhouse Five

Released: March 15th

This is author Kurt Vonnegut's anguished cry on the insanity of war. I just added this to my collection.



1973 – The Exorcist

Released: Dec 26th

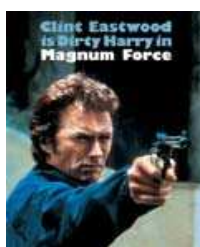
I read the book, and then saw the movie. It was years before I could even listen to Tubular Bell.



1974 – Magnum Force

Released: Jan. 2nd

The sequel to Dirty Harry has Clint dealing with vigilante cops. Look for a young David Soul.



1975 – The Man Who Would Be King

Released: Dec. 17th

A Rudyard Kipling story, Sean Connery and Michael Cain. Oh, and directed by John Huston.



1976 – Taxi Driver

Released: Feb. 8th

Martin Scorsese, Robert De Niro, and Jodie Foster.

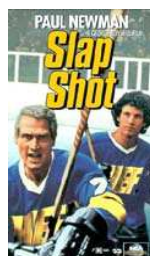
"You talking to me?"



1977 – Slap Shot

Released: Feb. 25th

Now here's a good film, and only this one, not the sequels. Paul Newman is at his best.



1978 – Superman

Released: Dec. 15th

You will believe that a man can fly, and we did.

God Bless Christopher Reeve.



1979 – Star Trek

Released: Dec. 7th

What a great film. I was so happy to see the gang again.



Music – Some of the albums you may have been listening to

1970 George Harrison – All Things Must Pass

What I can say about this, go get the 30th Anniversary Edition. It's as good as you remember it being.



1971 Black Sabbath – Paranoid

The Prince of Darkness. One of the best albums from one of the bands to define heavy metal.



1972 Todd Rundgren – Something / Anything

This double record from 1972 remains the definitive collection of Rundgren's long career.



1973 Paul McCartney – Band On The Run

I find this CD on my player, a lot. One excellent track after another. Great fun all around.



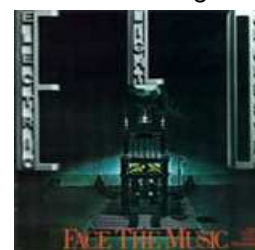
1974 Alice Cooper – Greatest Hits

Alice represents a guilty pleasure for me. I have two releases on DVD-Audio and when I'm alone, I crank it.



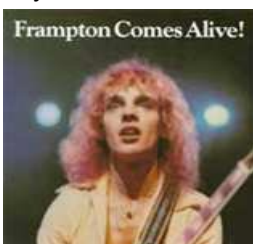
1975 ELO – Face The Music

Really good release, some excellent tracks. I'm a big fan of Jeff Lynn, it was good to see him as a Wibury and at the 'Concert for George'



1976 Frampton Comes Alive

Awesome concert, awesome release. I have this on DVD-Audio and yes, it to gets cranked. Sold 8 million copies. The 25th Anniversary edition is available.



1977 Billy Joel – The Stranger

Very nice release from Billy Joel. To me he'll always be the Piano Man, however, Scenes from an Italian Restaurant is not too shabby.



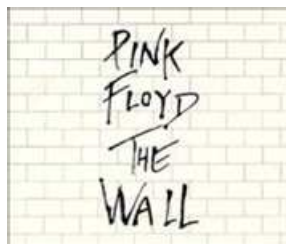
1978 The Last Waltz

Not much to say about this particular release. Get the DVD and the CD and you'll be happy. That's it. That's the secret to happiness.



1979 Pink Floyd – The Wall

This is another one of those, movie, CD, and happiness things. Really awesome story.



Editor note: Ross your album selection for this newsletter was outstanding as always. Each and every one of these were just great to listen to! Grads, why not share with Ross your thoughts on his vinyl picks and tell us what you were listening to?

And now a story, courtesy of Billy Connelly.

The Queen visits a Scottish army hospital and visits ward A. Inside is a Scots soldier lying on his front with a cage and a blanket over his bum. The Queen turns to the Sergeant Major who is escorting her through the hospital and asks:

"Sergeant, what is this soldier in hospital for?"

"Ma'am he is suffering from a terrible case of piles."

"Oh dear" replies the Queen "And what's the treatment for that?"

"Wire brush and Dettol three times a day".

Turning to the soldier she asks " And do you have any ambition left in life?"

"Aye Ma'am, I want tae beat this terrible affliction and get back to serve my Queen and Country" he replies

"That's very commendable of you " she says and pins a medal of honour on his bum.

She moves onto the second patient and asks the Sergeant Major "What is this man in for?"

"I've no sympathy for this man, a self-inflicted wound, he has a venereal disease."

"And what's the treatment for that?"

"Wire Brush and Dettol three times a day, Ma'am".

Turning to the soldier she asks " And do you have any ambition left in life?"

"Aye Ma'am, I want tae beat this terrible affliction and get back to serve my Queen and Country" he replies

"That's very commendable of you " she says and pins a medal of honour on his chest.

She moves onto the last patient and asks him "What are you in hospital for?"

The soldier replies in a croaky voice "Tonsillitis"

The Queen, quite relieved asks "And what's the treatment for that?"

"Wire Brush and Dettol three times a day ma'am "comes the croaky reply"

"Oh, but isn't that awfully painful?" She gasps.

"Whatever it takes to beat this affliction and get back to serving My Queen And Country" He Says Proudly

"And Do You Have any ambition left in life?" she asks.

"Aye," the man replies "I like to get the Wire brush and Dettol before those two other dirty bastards!!!"

Well that's it for now; please feel free to email me with questions, requests, and ideas, and please find time to donate blood. It's in you to give.

Also, if you're so inclined, there are a group of us on Facebook who speak on a regular basis. Check it out; it's a great way to network, and to reconnect.

Peace,

Ross

January, 2009

1980—1989**Hugh Murphy ('85) hugh.murphy@credoconsulting.ca**News from Alumni from The 80s

I spoke with a handful of people as I began to gather my bearings to write this first submission to LPSS Matters. What I learned is this: people like learning about what others are up to. And, in particular, they like seeing what has become of old friends. They also like seeing their own names in print. So I did a bit of research and this is what I've come up with! Your name in print if you were good enough to respond to my quick set of three questions:

- What are you currently doing with your life?
- How did your time at LPSS influence what you've become?
- Do you stay connected with the Lorne Park community in any way?

I put these three questions to alumni from the 80s...and this is what came back. (Well, it's almost what came back. I did take my small share of editorial license.) I've listed peoples' responses in alphabetical order by last name so that you can skip through quickly if will. So starting with myself and then in alphabetical order to help you track down long lost friends

Hugh Murphy

I live in the Clarkson/LP area with my wife, Janet, and two children (a daughter, Jestyn is 12 and a son, Hale, is 10.) I run a small research firm that focuses on work that's related to the financial services industry. We do econometric modeling as well as brand measurement and management for asset management companies – mutual fund companies, insurance companies and banks, really. We also do a considerable amount of product development research. Surveys, focus groups, number crunching – all sorts of stuff I hardly knew existed while I was at LP. Still, if I hadn't had the experience that I did at high school...and if I hadn't gone onto complete degrees in marketing and finance...I certainly wouldn't be where I am now. LP greatly influenced my life. I remain quite connected with the LP community. Along with helping to produce this newsletter, I help manage and coach my son's LP/Clarkson-based football team. I also see old LP friends regularly within the community and I correspond with others (England- and Russia-based) not frequently enough!

Kim Addison

Kim is the owner of a music school in Oakville. At this point she offers that she's also a semi-retired musician. Kim credits LPSS for a good education but the real influences in her career started after LPSS. "I was a late bloomer, you could say!" Asked if she stays in touch, she offers, "Yes! I have a few friends that I see and hang out with at the LPSS reunions and related functions. And, I enjoy going to things where I make contact with them..." [ED NOTE: It's a great little school! My kids enjoyed it quite thoroughly. You can find Kim's website at <http://www.musicisfun.ca/>]

Sandra Almond

Before my 2 girls were born, I was a visual effects producer in Vancouver, BC. Since the kids were born I've been working as a recruiter for one of the largest visual effects facilities in Vancouver. I'm at home right now on an extended maternity leave, but I hope to get back to work soon. LPSS focuses a lot of attention on extracurricular activities. I was involved in a few of the sports teams: basketball, volleyball and track. Learning to work closely with others as a team player has probably had the most influence over my ability to manage people well. On the matter of staying connected... Unfortunately, not. I moved to San Francisco in 1989 before coming up to Vancouver in 1995. Distance was the main factor for losing connection with LPSS.

Guy Arnott

...has been working in the HVAC business for the past 22 years. He's not sure if LPSS had any influence at all. Has he stayed connected with the LP community? No... He's living in the Durham Region currently and he lived in Oakville for 20 years before that.

Mike Bayley

Mike is married with 2 kids. He's living in Barrie but working in Mississauga as a logistics manager at Molson Breweries. LPSS... gave me a strong sense of community. It taught me the importance of getting to know your neighbors. Is he connected to the LP community? "No. All my family and acquaintances have left."

Bronwyn Barkla

I am a researcher at the Biotechnology Institute in Cuernavaca Mexico. I have lived in Mexico for the last 15 years. Thinking about influences from LP, my Grade 12/13 Biology teacher probably was the biggest influence. I keep in touch with a couple of people from the LP community, but very infrequently.

Brenda Bennett-Learmonth

I currently do contract work with Nucleus Leadership Group, a small strategic planning firm. After university, I started work in the advertising industry before returning to university to get a degree in Education. I taught French, English, Media and Business Co-op over a ten year period before retiring to raise three children and take on part-time work (mostly marketing and research) with Nucleus Leadership Group. As a volunteer, I am actively involved in lobbying, both in schools and at the board level, for stronger program and financial support. I was a French Immersion student at LPSS. This opened many doors to travel in Europe as well as to eventually becoming a French teacher with the Peel and Toronto district school boards. Several of my English and French language teachers (Miss Ambler, Mr. Richter, Mr. Pelland, Mme Blazier, Mr. Schwarzer & Miss Rosebrugh) were inspirational in my career change from advertising to teaching. As LP's student council president in grade 12, I worked closely with Mr. Bridge on several projects. He had a profound influence both on my career and on my attitude toward approaching and conquering challenges. I continue to keep in regular touch with a handful of friends and former staff members. I am also a Class of '81 co-rep with Howard Smith.

Nancy Bracey

Nancy is living in London, England. She's married with 4 kids. She is working full time as the Director of Marketing for Great Ormond Street Hospital (a hospital that is very similar to Toronto's Sick Kids) and she travels quite a bit. While at LPSS, Nancy was involved in a lot of sport and she still enjoys sports. "A handful of individual teachers made an impact on me... Madame Beauparlant in particular." Because of her life being abroad now, Nancy thinks more about what Canada contributed to what she has become than LPSS alone. "I compare education systems between what I experienced at LPSS and the University of Western Ontario versus what my kids are going through here [in England]." Nancy has lived in England for over 20 years so she hasn't kept in close touch with the LP community. "I started losing touch when I went to Western for university. I only recently started to get back in touch due to *LPSS Matters* and *classmates.com*."

David Bradley

I have been enjoying a career trading foreign currencies for Scotia Capital for the last 15 years. I work in Toronto and I now live in LP again! I have 2 daughters, aged 12 and 17. My eldest is a grade 12 honor roll student at LP. Between the cottage on Lake of Bays and a little shack down in Florida I spend a lot of weekends out of the hood. Lorne Park was a great school and is still as highly respected by the University community as it was when I attended. Hard work at LP lead me to Western where I graduated with an economics degree. This got me in the door on the trade floor at Scotiabank. (With a daughter who is in Grade 12 there, Dave remains very connected to the LP community.) There are still currently 3 or 4 teachers who were there when I attended in 1981-86!!!

Mansa van der Scheer (Briscoe)

I am now living and working in the Netherlands. I am married and have 2 small children. My time at LPSS helped me to become independent and the teachers there helped shape my opinions. I don't think I would have had the courage to leave the confines of Mississauga without that. I only receive the LPSS Matters newsletter now, and I do communicate with one person on Facebook. Otherwise I spend a lot of time interacting within my community in the Netherlands.

Laurie Carleton Smith

Laurie is married to LPSS grad Eric Smith (also 1983). She has 2 kids and she is living in Erin Mills. She is working in the field of employee recognition and she also teach piano part-time. I was very involved in the music department at LPSS and ended up studying music therapy in university. Laurie still teaches piano part time. She still attends St. Stephen's On the Hill United Church and her in-laws still live in Lorne Park. We keep in touch with friends in LP and our children have many friends who attend LPSS.

Bill Charles

I have been with Investors Group for 19 years and I am currently the Senior Vice President for Ontario. I am married with 2 kids, Christopher 10 and Nicole 8. I still play hockey, baseball and golf and well as coach hockey and soccer. My best and closest friends today are people from LPSS. We still meet regularly and have stayed in touch throughout the years. Much of who I am today has been impacted by the relationships and the people I met at LPSS. I have great memories from my time and experiences at LPSS. Am I still connected with the community? I live in Mississauga and I

am still in touch with many LPers. We had a reunion a few months ago to follow up on the big reunion 2 years ago. The plan is to meet for a reunion/party at the same time every year.

Lance Chilton

Lance is working in television as a news anchor, writer and producer. He's also raising two children with his lovely wife Annie, skiing and cycling as much as possible, and still getting together with some of the great friends he made at LPSS. "Personally, I made enduring friendships at LPSS, and had some memorable experiences (many of the extra-curricular variety, both sanctioned and otherwise.) Professionally, not at all." Still connected with LP? "Not really. My friends have scattered to the four winds, and my family moved away eons ago, so [I have] no real ties left to LP."

Laurie Dance

Laurie has been a speech-language pathologist for the last 17 years with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. She is married with two sons and two step sons. I have come to realize more and more how LPSS influenced me, especially since the 50th Anniversary last year. I connected with folks I hadn't seen or talked to in well over 10 or 15 years and was so impressed with who they had become. It dawned on me that we were, in fact, pretty good kids who were lucky to have grown up in that environment with some pretty significant mentors/teachers. My best friend in high school, Janice Clarkson, and I have remained as close as ever despite the fact that we haven't lived in the same city since high school. Others, I have seen occasionally; I'm always glad to see them. It's great to be reminded of where we've been and who we've become.

Wendy Gage (now Zolumoff)

I'm a social worker at the Hospital for Sick Children on the Neurology Program. I help children and their families cope with neurological diagnoses - things like dealing with a hospitalization, teasing and behavioural problems. I specialize in treating children with headaches and migraines using relaxation and stress management. I was a poor kid from an uneducated family at a wealthy school. LP taught me to aspire to great things and to value education; it's the reason I went to university, onward to complete a Masters degree and to work at one of the world's best paediatric hospitals. I remain connected through Facebook and occasional get togethers with old friends from the Drama club. My best friend from highschool has remained a wonderful friend and our families spend a lot of time together.

Alison George

Married, one child, working in public relations, living in Toronto, trying to travel and remain active as much as possible. Alison loves camping, canoeing; active vacations! LPSS helped hone my leadership skills. There I learned the importance of communications and public speaking. It enabled me to dabble in many different things and pursue multiple interests. I do read *LPSS Matters*, and I did attend the 50th anniversary. I am in touch a few of my classmates directly. I didn't stay in the area after high school; some drifting apart.

Stephen Gilbert

Stephen is living in New Brunswick enjoying retirement, collecting antiques, working on my old farm house, working on my old motorcycles AND of course single handedly raising my 13 year old daughter. Like many, he's not certain how LP really affected what he has become. "I had a lot of good times and had allot of bad times at LPSS! It was high school!! LOL. I keep connected to fellow alumni but not necessarily to the community as I don't live in the area anymore."

Jill Griffiths

I work full-time with RBC Insurance. I am the mother of two boys 11.5 & 13. I am heavily involved in hockey and lacrosse within Burlington. I am in a wonderful relationship. I still have great friends from LPSS. My best friend in high school whom I met the first week of grade nine is still my best friend today and we live only blocks from each other. Jill doesn't feel connected to the LP community because "I moved away soon after high school."

Nancy Hagymasy (Mitchell)

Nancy lives outside of New York City and is married with 2 children. "I am currently President of the Home School Association which is the parent group at my children's elementary school. I also sit on the Catholic School Advisory Board for the County of Fairfield in Connecticut. I have come via London, England where I had worked for a small voicemail company setting up their Human Resources function and also Regus (managing business offices) before I left working life to raise my children. I left high school and went to University. U of T. I worked in the field of H. R. for a number of years with various companies and then I then met my husband (a Scot). We married in Toronto and then I moved to London where we lived until 2001 when we were transferred with his job to New York City. Going to LPSS led to my path of university and career. These opened doors for me both in London and in the New York area. Connected with LP? Only

through *LPSS Matters* until I came back for the 50th reunion and met a few friends from high school who lived local. I now keep in touch with a few of them.”

Dale Hancocks

Dale is working in an legal/executive capacity with Corus Entertainment Inc. He is enjoying life in Lorne Park (again) with his family of 4 kids after spending 6 years overseas in London, England and Ireland. Dale says he misses Europe but loves Lorne Park. LP influenced what he has become by offering him life-lasting friendships. He lives in Lorne Park and he still sees many friends from high school days.

David Harris

David owns and operates a medium sized retail travel agency in Burlington Ontario. His years at LPSS provided for a strong foundation and he remembers them fondly. David is very loosely connected with 3 or 4 of his high school friends.

Brian Hay

I'm currently the director of the Culinary Arts program for Austin Community College in Austin Texas. I'm also a sommelier and I teach beverage classes throughout the area. The classes, teachers and atmosphere of LPSS influenced me; they motivated me to work harder and to try to perform to the very best of my ability in everything. I'm not connected with LP right now due to distance issues.

David Henderson

David is married and has two children, both girls, ages 11 and 8. He lives in Ottawa and work for Parks Canada as a planner. “The variety of experiences and activities during my time at LPSS weave their way into my life at the most unsuspecting times. I still manage to bring out the trumpet every Christmas to play a few tunes to the amusement of my kids but chagrin of my wife! Little connection remains with the Lorne Park community now that my parents have moved. The 50th reunion helped to re-establish contact with old friends and give my kids a sense of where I was during my teenage years.” (Ed Note: DH was one of the first guys I met at LP after moving to the area from Winnipeg. I recall going to Maple Leaf Gardens with DH to watch a world-class tennis tournament. It's funny, the things one recalls!)

Kelly Hogan

Kelly is at home full time, raising 2 "full time" and 2 "part time" teenagers. “I am looking for employment,” she says, “so that I can afford these kids!” Kelly is currently training, to play soccer in the World Master's Games in Sydney, Australia in October of 2009. Sports at LP had the greatest impact on Kelly and the friendships of teammates from LP created great memories. Team camaraderie has continued to be so important in my life. This is a big part of what has kept me playing soccer for so long. My Mother stills lives in the area, so I drive by every once in a while. I have moved to Burlington.

Heidi Jacobsen (Hubjer)

Heidi is currently working as a designer. At night she sings blues with her husband who plays guitar. (He also makes indie feature films.) “An update on me,” she offers, “currently living in Delray Beach, Florida, I sing blues and have a band, Heidi and The El Cats.” Heidi claims she became a better artist at LP...but she feels as though she is not connected to the LP community except through the LPSS Matters website. Heidi's website is: <http://iacmusic.com/artist.aspx?ID=89577>, and she offers, “A big hello to all my old friends there! I miss you guys!”

Virginia Hughes

I am still in Mississauga. I have been doing financial planning with Investors Group for the last 15 years. I enjoy volunteering locally...for example at the Southside Shuffle in Port Credit and The Mississauga Marathon. I have also been involved in many local park cleanups. I take full advantage of the lake front trails and I often go walking, biking or kayaking. LPSS was a good foundation in life for me. It was a good school for both the education and friendships it provided. Because I am still in Mississauga I often bump into people that were at LPSS. I enjoyed the LPSS anniversary in 2007, catching up with people I had not seen in years.

Grace (Hunter) Ferguson

I work as a hydro-geologist/environmental engineer for a consulting firm in Kitchener. I'm married and mom to AJ (3) and Julia (11mos). I discovered what I wanted to do with my life through a grade 11 geography course, and strengthened my French skills with LP's Extended French program. The school's strong academics helped prepare me for the rigorous engineering program at the University of Waterloo. Still connected with LP? Not really, my parents moved away from the area when I was in university, and my friends all scattered to different universities; we lost touch over time. It turns out, though, that I now work with a fellow LPSS grad, whose mother was my English teacher!

Pablo A. Iglesias

Is working away as a professor of engineering in Baltimore. He's raising two boys (now 8 & 9). Is he still connected with the LP community? Not really (hard to from here).

Rob Johnstone

My wife Martha and I just celebrated 23 years of marriage, I'm a father of two fine young men and am the President of a small e-learning & software development company. Together with my wife and sons & other family members and friends I have spent many summers riding bikes around France. When not working or biking I'm involved with our local amateur theatre group (www.kanatatheatre.com) & have volunteered on several local arts & sports organizations boards. In grade nine and ten we had to run six laps around the track and during those runs I would dream of riding my bike; I still loath running and love cycling. Theatre was also a large part of my life at LPSS and I continue to enjoy participating on stage, back stage and as a member of the audience. Still connected with the LP Community? To some degree, through the LPSS Matters newsletter and through facebook and e-mail.

Janet (Kay) Gelmo

I am managing a busy family life and career. I enjoy riding/jumping horses whenever possible and spending time with friends (yes, a few from LP days) and volunteering when I think I can squeeze it in. I've come back to live in the area, so I must have liked it somewhat! I think for me it was the big school that wasn't too big. LPSS offered so much if you were willing to get involved. Still connected to the LP community? Our last two houses have been in LP and we have no intention of leaving. My parents are still in the same house I lived in! It's a pretty great community. There are a few close friends from my LP days that I still see regularly - four of them I see regularly.

Steve Hughes

In 2008, I moved back to Canada from Florida (where I lived for 12 years.) I now live in Georgetown with my family of two boys who are 7 & 2. Believe it or not, I missed the snow and the four seasons. I'm still in Commercial Real Estate after 20 Years! LPSS provided me with a large group of life-long friends. Good friends are hard to come by and my LPSS friend are the best anyone could have. The high standard of morals and ethics from teachers/coaches – the likes of Dave Turner, Bill Rowland, Doug Dixon, Mr. Douglby and Mr. Korzack – has stayed with me. I may have ignored them at the time, but I'll admit now that they were right all along. Hard work and doing the right thing the first time will help you be a success. Do I remain connected with the LP community? Yes! I participate in annual golf trips with several LP grads. I also enjoy golf games and family visits regularly. I lived only a street away from Dean Ferguson in Tampa, Florida for example, and I regularly speak and email LP friends.

[Ed Note: Steve was good enough to help maintain LPSS Matters for The 80s before Clarissa Stevens-Guille.]

Brano Kruzliak

I've been working and traveling overseas for the better part of 20 years now. I live in Prague, The Czech Republic, (a truly beautiful place in my opinion). Family-wise I settled down about 12 years ago and we've now got 2 boys - Lukas and Tomas. They're 6 and 3 and I sometimes feel 63 when we're together, they're so active. They are great and I love them all madly. Work wise, things are hectic. I run an IT & Finance Process Consulting service. I'm currently working with two main clients, one is a Swiss firm in Zurich. The other is based in Hamburg, Germany, where I spend the larger part of my days. What influence did LP have? It's difficult to say. Certainly it was one of many steps that took me forward. Sure, I've taken a few steps back at times, but LPSS was a good experience and these days I wonder whether I won't move back to Canada and give my kids this opportunity too. Am I still connected to the LP community? Well, being overseas makes the answer to that quite obvious.

Sue Latimer (Suzanne Keen)

I'm a real estate agent, specializing in condos, lofts and town homes in downtown Toronto. In the winter, I ski a lot. This coming summer, I may buy a boat and put it at Toronto Harbour. At LP, I learned how to get along with a variety of personalities. I also developed focus and a hard work ethic. I learned to respect others and, most of all, I learned great socializing skills. I connect with many LPers thru Classmates and I get emails often from old friends. We still get together for BBQ's or Sunday afternoon football and we occasionally meet up skiing at Blue Mountain.

Brian Loewen

I am legal counsel with the Ontario Government, doing labor and employment law on behalf of the Government as an Employer. I have a wife and two kids and all are healthy and happy. We live in Toronto's Bloor West Village. I still keep in relatively close touch with many of my friends, primarily through bi-monthly poker games that have been going on since the games in the LPSS lunch room. I still check the Friday paper during the fall to see if the Spartans are ranked! My former math teacher, Kathy Narraway, was the Principal at my wife's school when she became a teacher and now is

acting as her mentor. It's very strange, having your former high school teacher having tea in your kitchen 25+ years later.

Bill MacGregor

Being married with two young boys keeps me busy when I am not at work. During the day, I am a middle school Principal here in Mississauga. With my boys playing hockey in the winter, we spend most of the summer at our cottage water skiing, fishing and enjoying the great outdoors. How did LPSS influence what I became? In a word....SPORTS! I connected with the Phys. Ed. staff at LPSS and really stayed engaged in school through the athletic program. When I became a teacher I re-connected with "Tuna" and a few of the other LPSS teachers I had. It wasn't until McMaster University that I took the academic component of my formal education, seriously. I continue to live in the LPSS school attendance area and hope to send my boys to LPSS. I am still in touch with many of the graduating class of '80 and very much enjoyed the reunion activities last fall.

Jessica (MacMillan) Smith

I'm working full time at Manulife Financial in communications and I'm raising a family of 3 boys. What did LP do for my development? A good education - great grade 13 English teacher, Mrs. Brayman. I'd love to know where she is now! Am I still connected with LP? Yes, my in-laws still live there.

Tim McCallum

Tim has been married for 16 years to Tracey, an investigator with Canada Revenue Agency. His one daughter, Katie, was born in 2003. Tim is currently employed as a firefighter for the Town of Innisfil. "I keep in touch with a few friends from LP," he says.

John K. McKnight

I am an international environmental consultant. I have a wife and daughter and we live in North Vancouver, BC. More than anything, I think the quality of my friendships at LP influenced my decision to pay more attention to school. This shaped my desire to go on to university. Do I still have contact with the LP community? Yes, I still have regular contact with many of my friends from Lorne Park.

Susan Meredith Fish

I am living in Waterloo, Ontario, with my husband and three kids. I am a freelance writer and editor and have just finished my third novel. The first one - Seeker of Stars - was published in 2005. Many people I meet talk about how dreadful high school was for them. My own experience is exactly opposite: at LPSS, I made lifelong friends, solidified many of the values I live by today and had a ton of fun. Many of the activities I was involved with in high school laid the groundwork for my work today - from art history courses to yearbook lit contests to poetry sweatshops and theatre. Am I still connected with LP? I have stayed good friends with several friends from LPSS consistently since high school and am now finding more through Facebook. I attended the 50th reunion last year and got caught up with teachers and classmates.

Meghan O'Neill

Meghan is living on a beautiful lake in BC. She's working as a mortgage broker and has two teenage kids, two step kids, one step grandchild (!!). She continues to enjoy skiing, hiking, waterskiing. She says she's "having a blast!" How did her time at LP influence what she has become? "Some of the close friends I have now and treasure, I made these friends during my time at LPSS." Asked if she remains connected to the LP community, she offers, "only through some friends" and that she has "no contact with LPSS except through updates on [the LPSS Matters] site."

Bruce Parker

I work to keep a roof over my head and food on my table. My passion is my wife and Australian Football. I have played Aussie Rules for 15 years competitively and have had the fortune to represent my country in international competition. I continue to play and try and grow the sport here in Canada. LPSS helped me discover how I learn things. I was a lousy student. My best subjects were ones for which I could see practical applications in life. Some of my worst subjects in school, however, have become some of my favorite learning topics. I think this is because of the way the material was taught. My youngest brother still lives in the [Lorne Park] community, so I visit frequently. I even pass by the school on occasion.

[Ed Note: Google Bruce Parker's name along with Aussie Rules Football and you'll find some really interesting articles and YouTube clips. He's clearly a guy you wouldn't want to mess with on a football pitch!]

Kimberly Phinney

I am a busy real estate sales representative with Royal LePage and my office is in Clarkson Village. I represent buyers and sellers in Mississauga, Oakville and Etobicoke. I was married for 19 years until August 2008. I have two teenage

sons, Matthew and Bradley. My sons and I live in a riverfront property in Mississauga and we enjoy the nature around us. I did not go to University until after my eldest son was born. At that point I enrolled in social sciences at York University. I had already established in a career with Ontario Hydro. Coming out of Lorne Park, I had developed excellent writing skills that carried me into a management position where I did a lot of writing: corporate policy, job evaluations, grievances, corporate brochures etc. I have to credit Lorne Park with providing me an excellent foundation from which I was able to excel in business. I moved back to Lorne Park after I married, and our children attended school in Lorne Park (Whiteoaks & Tecumseh PS). Lorne Park is a community I am proud to support.

Jane (Pursey) Lee

After graduating from the University of Guelph in honors genetics and getting a Masters in Genetics at McMaster University, I have worked in academic research at SUNY Buffalo, University of Iowa and now Cornell University in Ithaca NY where there are lots of fellow Canadians. I was married in 1991 and I have a 15 year old daughter and 10 year old son who keep me very busy with their lives. Really, the only influence LPSS had was in spiking my interest in genetics in grade 9 or 10 science; that's when I decided I wanted to study genetics at university. I'm not connected to LP due to time and distance, but love to see all the updates on old friends in *LPSS Matters*. I still see Marie McKibbin on an annual basis. I roomed with her at Guelph and I have many fond memories of those times.

Simon Roberts

I have lived in Halifax for the last 16 years and am married with three kids aged 12, 12, and 14. I'm working in a senior management role with a pharmaceutical company. My hobbies include music, reading, competitive cycling, golf and hockey. I was surrounded, at Lorne Park, by very bright and successful students that ultimately drove me to become a better student. LPSS also had the excellent balance between scholastic quality and great athletics. Connections with LP? Only through family affiliation with my niece attending Lorne Park and my sister still living in the area. I also stay in contact with some people through Facebook.

[Ed. Note: A really interesting article I came across on pharma.com tells that Simon, involved in strategic partnerships and distribution systems management for Roche Canada, has some really interesting ideas about managing the evolving nature of relationships between physicians and pharmaceutical manufacturers.]

Glynn Ross

Living in Texas (of all places!) for the past year, after spending a year living in New Zealand, after having spent 10 years previously in Colorado, since leaving Canada. After 15 years in high-tech (software), I'm home now, full time, raising my two boys aged 3 and 5. At LP, the French immersion classes (with teacher "Pops Pelland") helped give me a foundation for French - now I'm teaching my sons French. The computer classes, math and science classes definitely gave me a solid base for my University courses and career in Software. The friendships I made in school have remained strong over the course of time. I do remain connected to the LP community, as my father still lives in Lorne Park. So, I get to visit often.

Rob Sinclair

I reside in Waterloo, ON. I have a human resources career specializing in labour relations. I'm married with 2 kids. I remain active in sports and I coach boy's lacrosse. LP did influence what I've become. I built strong bonds at LPSS with friends and I continue to be close friends with majority of my friends from high school; these far surpass the depth of the relationships I developed at University. At LP, I was a member of the lacrosse team from 83-87 and this led to lifelong participation and coaching. Unfortunately program folded in 87. I remain connected to the LP community through many friends and school reunion attendance. Also, I still have family remaining in Lorne Park.

Karen Sobie

It seems all work and no play! Traveling a ton (all boring business travel). LPSS was just a great time in my life. I loved the camaraderie of the people. I loved the sports, the spirit, the entire essence of LPSS. I do remain connected to the LP community, yes. Facebook is a wonderful thing. And my parents still live in Lorne Park as do several life long friends. [Ed. Note: The PrePaid Press offered in July of 2007 that Karen had joined nFinanSe Inc. as Vice President of Retail Sales, with responsibility for the retail distribution channel, including sales initiatives, store implementation, personnel and retail related customer relationships. Prior to joining nFinanSe, Sobie was a Sales Director for Ingenico's Financial Systems Group, a global point of sale terminal manufacturer, where she was responsible for market share in the Retail Prepaid Industry. Sobie has also held sales and management positions with VeriFone and Sun Microsystems, targeting retailers in a wide variety of channels.]

Karen Margaret Goncalves (nee Spellacy)

I'm currently living in Oakville with wonderful husband, Domingos, and three incredible children. I work in a boutique law firm down town Toronto as senior litigation law clerk and I am loving life with family and friends. LPSS kept me out of trouble and on the right track! And, Yes, I remain connected to the community, one, because of close proximity to where I now live and, two, because of friends still in the Lorne Park community.

Robert Houston Spencer (Rob, then. Houston, now.)

I'm working in marketing in high tech in the United Kingdom. Also spending a lot of time volunteering for youth leadership non-profits. I'm married but we have no kids. Did LP affect what I've become? Massively. I only spent two years at LPSS, but they were some of the most memorable times in my life. Music, drama, lots of friends. I'm still in touch with many. Am I still connected to LP? Yes, but not as a community, as I haven't lived in North America for almost 20 years. Moved from Canada, to the US, to Australia, to China, to France, and now the UK. I'm still in touch with many LPSS friends.

[Ed Note: And google says...Houston Spencer = *Vice President Business Strategy & Marketing*, at Alcatel-Lucent. He is profiled, in brief, at <http://www.theitp.org/Events/FOC2008/Speaker-profiles>.]

Todd Stansbury

I am working in Athletic Administration at Oregon State University. Unfortunately I was only at LP for my senior year. Dave Hart coached me in track for years prior to me transferring to LP. He was a major reason for me deciding to transfer to the school. I would say that his influence as a coach and mentor played a significant role in the opportunities I have had, my career choice, and my general philosophy when it comes to athletics. Am I still connected to the community? Not really, I was not there long and, since leaving to go to college, I have not lived in the area. [Ed Note: There's a great, detailed profile of Todd online at <http://gtsports.blogspot.com/2006/01/new-ad-candidate-todd-stansbury.html>]

Graham Stringer

I'm a regional manager for Oracle Corporation. I'm married with two young boys and I'm now living in Edmonton, Alberta. LP influenced me by driving a focus on excellence in both academics and sports. The school had great teachers who demonstrated a sincere interest in students' progress. The most influential teacher for me was Mr. Don McCahill. I remain connected with several former classmates, some of whom work at Oracle now.

Sharon Miller (Tate)

Since 2006, my husband Paul and I have been living in Eagle, Idaho as a result of a transfer with my company. I work as VP of Retail Sales & Business Development for one of the largest frozen potato processors in the world - Lamb Weston, owned by ConAgra Foods. In my current role, I lead our retail sales team, and recently, I have started to lead an emerging strategic business for us, frozen appetizers. For fun, Paul and I are avid golfers, and I am currently training for my first marathon. We also love to entertain. While at LPSS, I enjoyed the challenge of developing leadership skills through student's council, grad committee, prefects and other activities, and feel these experiences really influenced the type of work that I like to do - working with teams towards a shared goal. My parents lived in Lorne Park till 3 years ago, which created an on-going connection to the LPSS community. Lifelong friends from highschool, including Jill Rudderham and Karen Pugh (Tisdale) have kept me feeling connected, and I really enjoyed getting re-aquainted with old friends at the reunion, like Carolyn Robinson, Nicki Nossiter, Sharon Vogel and Sandra Salapateck. It is great to pick up with people and have a laugh -20 + years evaporates immediately.

Diana Kay (Turner)

I currently live in Calgary where I work as a sign language interpreter. I am just completing my Masters in Counseling. I am the parent of two teenage children and have been married for 24 years. I always knew that I wanted to work with sign language and I believe the experience with such a diverse group of people at LPSS gave me the foundation for wanting to work in the field of counseling. When I return to the city I normally get together with former classmates from LP.

Kathryn Alton (Welter)

I am currently happily married to David Alton (class of 82) and we have two children, Georgia 11 and Samuel 9. I teach a contained class for deaf and hard of hearing students in Peel. I have been teaching a variety of primary, junior and intermediate students for over 20 years. My time at LPSS let me explore a lot of interests such as art, music and drama and I have been able to continue to incorporate these interests into both my professional and personal lives. My time at LPSS also gave me many friends, some of whom I am still in contact with today. We live in Port Credit and my mom still lives in the Lorne Park area so we are still aware of what is happening in the community. I often see people from Lorne Park at various community events. Now, many of my friends have children that go to Lorne Park, so the circle continues!

Niki Paterson (Withey)

I'm working as a Branch Manager for a major financial institution. My time at LPSS was fantastic. I was very involved with athletics which kept me focused and disciplined. I realized the value of true friendships. My parents still live in the same house when I was attending high school. I have moved to the East end of the city so I don't have any other ties to the community.

A Wrap Up of Sorts

In my next submission to LPSS Matters I'll certainly cover more about who's doing what, where and how. I might also try to tackle an issue that's of interest to those of us that graduated from LP during the 80s. I certainly haven't chosen a specific subject yet...and I'm open to your suggestions.

One thing I would like to do with this section of this newsletter is to continue focusing on finding out what has become of long-lost schoolmates. If you'd like to ask the community about people that you used to know, but have lost touch with, throw their name and question by me and we'll see if we can dig them up. If you know what's become of these following characters, let us know!

- Anna Jakubowski
- Dan Garvey and his crew of brothers
- Glenn and Gary Johnston
- John Bilawey
- Tom, Mike and Jeff Marshall



1990—1994 Kelly Harris ('92) bharris1@cogeco.ca

Hello LP Grads from 1990-1994!

My name is Kelly Harris (Brisbin in LP days) and I graduated from Lorne Park in 1992. And in some ways it feels like only yesterday. It's funny – my 2 ½ year old son just started a little preschool program in Lorne Park Hall – yes, that white building in front of the school that never seemed to be used. I drop him off and it's the same time as LP's lunch, and I chuckle, as I watch that front parking lot empty of all the student cars – only in LP do the students have a bigger parking lot than the teachers!!

After graduating from LP in '92, I went on to University of Guelph with lots of fellow Spartans, and did an Honours degree in Sociology. After graduating from Guelph in 1996 I got a job as an insurance adjuster and completed 12 insurance courses through local colleges to obtain my Chartered Insurance Professional designation. I worked for 10 years as an independent adjuster.

I then began the next stage of my life – Life With Kids. Literally – I now have 2 children of my own, my daughter is 5 and my son is 2 ½. My husband and I decided I would stay home with them, so with 2 friends, I work on a website, www.lifewithkids.ca - it's an on-line parenting community in the Oakville, Mississauga, Burlington and Milton areas. If you're living in those areas, check it out!

Obviously most of us are probably at the same stage in life – getting married, having children and settling into careers – some lucky ones may still be doing some traveling! This column is so we can learn what's going on with one another – I would love to be able to announce new babies, give family updates, etc. I would encourage you to email me (bharris1@cogeco.ca) with an update, so that I can let others know about it. If there is something else you'd like to hear about, please let me know – and I'll do my best to get it up there – if you're wondering about an old love, what happened to your favourite math teacher, how many times LP has beaten Clarkson in football since you left, etc. I will be glad to look into it! Read on now though if you want to revisit the history of some great LPSS football teams from the late 80's and early 90's as contributed by LPSS class of 90 grad, David L. MacNeil. Just before we get there some great news from ('91) grad Tonia Seli!

Until next time, if you're living around the LP area, Stay Warm! And if you're a lucky one living south, let us know – we're jealous!



Memories of glory on the grid iron

Lorne Park Senior Spartans Football History Summary of the 1988, 1989 and 1990 Seasons

Contributed by and with our thanks to:

David J. MacNeil

LPSS class of 1990
Senior Football Spartan 1988, 1989 and 1990
Football Team Captain 1990
Top Hog 1990



(Editor Insert)

“But I firmly believe that any man's finest hour, his greatest fulfillment of all he holds dear, is the moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle....”

Vince Lombardi

1988 Senior Season: “Falling Just short of Six straight”**Head Coach: Brian Brock****Season Record: 7- 3**

Synopsis: The 1988 season was billed as the “Blitz for Six” by Head Coach Brian Brock, as LP has captured, had captured, the last five (5) senior championships. The Offense was now being led by first year starter Moe Blackhurst, who replaced Wally Gabler as starting QB for the Spartans (Gabler who graduated after the 1987 season and had accepted a full Scholarship to Central Michigan University).

Shockingly, the 1988 season started with an uncharacteristic 0-2 record, as perennial underdogs Gordon Graydon S.S @ LP. upset LP by winning a 4-0 defensive battle. Not only did LP loss to Gordon Graydon, they were shut out @ home. The next week game did not have LP fairing any better as LP lost the Clarkson @ Clarkson by a Score of 17-3 (the only points coming off a field goal by Colin Guthrie).

After the unsuccessful 0-2 start, and following many extra practices and “wind” sprint sessions thanks to our conditioning coach Rich Alexa, the team turned the season around and finished the remaining five (5) games of the regular season undefeated. LP then went on to beat Port Credit in a quarter-final game in a thrilling overtime victory. The game ended with a 7-7 draw after regulation and the team’s cardiovascular endurance helped LP crush PC in overtime and the Senior Spartans won the contest 35-7.

The semifinal game the next week saw LP travel to JA Turner in Brampton (now Turner Fenton) to play the team that LP had beaten in the 1987 final at CNE stadium. The newspapers in Brampton wrote that there was no way that LP could win, as the 1988 Turner team “was the best they had ever seen”. Well, the final result was 28-14 win for LP and a decisive indication that even with a bad start, the LP machine was ready to go.

The annual trip to the Peel Senior final at the CNE seemed unlikely at the beginning of the season, but LP had indeed fought its way for its sixth straight Peel Senior final and the “Blitz for Six” was in our sights. In the end Clarkson had LP’s number and after a close game in the first half (14-7 for Clarkson), the Chargers pulled away for a 28-7 victory. It was a tough loss, but one that would spur the 1989 team to recapture the crown.

After the 1988 season, five (5) Senior Spartans were voted Peel Region South Senior Football All-Stars, including: Jason Martell (OG), Steve McKee (LB), Peter Bolt (CB), Alex Eliopolous (LB), John Armstrong (RB).

One (1) senior Spartan went on to play with a US college. Paul Cramner (RB) suited up for West Virginia University as a running back. Many other senior Spartans were recruited by Canadian Universities including Alex Eliopolous (St.Mary’s University– Alex ended up winning the CIAU National Defensive Player of the Year (President’s Award) in 1992), Jason Martell (York U), John Armstrong (U of Guelph), Steve McKee (U of Guelph) and Peter Bold (Queen’s U).

1988 Schedule and Results Summary:

Exhibition Game	Central Tech @ Home (14-14)	Tie
Game 1	Gordon Graydon @ Home (0-4)	Loss
Game 2	@ Clarkson (3-17)	Loss
Game 3	Meadowvale @ Home (28-7)	Win
Game 4	Port Credit @ Home (TBD-TBD)	Win
Game 5	@ Glenforest @ (21-7)	Win
Game 6	T.L. Kennedy@ Home (30-0)	Win
Game 7	@ Erindale (Saturday Game) (21-14)	Win
Quarter Final	Port Credit @ Home (35-7)	Win- OT
Semi Final	@ JA Turner (28-14)	Win
Peel Final	Clarkson @ the CNE (7-28)	Loss

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1989 Senior Season: “Return to Glory with Junior and Senior Championships”

Head Coach: Rick Haswell (1st year)

Season Record: 9 - 1

Synopsis: After a disappointing year in 1988, which saw LP lose in the final to archrival Clarkson, LP was energized to recapture the championship trophy that had been in the front Hall trophy case for five (5) years. 1989 also marked a changing of the guard with regard to Head Coach. Coach Brian Brock, who had helped build LP into a football powerhouse, accepted an assistant coaching position at McMaster University (and he is still coaching there today). Coach Brock did eventually take on the role of Head Coach at LP again and won a few more Peel Senior championships as well as a Metro Bowl Championship in 1999. For the 1989 season, the Head Coach of the 1988 LP Junior Football team, Rick Haswell, was given the task of leading the Senior Spartans for the 1989 campaign.

The 1989 season started with a close loss to Clarkson @ LP 9-0. From that defeat, this 1989 Spartan team would go on to win every remaining game of the season, which included defeating Applewood and J.A. Turner in two very tough play-off games. The quarter final game saw LP play a tough Applewood S.S. team that was determined to bring their past winning ways back to their school. The game went back and forth and was tied at the half 14-14. With only a few minutes to go, Applewood scored what seemed to be the tying touchdown and it looked like overtime was a real possibility. The extra point was being set up and our middle linebacker Rob Kassuth (a nationally ranked rugby player at the time) took it upon himself with the help of his teammates to break through the line to get his hand up to deflect the extra point kick. The ball sailed wide and LP had a slim 28-27 lead with just over a minute to play. After one tough first down drive, starting QB Barclay Napier downed the ball for the last play and the victory.

The next week saw LP travel to JA Turner in Brampton, just as they had in 1988, and again, most thought that the Turner team was just too powerful for LP to beat that year. But this game saw the LP defense shut down the powerful Turner offense and limit Turner to a meager 7 points. The offense was dominated by the play of the Offensive line (Bill Baldwin, Stephen Banquier, David MacNeil, Stu Adams and Shane Enest), as well as the through running of RB Peter Gregoris, who had over 100 yards rushing that day. In the end the scoring came from LP “Punter, Kicker, Quarterback and all around nice guy” (as the papers wrote) Barclay Napier who accounted for all of LP’s 11 points (He Ran in a TD, hit a field goal and also has a touch back for 1 point off a punt). With this 11-7 semi-final victory, LP was going to its seventh straight Peel Senior football final, which in 1989 would be played at Ivor Wynne Stadium in Hamilton (as CNE stadium was torn down as the Skydome was not the home of the Argos).

The 1989 Final would pit LP against the North Park Vikings of Brampton. The game started with North Park scoring on a long TD run, but this score did not break our spirit as this team was determined and we just did what we did best. The defense held after that score and the first half ended with a 10-7 lead for LP after LP countered with a TD from RB Peter Gregoris and a field goal from Barclay Napier. The second half started with LP offense ready to go. QB Barclay Napier sent a bomb downfield which was caught by WR Moe Blackhurst, who ran for what ended up being a 65 yard TD catch. After that, the defense completely shut down North Park and the offensive line, RB Peter Gregoris and SB Jason Evan-son took over the running game and pounded the North Park defense en route to a 39-7 victory. The team had done what they set out to do – recapture the Peel Senior Football Trophy. After the game, RB Peter Gregoris was voted player of the game with his 170 yards rushing and 3 TD’s.

It is also important to note the Junior Football team also won the title that year, beating Erindale at Ivor Wynne.

An important note: After winning the Senior championship the team gathered at midfield for the trophy presentation. We then found out that Clarkson had not given the trophy to league officials before the game. We used the Junior Trophy as an interim placeholder for pictures.

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After the team celebrated in the locker room at Ivor Wynne stadium, the team boarded the bus and Head Coach Rick Haswell then turned to the team and said "By the way gentleman, we are going to Clarkson to get OUR trophy". We pulled up in front of Clarkson Secondary School (while the players were ordered to stay in the bus) and the coaches went in to get the trophy from school officials. Coach Haswell came out with the trophy and the team could not help but scream "Clarkson Sucks, Clarkson Sucks, Clarkson Sucks". Coach Haswell quickly forced the players to keep their composure and we arrived back at the Corner of Truscott and Lorne Park Road as Peel Champions, with trophy in hand.

After the 1989 season, there was an issue and conflict with the timing of the Peel Region Coaches fall meetings and in the end a 1989 Peel Region All-Star team was not chosen.

One senior Spartan went on to sign with a US School. Bill Baldwin (OL) signed a scholarship with Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. Many senior Spartans went on to play for Canadian Universities including: Keith Chatham (U of Waterloo), Scott Hislop (U of Guelph), Moe Blackhurst (U of Guelph), Scott Steele (McMaster U.), Shane Enest (U of Cape Breton).

1989 Schedule and Results Summary:

Game 1	Clarkson @ Home (0-9)	Loss
Game 2	@ Gordon Graydon (27-0)	Win
Game 3	Glenforest @ Home (21-7)	Win
Game 4	@ Applewood (21-14)	Win
Game 5	@ Port Credit (33-7)	Win
Game 6	@ Meadowvale (8-0)	Win
Game 7	Erindale @ Home (24-0)	Win
Quarter Final	Applewood @ Home (28-27)	Win
Semi Final	@ JA Turner (11-7)	Win
Peel Final	<i>@ Ivor Wynn Stadium in Hamilton</i> <i>Defeated North Park 39-7</i> <i>Peel Region Senior Champions</i>	Win

1989 LPSS Senior Football Team



1989 LPSS Senior Football in the News!!

High school sports page



Staff photo by Rob Beintema

Lorne Park Spartan Peter Gregoris created havoc all day in the North Park Viking defensive backfield. By the time the game was over, the former offensive lineman had bulled his way for 100 yards and three touchdowns.

Spartans pull off a big sweep

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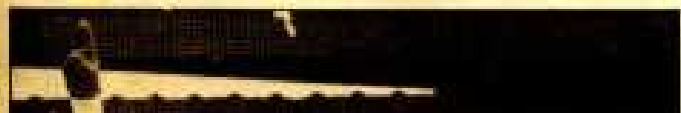
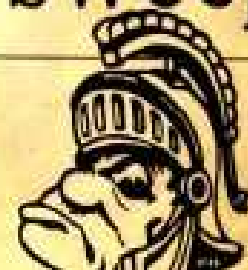
10 years, while for the juniors, it was their seventh championship in the past dozen seasons.

North Park head coach Jack Gibbins is well aware of the hurdle north teams face when they meet up with the likes of Lorne Park. Gibbins him-

self was a winner as a coach of the junior Spartans from 1973-78.

"We're always rebuilding teams, while in the south there's a nice flow from the junior to senior programs. We're always playing catchup."

And after what Lorne Park did yesterday, the rest of Peel will have to continue trying to catch up to these dastardly Spartans.



1990 Senior Season: "A time to Rebuild"

Head Coach: Rick Haswell

Season Record: 7 - 2

Synopsis: This season marked the first time in eight (8) years that Lorne Park did not play in the Peel Football Final. The Junior squad captured the Peel South championship by locking up 1st place in the regular season but lost in the semi finals. This Senior team had the smallest team size in terms of the numbers of players, but had a successful season overall - but not to Lorne Park Standards.

This season did see the extension of an impressive winning streak which began in the 1989 season and starting in 1990, the team had won nine (9) straight. The streak ended at fourteen (14) games when LP lost to Clarkson @ Clarkson. After the loss to Clarkson, LP shut out Port Credit, which was a primer for the quarter final game against Applewood @ LP. This game was a rematch of last year's win @ LP and while LP demolished Applewood in the regular season (33-7), this game was far from easy.

Applewood came out and took control in the first half and moved the ball at will and led 21-7 at the half. The second half saw one of the most impressive comeback's in Lorne Park football history. With Applewood in control, Coach Haswell took the team aside at the half and said one thing - "Not in our house". The team came out for the second half on a mission and the stubborn LP defense (a defense that logged four (4) shutouts in 1990 season) completely shut down Applewood's offense, which seemed unstoppable in the first half. The LP defense intercepted the Applewood QB four (4) times and one was returned for score. With the defense in control, the offense put up points with two (2) additional TD's enroute to a 28-21 come from behind win.

The next week saw LP travel to North Park S.S. for the semi final (the team they had beaten the year before in the Senior Final). LP lost the game by a decisive margin to a good North Park team, who one week later defeated Clarkson at Ivor Wynne Stadium in Hamilton to win their first Peel Senior Title. While not making it to and winning the final was a disappointment, this team showed great character and the school had full confidence that the trophy would soon return to LP.

After the 1990 season, six (6) Senior Spartans were voted Peel Region South All-Stars: Barclay Napier (Kicker/Punter), Matt Posno (OLB), Ron Kelly (LB), David MacNeil (OL – Centre), Mike Carleton (MLB), Jason Evanson (SB/TB).

Many senior Spartans went on to play for Canadian Universities including: Barclay Napier (QB- St.FX), Peter Gregoris (RB/LB- Western/U of Toronto), Mike Carleton (U of Toronto), David MacNeil (OL-U of Guelph), Jason Evanson (RB-McMaster).

1990 Schedule and Results Summary

Game 1	@ Glenforest (42-0)	Win
Game 2	@ Erindale (20-14)	Win
Game 3	Applewood @ Home (33-7)	Win
Game 4	Meadowvale @ Home (24-0) (The "Mud Bowl")	Win
Game 5	@ Chingcoussy (26-0)	Win
Game 6	@ Clarkson (3-28)	Loss
Game 7	Port Credit @ Home (20-0)	Win
Quarter Final	Applewood @ Home (28-21)	Win
Semi Final	@ North Park (7-35)	Loss

Grad & Faculty Call to Action!!

Ask not what your LPSS Matters Newsletter can do for you but what you can do for it!

David MacNeil ('90)

who contributed the previous piece on LPSS Football put forward a wonderful idea that perhaps the time is right with 50 plus years under our high school belt for Alumni & Faculty to author a retrospective book on LPSS Football.

David has generously offered to quarterback this task force and asked if LPSS Matters could call an audible to the get the ball snapped and in play on this.

So LPSS Matters is putting out an all points call to action bulletin.

Fortunately with 10,000 plus talented grads who either played LPSS football, watched LPSS football, coached LPSS football, cheer lead at LPSS football or who would go on to write books, take photo's, edit photo's, interview others, do illustration, set copy, etc, etc, I suspect we have in our database the right stuff to get it done and to get it done right!

What do you need to do?

Volunteer, contact David at the following email address,

lpssfootballhistory@gmail.com,

and let him know what you can do, what you like to do, and what skills you have so David and you can make this a great success!

David is also looking for the following information. If you have can you send to lpssfootballhistory@gmail.com

Composite list of all junior and senior players since 1957, their position and number; Details of each junior and senior season and the team record; Composite list of all junior and senior Coaches (head coach and assistant coaches) support staff over the years; List of all junior and senior team captains; List of all Junior and senior Spartan Award winners; List of all junior and senior Spartans who made it on the All-Star Team; Junior and senior Team pictures and game pictures; Newspaper articles; List of all junior and senior championships; Record against each school for all junior and senior teams; Notable games and stories from various years; Spartans who went on to play college football; Style of jerseys and helmets over the years;

Spartan Stuff

1995—1999 Lindsay Lepp (Williams) ('95) - lindsaywilliams2009@hotmail.com



Lindsay sends her regards and best wishes! Unfortunately computer difficulties has lead to some corruption of her files and so we will have to wait until next newsletter to hear from Lindsay.

If you have information that you would like to share please send to Lindsay's new email address listed above!!

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“There are good ships, and there are wood ships,
The ships that sail the sea.
But the best ships are friendships,
And may they always be.”



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