

SCAA Executive Meeting – The last meeting of the SCAA executive was held at the school on Wednesday, January 19/05. For all those interested, who don't have the time or live too far away to attend any of our meetings, we thought we would share some of the "highlights."

1. **Piano Concert – Thursday, Feb. 24, 7:30 PM ("Baldwin's Debut"):** Plans for the concert have been finalized and promotion is well under way. Three South grads will be performing: Laura Hibbard (89), a Julliard-trained concert pianist, Frauke Jurgensen (93), currently working on her PhD in Voice at McGill, and pianist Greg Oh (92), who has arranged a stop in London between concerts in Vancouver and Toronto. Three retired South music teachers (Sam Wendt, Bill Bettger & Dave Elston) have generously assumed responsibility for organizing the event. 600 tickets (\$10 each) have been printed, along with 50 posters, for distribution to churches, libraries, schools, choir leaders, etc. A press release has been prepared for the *London Free Press* and *The Londoner*. James Reaney (at LFP) may also be interested in doing an article. 1350 e-mail notices have been sent out to alumni. (One alumna, Margo Kelly, currently living in France, replied that she would definitely love to attend, if she only lived a little closer.)
2. **Forum on Mentoring:** South teacher, Steve McNeill, provided some useful background information, as well as some ideas from a teacher's perspective. As outlined in an earlier newsletter, the focus of a SCAA sponsored mentoring program would be on providing career information and advice. While there are a number of initiatives that may be pursued at a later date (such as organizing a "Careers Fair" or a job shadowing program), it was decided that the simplest and most useful place to begin is to put together a "Speakers' List". This list would consist of the names of South alumni, involved in as wide a variety of careers as possible, who are willing to "donate" an hour or two of their time to talk to classes about their chosen career. Such "guest speakers" could make a valuable curriculum contribution, not only to the mandatory grade 10 Careers Course, but also to a number of Business, Technology and Co-op courses. C. Weir volunteered to prepare a notice to be posted on the web, asking alumni to consider submitting their names for this list.
3. **Website:**
 - a) **Confirmation of Class Reps** – The ongoing telephone campaign has produced some further results, with the confirmation of several more Class Reps. To date we have 35 confirmed Reps, slightly more than half the number required to cover all the graduating years.
 - b) **Manual for Class Reps** - A sheet has been prepared to explain to Class Reps what their role involves. Website manager, Andrew McClenaghan, is working on a technical manual that will outline the procedure for using the website directory to update classmate information.
4. **Newsletter:** We are still looking for a willing volunteer (anyone interested?) to take over as editor (as former editor, Alayne Dieter, has decided to return to school). Fortunately, South Business teacher, Norma Evans, has agreed to make the design and layout work for the newsletter a class project. As long as we have some one (or several volunteers) to write and organize the material, Norma's class will get it ready for "computer publication". **Target date for the next publication is April 17th.**
5. **Annual Meeting and Executive Elections:** The AGM will be on **Wed. May 4**. It will be a particularly important meeting this year since the current three-year executive terms are ending and elections will be taking place. Since several of the current executive have indicated that they will be stepping down, each member was asked to try to find two alumni who might be willing to serve on the next executive. An e-mail notice of the meeting and elections will also be sent out. (Please respond if you're interested)
6. **Archives:** The two UWO grad students who have been working on South's archival material, have completed their report with a number of recommendations. A former seminar room on the 2nd floor has been given to the SCAA to set up as the permanent home of the Archives, and Glen Curnoe, a former South student and retired librarian, has offered to provide some guideline information to help us get started.
7. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 9/05, 7:00 PM, Room 104