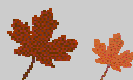


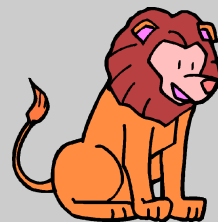


South Secondary School Alumni Association Fall 2007



LIONS' PRIDE

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First Homecoming Scores Big for South Friends

by Sandy Ross

Heading into four score – South turns 80 next year – our garnet and gray absolutely glistened in the sunshine for its first Homecoming on October 13. Much like similar university events that attract all generations, South's sidelines were full, with an estimated 400-500 friends reconnecting over the course of the day.

Activities kicked-off from the football field, where Mother Nature was kind. We couldn't have had finer autumn weather. Our guest of honour, Matt Giffen ('85), was able to travel from Singapore for our inaugural ceremonies. His donation for his late father had gifted South with the James A. Giffen Memorial Field and during his pre-game address, he spoke with pride of his father and of South's tradition of excellence.

He began his remarks... *"South is an incredible school. The fact is South has always been an over-achiever; punched above its weight. We were never the biggest school, never had the best facilities but we always excelled.... We always had the best school spirit, this innate feeling that*

we were part of something special.... Today is a great example."

He concluded just as eloquently...

"My Dad was always one to say that it was important to reach for the sky but always remember your roots. I hope this field continues to help the students of South reach for the sky.... Lastly, I hope this field continues to create special memories. Cherished memories that will last a lifetime."

(For anyone interested, Matt's entire speech has been posted on the alumni website.)

While alumni and teachers wandered memory lane (and school hallways), the day was also greatly helped by current students. Running a tailgate BBQ, they sold a reported 500+ burgers, to raise funds for the school. South's Jazz Band, led by Rob Larose, filled the warm fall air with brass horns of plenty and the old school cheer, in between colour commentary by Jason Menard ('92), assisted by Brian Wallace ('77) at A/V master control. And ring-leader, Pete Telford, was ever present with smiling welcomes. Many thanks to his Alumni team.



Guest of honour, Matt Giffen, and his wife, Erin

Later, returning for the dance, friends and I (Carolyn MacVicar '80; Kelly Kleinhans, nee Fitzgerald, '80) stopped to admire the pristine green of the new field. You'd never know a single cleat had clobbered it. As for the dance, while not as well attended as hoped, it didn't stop me from using that new floor. Interesting dynamic: jiving to the Bee Gees with my former math teacher, Ron Reesor, as my dance teacher, Betty Baker (Telford) looked on. Thankfully, no report cards this time.

Overall, it was a great "first", meeting people from so many eras. So ... next year?

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EDITOR'S NOTES:

Following his address, Matt made the ceremonial opening kick off. Invited onto the field to receive that kick off were several former coaches and members of a number of South's winning football teams of the past.

And then the game began... the Senior South Lions playing against the Medway Cowboys. Whether it was the excitement of playing on the new field, Matt's inspirational address, the cheering

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50/50 raffle winner, Sue (Pope) Smythe ('71) with Homecoming Volunteers, Andrea (Fewster) Manias ('70) and Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)

of the fans, or just their own skill and determination that led them to victory, one thing is certain, the 42 to 0 rout was an impressive initiation for South's new field.

Earlier, at Thames Park, the Junior team also defeated Medway. Inside in the gym, South hosted Banting for three different games: Boys' Volleyball and Senior and Junior Girls' Basketball. At 11:45, spectators gathered outside the gym for the official unveiling of the Wall of Recognition. What a proud day for South! (See website for more photos.)

C. Weir



Ceremonial kick off



Rob Larose leads the South Jazz Band

SCI HOMECOMING 2007

THE BACKGROUND...

Two years ago, in the Fall issue of *Lions' Pride*, we informed alumni of an ambitious new fundraising campaign. Dubbed the "**Roar for the Floor**", the goal of this campaign was to raise the \$200,000 needed to replace the badly deteriorated gym floor and outdated scoreboard. Last fall, we proudly announced that the gym had a new hardwood floor – "second to none in the city" – and "ultramodern scoreboards", the result of the determined efforts of many people - staff, students, parents, alumni and interested community residents.

Although the installation was complete, the fundraising was not and the campaign continued, in an effort to raise the remaining money. Prospective donors were offered the chance to purchase a brick in the **Wall of Recognition**, to be created on the wall outside the entrance to the gym, for donations of \$100 or more. (**Note:** Bricks are still for sale at South)

While this campaign was ongoing, the school was contacted by **Matt Giffen ('85)**. Matt wanted to contribute some money to South to create a lasting memorial to his late father, **James Giffen ('49)**. But rather than donate money for the gym floor, Matt wanted to build a new football field to honour his Dad, because "*He played football on this field over 60 years ago for Coach Ernie McTavish.*" Later, when Matt was in Grade 9 and struggling as a 5th string quarterback, he and his Dad practised together on the South field, the source of "*some of my happiest memories.*"

Matt put his dream into action, and through an act of unprecedented generosity, donated the money for the construction of a wonderful new field, new bleachers, paved track (around a portion of the perimeter) and a large electronic scoreboard, which proudly bears the field's new name: **James A. Giffen Memorial Field**.

These two remarkable milestones – the fundraising campaign for a new gym floor, and the amazing gift that made possible a new field – needed to be celebrated in some official and public way. Hence the decision last spring to hold South's first-ever Homecoming on October 13, 2007. Matt agreed to participate in the dedication of the new field and plans were made for the official unveiling of the "Wall of Recognition" on the same day.

Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)

75th Anniversary Award Winner: Barb Sonier

The SCAA was proud to honour principal, **Barb Sonier**, with the presentation of the 75th Anniversary Award at Commencement Ceremonies on October 4th. Vice- President, Shaughn Russell, who presented the award on behalf of the Association, said that the popular South principal was clearly moved to be named the recipient.

When asked to characterize her time at South in two or three sentences, she replied as follows:

"South is such a hidden gem. I consider myself so fortunate to be here. The changes we have made to improve the quality of our students' experiences and their success have been the result of a collaborative effort of the students, staff, parents, alumni and community. It has been extremely rewarding to have such support."

Without question, Barb Sonier is a deserving winner of this year's award. Her positive impact on the school since first arriving as principal in the fall of 2002 is testified to in the inspirational praise she received from both staff and students.

"...Since taking over as Principal, Barb has been behind many significant improvements – a huge reduction in failure rates, a successful "Pathways for Success" project, "Roar for the Floor". Most notable is the improvement in staff morale – effort is recognized and applauded, and South is a "happy place."

"... Her strength as a leader never seems to be diminished by her willingness to listen and consult. She never pretends to have a monopoly on the truth, but is still able to stand up with conviction... She seems to have been strengthened by all of her challenges, and is a role model for us all."

"...In recent years there have been big changes in curriculum and philosophy. Barb has led the staff gently and positively forward. She has also introduced exciting programs, most notably "South as a Professional Learning Community."

"... (Barb) has a wonderful way of dealing with students. She is able to get behind the surface and correct behavior in a non-confrontational manner. She is respected by the entire student body."

(Student Council nomination) *"...She is not only a fantastic Principal but she also acts as our mother ... she's a 'machine' ...she's always on the go and is supportive of every school activity."*

Editor's Note: Barb's committed and empathetic approach to her job may partially be explained by the fact that she is a South parent as well as the South principal. Three of her four children have already graduated from South and the fourth is in Grade 9.

Final Note: Every year, one of the most difficult tasks the members of the SCAA executive have is to select just one winner of the 75th Anniversary Award. Every year there are such worthy candidates nominated, and it serves to remind us once again why South is such a great school. We are truly fortunate to have so many staff members who meet the award criteria of "contributing significantly to making South a quality school."



SCHOOL NEWS... Here and Now

COMMENCEMENT, OCT.4, 2007: CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Following school tradition, on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, South welcomed back its 2007 graduates to receive their diplomas. Once again, **SCAA Vice-President, Shaughn Russell ('81)**, represented the Alumni Association at the ceremony. All graduates achieving an average of 90% were presented with a congratulatory note and small monetary award to recognize their exceptional academic achievements. Shaughn also presented the following three annual special awards:

- Scholar of the Year Award to **Brian Malbrecht**
- South Anniversary Award to **Tim Childs**
- 75th Anniversary Award to principal, **Barb Sonier** (See article above)

Jack Coups Memorial Trophy Winner

Editor's Note: Last fall, we reported on the sudden death of **Jack Coups** (May 23/06). A member of the class of '56, he was an All-Star tackle at South on a team that won 19 consecutive games and a Conference Championship (1955-56). Later, at UWO, he played on a Mustangs team that won both the Yates Cup and the Churchill Trophy (national university championship) in 1959. Following a distinguished career in Human Resources Management, Jack was enjoying retirement with his wife, **Nancy Jane (Holmes) ('56)**. At the time of his death, he was helping to organize the class of '56's "Golden Anniversary Reunion" (See Spring 07 issue). To honour their missing classmate, his colleagues, in particular his South football teammates, created a trophy in his memory. This trophy, to be given annually to the South Senior Football "Lineman of the Year", was awarded for the first time at the Athletic Awards assembly, last June, to **Alex Rodenhiser**. Jack's wife, Nancy Jane, participated in the ceremony and spoke about her husband and what the award would have meant to him. Describing her husband as a modest man, she said he would have been both honoured and humbled. While the presentation was a very emotional experience for her, she felt proud to have been involved.



Nancy Jane (Holmes) Coups presenting the Jack Coups Memorial Trophy to first time winner, Alex Rodenhiser, June 14, 2007

This September, Alex's father, **Dr. David Rodenhiser**, a professor of Paediatrics, Biochemistry and Oncology at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry e-mailed the Alumni Association about the honour bestowed upon his son:

"I was reading a previous issue of the Alumni bulletin and noticed the story concerning the creation of the **Jack Coups Memorial Trophy** for the Outstanding Senior Football Lineman. My son Alex was the first recipient of the trophy in June and we were surprised and moved by the honour, the presence of Mr. Coups' former teammates and of course the touching speech by Mrs. Coups. (It is ironic also that I read in the article that Mr. Coups died on May 23, 2006, which is my son's birthday)....

We all were very thrilled and moved to have Alex receive this award. He has followed the South tradition and worked very hard over the years, both on the field (and as 2007 Outstanding Male Athlete) and academically, being an Honours student all 4 years at South. This week, Alex has returned to South to take several more courses, to undertake a Co-op course placement and of course to help bring a city football championship back to South this year. He plans to attend Western in 2008, likely as an

Engineering Major and also to tryout for Western Football and Track and Field. We are certainly looking forward to the South Homecoming football game on the new field. " (David Rodenhiser)



Pictured at the left, with Jack's wife, are some of the friends and teammates who played football at South with Jack.

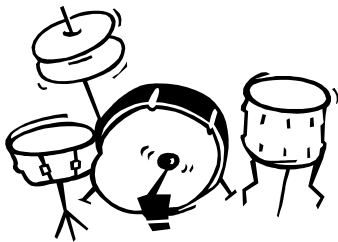
(L to R): Hank Halliday, Neil McMurray, Don Bere, Jim Sumner, Nancy Jane Coups, Ron Webb & SCAA director, Bob Johnston

THANK YOU, MR. GEORGE...

by Craig Manning ('74)

Entering grade nine in Sept. '69, I enrolled in music, hoping to learn how to play the bass guitar. These were the days of Led Zeppelin, The Who and Cream, and I was enraptured by all of these amazing English bands. I clearly remember the first day I walked into the music room at South. Less than ten feet from the door, I was approached by Mr. George, who promptly lifted my upper lip with his two thumbs, examined my teeth and handed me a big, mouldy looking green horn, with some quick explanation about my jaw structure or something! I didn't know what the heck he meant or what I held in my arms, but presumed that in its younger days it had been the colour of brass! Suffering from a bit of shock, I went to stand in the corner with another kid who looked just as puzzled. As the class went on, I found out that the "mini-tuba" I had been given was a Euphonium. Certainly, I'd never heard of or seen one before, (or seen one since, come to think of it!) One thing was clear. This wasn't rock and roll! The boy in the corner with me was Rob Weatherstone. "I was hoping for a bass," I told him. "I wanted to be a drummer" was his glum response.

So Rob and I sat together for the whole year, trying to master three valves and dots on lined paper, and frankly, I never really got the hang of it. I'll never forget playing a two-song concert for the parents' music night, scared to death but grateful at least that it was a large orchestra where I felt fairly well hidden in the back. I remember thinking, "I'm really not good enough to be doing this!" Apparently, Mr. George agreed with me. At the end of the school year, he came to me and offered these words, "You sir, are a musical moron. I will give you your credit if you promise not to come back!" I'll never forget that moment or those exact words. We'd only had two conversations as I recall, the first one with the thumbs and then this! I needed the credit, agreed to the deal and at that moment I reluctantly had to acquiesce to his expert observation.



A few short years later, I gravitated towards playing the drums and found myself in a rock band with a bass player named Rob Weatherstone... yep, the same Rob Weatherstone from my grade nine music class! We laughed and laughed as we told our new band mates the story of how we met via the dirty old green horns in grade nine. I've often thought that Mr. George "saw us coming" and unloaded those old things off on us. C'mon, ever notice how all the pretty girls sat in the front row of the band and played the flute? We laughed that two dorky boys like us ended up in the back hidden by these big, ugly Euphoniums and laughed again that somehow over the years we had switched around and wound up playing each other's original instrument of choice.

I went on to enjoy a ten year career in music and I've often told the story of my Grade 9 music adventure with one possible exaggeration. I always end by saying that the "musical moron" may have ended up making more money in the music business than the good doctor who diagnosed the malady in the first place! Probably not quite true, but a good end to a good story!

Thank you Mr. George, I was the one who didn't stick around long enough to get to call you Joe, but I will never forget you. Through the many wonderful school musicals and amazing orchestral performances I witnessed during my four years at South, I clearly saw your brilliance in drawing out the talent your students possessed. My view came not sitting in front of you with a beat up old Euphonium, but behind you, in the audience, where at that point in time, I clearly belonged.



Craig attended South and UWO, acquired his Canadian Securities Course and was employed as a stockbroker for a number of years. His musical career included recording and video projects where he worked with artists such as Anne Murray, RUSH, Tears for Fears, Valdy and Ken Tobias. An experienced public speaker, Craig has been a voice of the Toronto Molson Indy, a presenter of the American LeMans Racing Series and NASCAR Canada. He is also a championship winning go-cart racer.

Craig resides with his wife, Noriko, in the village of Streetsville, near Toronto, where he has a consulting business as a corporate trainer and motivational speaker,. He is currently authoring a book entitled "Modern Day Parables to Live By".

EDITOR'S NOTE: None of the articles printed in *Lions' Pride* has elicited the number of responses that last spring's article on the death of Joe George did. Unfortunately, due to limited space, it was impossible to include everything in this issue. Some material has been posted on the alumni website.

Alumnus, **Ken Wooster ('38)**, for example, wrote that he first met Joe as an 11-year-old flute soloist and played with him later in the Russ Mills Band in the summer of '46. Excerpts from his letter and a picture of the band have been posted on the website in a section entitled **Remembering Joe**. See page 10 for a description of other reader responses.

LOSS OF A DISTINGUISHED GRAD – TOM ABEL, CLASS OF '47

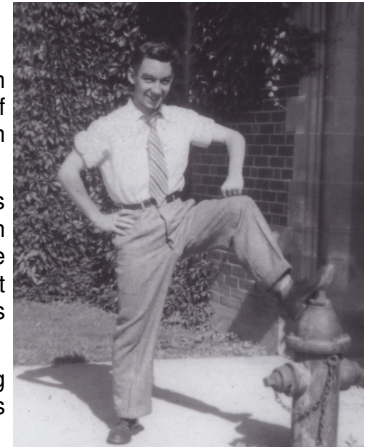
"Tom Abel was the head of the class of 1947, academically and otherwise. He organized our class reunion in 1999, along with Barbara (Mapletoff) Penny, working from the list of grads in the Free Press in 1947, and created an up-to-date class mailing list. He was one of the South Alumni Awards Donors in 2001. He would probably have been getting everyone lined up for the October homecoming if he had not been ill..."

Harvey Clarke ('47)

Thomas Philip Abel, BA, CA, FCA, passed away "peacefully, with trademark grace" on June 6/07, aged 77 years. Survived by his wife, June (Ruse) ('49), Tom was the father of two and the grandfather of four. The obituary in the Globe & Mail, almost a full column in length, described the life of a man South can feel proud to recognize as an alumnus.

While at South, Abel distinguished himself academically, winning several gold medals (Tom is one of just two '47 grads on the large, carved walnut Honour Roll inside the main doors at South). He was also president of the students' council, played trumpet in the band and sang in the choir. Outside of school, he was involved in the Scouting movement and helped form an Anglican Young People's Association (AYPA) at St. James Westminster Church.

Tom's love of music provided lifelong enjoyment. At UWO, he played in the marching band and in dance bands and sang in the choir. A church choir member for most of his life, Tom was still singing, until well after retirement.



1946-47 school elections

Performing as the "Ink Spots", lip-synching to a recording of "Into each life some rain must fall."

Front row (L to R): Doug Todd (BAA) & Tom Abel (SC President)

Back row (L to R): Ron White (VP, BAA), Walt Dodd (BAA), football coach, Herb Dinsmore (wearing Ron's Boy Scout air raid patrol helmet) & Bill McDonald (Secretary -Treasurer, BAA)

After earning a business degree from Western, Tom began his accounting career in London, and then moved to Toronto, becoming a partner with Clarkson & Gordon in 1960. Apart from his professional life, Tom devoted himself to community leadership and service. The article in the Globe listed fifteen different organizations that benefited from Tom's contributions, including the National Ballet, the Children's Aid Society and a variety of other health care, arts and educational organizations. In 1994, he was named Scarborough Citizen of the Year.

Editor's Note: At the recent Homecoming, I met **Ron White**, the classmate of Tom's who kindly provided the photos on this page. He was so pleased that *Lions' Pride* was recognizing Tom in this issue, a man he described as a fantastic guy and a wonderful friend. They met at South in grade 9 and were active in Scouts, AYPA and student government together. Ron, who now lives in Burlington and has his own financial services practice, Whitehaven Wealth Management Inc. (licensed with London Life), said he and Tom had kept in touch for the past several years, making a point of getting together for lunch every January.

ANOTHER SAD PASSING FOR THE HESSEL FAMILY...

Keith Hessel ('50), a former all-star football player for South, passed away April 26/07 at Victoria Hospital. Beloved husband of Margaret, the father of two: Dave ('75) and Sue (Simpson) ('75) and grandfather of four.

Keith's passing marks another sad loss for the Hessel family in less than a year. Keith's niece, Heidi ('81) passed away in July 06 (See Fall 06 newsletter). As noted in that article, the Hessel family has been part of school life at South for four generations, beginning in the 1920's with Keith's mother, Lenore McIntyre. Younger brother, Ted ('53) was a Physical Education teacher and coach at South from 1971—76. Although, retired, Ted retains a strong interest in the school.

He assisted with the planning for the recent Homecoming Dance and at the senior football game on the newly dedicated field, Ted watched proudly from the sidelines as his grandson, Riley McMurray, intercepted a Medway pass and ran the ball back several yards for South—a fitting way to mark his 17th birthday.

IN LOCAL NEWS....

ROY McDONALD ('57) - In the alumni registry, Roy is listed as both a '56 and a '57 grad. If you were to ask Roy, he would probably tell you that he's delighted to be considered a member of both classes. One thing is certain, however: Roy is a true South alumnus. He has attended every reunion, including the class of '56's "Golden Anniversary" in Sept. '06. (Perhaps that's when he was invited to become a member of that class too...) At the 75th in May '03, Roy entertained alumni with his reading in the Writers' Room, and at the recent Homecoming, we chatted about a variety of things, including the upcoming newsletter. He asked me if I had seen his profile, entitled "**The great bohemian**" in the April/May '07 issue of **LONDON Citylife** magazine. I hadn't, but I have since read it and it's a wonderful profile. Described in the article as a "professional busker, anti-war activist and street poet and philosopher", Roy can be found most days in places like the Covent Garden Market, where he "networks like a Wal-Mart greeter." But he "does not preach. Rather he persuades through a combination of entertainment and enlightenment." (Mary Ann Colihan, 12). The final words in the profile are given to Roy: "The most important thing in life is gratitude and I am so happy to be alive." Looking at Roy's warm, smiling face beaming on the page, you know he's speaking from the heart.

THE BROTHERS GOODDEN: TED ('66) & HERMAN ('72) - The June/July '07 issue of **LONDON Citylife** featured an article entitled "**Brother to Brother**", by Herman about brother Ted, a stained glass artist. To keep it professional, Herman "interviewed" Ted in his converted garage studio on the Ridgeway. The article, of course, has many uniquely personal touches, offering insights into the Goodden family life, as well as Ted's earliest artistic ventures. Herman also wrote about Ted's "brilliant" one-man show, "The Ridgeway Windows", at UWO's McIntosh Gallery last spring. (Having seen it, I agree totally with his assessment.). There is a strong sense of place in Ted's work and Herman describes London as his "psychological centre of gravity." As for the future, one of Ted's current projects is working with a group of local artists to make 2008, the "Year of the Thames". In addition to producing artworks that will celebrate it as "a force in the life of the city," the group is raising money to publish a full-colour book celebrating the river.

JULIA (OLSON) DAVIDS ('91) – Julia was featured in a recent (Oct. 19) LFP article by James Reaney ("**Londoner at helm of treasure**"). A former member of the Amabile Youth Singers, and a UWO music grad, Julia is now the conductor of the Canadian Chamber Choir, which the Montreal Gazette describes as "a national treasure." For the third year in a row, Julia returned to her hometown to conduct two concerts (UWO & St. Paul's Cathedral) and a workshop at Wesley-Knox United Church.

SARAH (GROOM) HODGKINSON ('92) – "**This scrappy mom fighting for kids' care**" is the title of a recent (Oct.13) LFP article describing Sarah's creative fundraising effort to raise money for the LHSC Children's Hospital. Sarah credits the hospital with saving her daughter's life when she stopped breathing as an infant. Now three, Ema has a rare skin disorder and is still being treated there. To show her appreciation, Sarah organized **Canada's Scrapbooking Crop for Kids**, held at the Four Points Sheraton, Oct. 13-14. In a weekend of non-stop "cropping", materials were prepared to make baby albums for sick infants at the Children's Hospital. Sarah, whom Bruce Wray of the Children's Health Foundation described as "a dynamo", hoped to raise \$40,000 for the CHF.

CARLA (MILLS) CAMERON ('95) - Last fall's newsletter reported on Carla's tragic death in Switzerland following a horseback riding accident. Carla, a naturopathic doctor, was a scholar, student leader and accomplished athlete during her time at South. Last May, in his column "People at Play", columnist Steve Coad wrote about the efforts of "Carla's Crew" to honour her memory. Twelve friends and family members formed a team of runners to participate in the 2-day Westover Shore to Shore Relay (June 1-2) from Port Stanley to Grand Bend. Among the team members were Carla's father, Randy, brother, Kevin ('97), aunt, Linda Mills, principal at Montcalm S.S., and South math teacher, Frank Littell. Westover agreed to allow funds raised by "Carla's Crew" to be directed to the **Carla (Mills) Cameron Memorial Fund**, which will fund an award to be given each year to assist a worthy South grad with the cost of post-secondary school outside of London.

ANDREW McCLENAGHAN ('97) - Late last March articles appeared in both the *Free Press* and *The Londoner* about **Emerging Leaders**, a group of young Londoners determined to develop the next generation of local leaders by targeting the 22 to 44-year-old population. One of 15 members of the Steering Committee, and one of the six group chairs, is SCAA's own Andrew McClenaghan. Input from hundreds of Londoners at four think tank sessions will be used to create a report on how to improve the city and make it more attractive and competitive. In addition to this report, which the group hopes to have completed by the end of the year, the organization has created the **Emerging Leaders Speaker Series** and developed two new community projects: **OnBoard!** and **MentorNET**. To find out more, check out their website: **www.emergingleaders.ca**. (Note: The website is powered by Andrew's company, Echidna Solutions Corp. (**www.echidna.ca**), which offers a variety of on-line and web-based services. You may remember that Andrew set up the alumni website and continues to act as our site manager.)



MAIL BOX...

Letters and e-mails from alumni



A SPECIAL NOTE FROM A SPECIAL TEACHER

Just a note to thank you and your committee for the splendid reunions that I have attended in the past few years, and also for your excellent *Lions' Pride*. Having spent over twenty years teaching at South, I am very interested in how life moves on for my friends, once my students. I thank you especially for your Memoriam articles, in particular the article on Joe George. How many exciting planning hours he and Fraser and I spent on the various shows! The pictures brought back the energy—for a moment—that we had then. I thank you also for the article on John Gloin. I had not known of his death. Anyway, thanks for letting us focus even for a few moments on what South meant in the shaping of our lives. Best wishes with your publication.

Marion (Boa) Woodman

'39 GRAD REMINISCES

Over the years I have enjoyed receiving the *Lions' Pride* publication. It always brings back happy memories of days gone by. I recently celebrated my 85th birthday, and since I began my high school years in the fall of 1934, at age twelve, over seventy years have gone by. My fifth year ended in June 1939, just as the country was on the edge of World War II. Many of my classmates died in the next awful years, and I am sure the students who were younger were not the same

happy-go-lucky group that we were.

One of the articles you featured (last fall) was on the kindly, helpful librarian, Jean Gorwill, who helped me to change from a very apprehensive girl, coming into the big city from a small one-room public school (Glendale—south of the city in those days) to a more confident student, anxious to learn, to read the classics and absorb knowledge. I loved those five years at good old LSCI - the teachers, the mornings in the auditorium before classes, the rugby games, the "tea dances" in the gymnasium. All such wonderful memories! Thank you very much and good wishes to all -

Marie (Saugstad) Andersen ('39) Three Hills, Alberta

WEB SITE KUDOS

I graduated from South in 1947 and St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1951. I currently live with my husband in a retirement community in Gainesville, Florida, where I am active in the art community and teach watercolor classes. I was delighted to see an e-mail from Gordon Davidson and also hear news of Ken Smith. I remember Jean Gorwill very well and giggled away many an hour in the library, hoping she wouldn't notice the ruckus we were making. I didn't want to spend time in detention with Mr. McNeil either!

I am not sure if Joe George is the same Joe George who went to school at the

same time we did. It certainly looks like him. We had a very talented flutist called Joe George in the school orchestra and he often played solos for special programs. My best South friend, Rosemary (Lawson) Garside ('48), played violin in the orchestra with Joe. She lives in Sandy, Utah, with her husband, David ('49). Thank you for sending this web address. I plan to stay in touch.

Marion (Watson) Seigel ('47)

Keep up the good work. I enjoy every issue.

Dwight Wesenger ('55)

'56 GRADS SAY THANKS

Congratulations on putting together a most outstanding *Lion's Pride*! I have been in touch with several of the attendees of our 50th Anniversary and everyone is simply thrilled with this edition! The best yet, but then we are biased since news about us hit the front two pages! Thank you so much for giving freely of your time to create this work of art: the April 2007 edition of *Lion's Pride*.

Betty Ann (Hill) Brown, rep, class '56

Correction Note: The class of '56 reunion photo, (on the cover of the spring issue) contained an error of omission. Eleanor Hall's name, (row 2, between Betty-Lou Nottage and Doreen Wood) was missed.

READING LIONS' PRIDE

Andres and I both enjoy

reading *Lions' Pride*, and I also read it to my father, **Wil Rice**, who taught at South from 1965 to '76. Dad, along with my mother, is now a resident at Chelsey Park Nursing Home. He attended Jean Gorwill's birthday party and enjoyed meeting friends from South. He just turned 89, so he has a way to go to match Miss Gorwill.

He'd love to hear from former students and colleagues. (519-432-2374, Room 427, 310 Oxford St. W. London, N6H 4N6. However, you won't find him in his room very often, as he takes part in all the activities at the home, including singing in the choir for their church services. He also attends Kiwanis every week, and services at First Baptist Church.

Andres ('62) and I are both retired, he from teaching high school Physics, and I from the Cataloguing Department of the former Scarborough Public Library. We've attended the last three South reunions and are looking forward to another one.

Ellen (Rice) Jaaku ('62)

The homecoming event sounds like a great idea, and although I can't believe it's been 20 years, I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone in the '1987' room.

Please keep up the great work. We really do appreciate all the effort that goes into creating this wonderful newsletter!!

Cinzia (Malacaria) Marino ('87)

WHO'S WHERE

Let us know where you are and what you are doing. E-mail your update to contact@southalumni.ca, or mail to SCAA, 371 Tecumseh Ave. E. London, ON, N6C 1T4.

Elizabeth Ann (Williams) Miller ('57) lives at 3281 West 30th. Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6L 1Z5. After completing undergrad and Masters degrees at UBC, Beth worked as a School Music Specialist, until retiring five years ago. Married to a physician for 45 years, she has 3 grown up children and seven, soon to be 8 grandchildren.

Jim Allen ('61) is interim executive director of the London Sports Council. Jim

joined the council in 2004 because of Kidsport, a program that helps London children who need assistance to get involved in sports. Other council initiatives include a Spirit of Sport volunteer dinner and Hall of Fame inductions. Jim says his biggest challenge right now is "getting the word out." (www.londonsportscouncil.org)

Elizabeth (Crosby) (Gagnon) Boesen ('72), is a retired high school teacher whose winter home is in Apache Junction, Arizona. From May to November, she enjoys travelling with her husband, Steve. Beth (known as Liz at South) still has ties to London, however. Her 92 year-old mother has lived in the same house in old South since she was eight. (snbboesen@yahoo.com)

Kelly (Welch) Hochstenbach ('85) lives at 111 Endeavor Drive, Cambridge, Ontario. The mother of two — Jared (5)

and Mackenzie (2), Kelly has worked for Great West Life since graduating from UWO ('88). She is a Service Rep out of the Group Sales Office. (frank_kelly@rogers.com)

Dennilyn Parker ('87) lives in Saskatoon. Assistant Professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, she specializes in exotic wildlife and zoological medicine.

Lance Ceaser ('88) is currently practising law as a management-side labour and employment lawyer and resides in Old South. His stepson is a grade 9 student at South this year.

Jennifer (Rousom), McGuffin ('91), continued on to Beal for the Beal Arts Foundation and Specials programs. She graduated from Fanshawe in 1996 with Interior Design Diploma. (mcguffins@rogers.com.)

Andrew Robinson ('96) is living in Tunbridge Wells, England. For the past 3 1/2 years, he has worked in London for Cinesite - doing visual effects for feature films.

Lara Hopcroft ('01) and **Matthew Bohnert ('01)** were married June 30/07. Lara works as a records clerk for the Waterloo Regional Police.

Meghan Anderson ('01) is owner/operator of the Chef's Hat, a customized catering service promising "delicious, healthy, diverse menus" for corporate or private functions. Check out her website (for online ordering): www.thechefshat.ca.

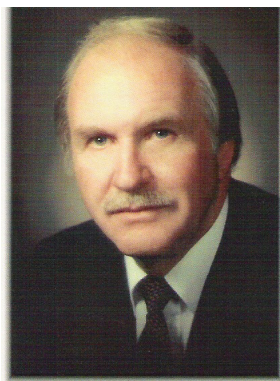
Pat Sewell ('03) was named Fanshawe's male athlete of the year last spring. Captain and star player of the Falcons' basketball team for the past three years, Pat also earned Canada-wide recognition as the national college player of the year.

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret (Spettigue) Blaine ('28), one of South's oldest alumni, passed away in Florida on Oct. 20, age 95. A resident of Hamburg, NY for many years, she is survived by two sisters, Lillian (Park) ('28) and Eunice Spettigue, three children and numerous grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Innes Hammond ('35) passed away October 5/06. His wife Margaret informed the SCAA of his death, stating "South Collegiate was very special to my husband as were all the friendships of his school mates."

Richard ("Dick") Wilson ('47) passed away peacefully at University Hospital on Jan. 27/07, age 78. Beloved husband of Lee, father of four: Janet (Mayr) ('71),



Linda ('72), Jill and Richard, and doting grandfather of ten. After graduation from South, Dick became a sports writer for the London Free Press, then left to become a respected businessman in the automotive industry. He was an avid gardener, nature lover, fisherman, golfer and football enthusiast. He was also a Masonic lodge member and a decorated major in the Canadian Army Militia.

Fred Croke ('56) passed away at Parkwood Hospital on June 9/07. His "quiet affection and love" will be

missed by his wife, Joy, two daughters, Sara (m. Rob Bell '90) & Jennifer ('90), a son, John ('93), a sister, Carolyn Croke ('54) and three grandchildren. A longtime resident of London's old south, Fred's work in road construction gave him a thorough knowledge of the city and surrounding region. The family cottage on Lake Huron was a favourite place.



Reader responses to *We Called Him "Joe"*

Ron Webb ('56) wrote of playing in the Police Boys Band, where Joe was a conductor. As chair of the upcoming Police Boys 65th Anniversary Committee (Reunion date: April 19/08), Ron said Joe would be one of those featured in their archival room.

Dr. Brian Roberts, a professor at the Faculty of Education at Memorial University in St. John's, is married to alumna, **Sheena (Cameron) Roberts ('71)**, a music student at South and now a private piano teacher. After reading of Joe's death, and knowing of the tremendous respect his wife had for her former teacher, he e-mailed the SCAA to say that he had written a short tribute piece for the *Canadian Music Educator*, a journal published quarterly by the Canadian Music Educators' Association. He kindly e-mailed us a copy of the tribute, which includes excerpts of a letter his wife wrote about Joe:

Musically, you are the reason I am where I am today. You were the catalyst for my journey down the path to music teaching as a career.... So thank you, Joe, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for the knowledge, the experiences, the fun and the challenges. Thank you for the band trips and the shows, the concerts and the music classes. But most of all, thank you for sharing yourself with us, for caring about us and for being an inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to be part of your musical adventures.

Sheena (Cameron) Roberts, April 10, 2007
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