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Fran (Wigston) Eberhard: Teacher, Coach & Athlete Extraordinaire

by Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)

Frances Ann Wigston arrived at South in the fall of 1957, after completing her degree at Western. Although she was at the school for only eight years (1957- 65), she is almost certainly one of the most highly respected coaches in its history. During her years at South, she coached numerous sports and it's clear from the comments of some of the alumnae she coached, that she had an important and lasting impact on their lives.

Charlene (Atkins) Lovett ('66)

My first week in grade 9 was the beginning of a relationship that had a lasting effect on my life. Fran Wigston became my Phys Ed teacher and my basketball coach that fall. I made the junior team and played basketball for her for the next four years. She simply had a way about her that made you want to do your very best. I was on the senior team in grades 10, 11 and 12 and we won the regional championship each of those years. I still have the Fran Wigston trophy awarded to me in 1966 (an award still given out annually to the outstanding graduating female basketball player from each conference in the TVRA.)

After spending so much time watching, listening and being with her, I decided I wanted to become a Phys Ed teacher too. When I applied for my first teaching job in Burlington, Fran was my top reference and I'm positive that was the reason I got the job.

Anne Beattie-Stokes ('67)

I remember Fran's generosity. At the end of every season, she would have a team party at her house and I'm sure she paid some of the team's expenses out of her own pocket. When we won WOSSA in 1965, she gave every player a charm bracelet as a memento. I still have mine!

I remember that through her coaching she made me a better player and a better person.

I remember that she was very concerned about everyone's safety. One time when we were traveling in her car, she saw a girl getting picked up hitchhiking. She was so concerned that she wrote the other vehicle's license plate number in the dust on her dashboard.

I remember how much fun we had.

(See page 3 for another wonderful personal reflection)

Fran was more than just a successful coach during her years at South. She wanted to improve the girls' athletics program offered in Ontario high schools and worked hard to implement some changes. She was influential, for example, in getting a



1964-65 Senior Girls Volleyball Team

Back Row: B. Jackson, C. Bown, P. Nelson, F. Wigston (coach), T. Ewer, L. Coleman & R. Holmes

Middle Row: J. Harding, C. George, K. McFalls, J. Ferris & M. McBeth
Seated: C. Atkins & J. Brown

new basketball rule passed in 1966, that allowed female players to dribble the ball for the full court.

As you might expect, Fran's dedication to sport began long before she arrived at South. Born in North Bay in 1935, at a time when girls' sports were not afforded any significant attention, Fran was fortunate to have parents who encouraged her interest. Volleyball, basketball, track and field, swimming – Fran excelled at them all. Her athletic ability was such that she was competitive even when playing against boys.

When Fran arrived at Western, she continued her sports involvement and the records show that she was a valuable member of every team she competed on. Equally important, it was during her time at Western that *"she began to develop a sense of what it took to be a successful coach of women's sports...the beginning of her lifelong journey to elevate the status of women's sport."* (www.voicesofchange.ca)

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In 1965, Fran left South to join Western's Faculty of Education, where she taught until 1998. Here she was able to further influence the manner in which school sports were offered to young women. In 1972, she became head coach of the Western women's volleyball team and over the next eight years, led it to six provincial championships, four national silver medals, and three national championships in 1972, 1975, and 1976.



Despite her coaching success, Eberhard still had to struggle through the 1970's to provide equal opportunities for her women's team. One major issue was finding funding for her volleyball team to travel to international, high-level competitions. The team usually had to fundraise to cover their own travel and tournament costs. If necessary, the money would sometimes come out of Fran's own pocket: *"I funded many activities for which there was no university department budgets. I recall one year buying a big, extra-long Suburban that could carry all 14 players to tournaments. It was well used. We called it the 'Wig Mobile'. It was great for team spirit."*

In addition to her coaching career at Western, Fran coached London Kineldiego senior men's volleyball squad (forerunner of Forest City Volleyball Club) from 1973 through 1975 and led the national women's volleyball team in the 1973 World Student Games in Moscow. She also coached the London Junos team to an Ontario senior women's title in 1973-1974.

Eberhard's career achievements, however, extended far beyond the volleyball court. She was a member of the national women's basketball team in 1967 and 1968 and was player-coach of the London Grads senior women's team from 1969 through 1974. Fran also remained active in track and field. She was a member of Western's track and field team from 1964 through 1974, first as a competitor and then as a coach. She also coached the London Lions Olympic track club from 1964 to 1968.

In addition to all of that, Fran was a member of the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport from 1976 – 79, where one of her main goals was to encourage more women to take on leadership roles in Sports Administration.

A multi-talented, multi-sport athlete, teacher, coach and leader... It's hardly surprising that Frances Ann (Wigston) Eberhard has received so many accolades and honours over the years. These include the following:

- 1993 – YMCA Women of Excellence Award
- 1994 – Western Mustang Sports Hall of Fame (Women's Athletic Award)
- 2005 – London Sports Hall of Fame inductee
- 2012 – first ever inductee into both Mustangs Women's Basketball and Mustangs Women's Volleyball Halls of Honour

Fran's most recent award came just last October, when she was one of two first-ever recipients of a **Lifetime Achievement Award** at Western's annual **Mustangs Sports Hall of Fame** dinner on October 19th.

Three South alumnae were in attendance, all of whom played on Western's Women's Volleyball team in 1971-72. That team was one of the three coached by Fran in the 1970's that won the Canadian University Championship. All three of those teams were also inducted into Western's Sports Hall of Fame at the dinner.

Anne Beattie-Stokes ('67) and **Marion Munro ('67)** had both played under Fran previously, on South's WOSSA winning Junior Volleyball team in 1964-65. **Jane MacDonald ('71)** didn't arrive until after Fran had left, but played Volleyball and Basketball throughout her years at South.

In assessing her own achievements, Fran tends to be modest: *"During my career, I certainly did not see myself as a pioneer but someone trying hard to generate women's equality in the unequal playing turf of men/women sport. At the time, I was simply trying to bring about changes that I thought would make it better for women who wanted to participate in sport activities."*

But let's set this modesty aside and leave the final words of praise to others...

Fran (Wigston) Eberhard is a multisport athlete, a dedicated teacher, an inspiring coach and a true trailblazer. Her athletic abilities and fearless determination helped women's sport gain acceptance and recognition at a time when men's sport was the only game in town. (notes from the program at the Mustangs Hall of Fame dinner)

"Fran Eberhard occupies an important place in the development of women's sport in Canada, and her highest belief that her athletes become even better people than they were sportswomen speaks volumes about her infectious and impressionable character." (voicesofchange.ca) (London Women's History Project)

"Fran has contributed so much to so many over the years. She is an incredibly caring person with a spirit of generosity and a genuine passion for life which she shares freely with all that come in contact with her. I have benefited directly from the influence of this amazing woman as a student-athlete and friend. (former Director of Sport & Recreation at Western, Therese Quigley, who played on the volleyball team coached by Eberhard at the 1973 World Student Games in Moscow).

Although only 8 years of Fran Wigston Eberhard's illustrious career took place within the walls of South Collegiate, I think we can all agree that she is an inspiring alumna who has left a lasting legacy at South as well as in the larger world of Canadian Sport.



Marion Munro, Fran Wigston Eberhard, Anne Beattie-Stokes & Jane MacDonald at the Mustangs Sports Hall of Fame dinner.

Two Memory Snapshots from the 50s at South ...

by Wilf Fryday (staff, 1954-68)

Miss Jean (Jeannie) McRobert (1931-69) was math head. Teaching was her life, almost from dawn to bedtime. She was probably the most dedicated teacher I was ever associated with. She arrived at school very early and worked diligently to move her students forward in math, a little too diligently some students might have thought. Back then, each fall after a month of classes, a staff meeting reviewed progress of students who possibly showed some signs of having difficulty and needed help. At one such meeting, early in October, Jeannie McRobert suggested that she had a boy in her class, call him 'Jimmy,' whom she was worried about. She said that she saw Jimmy wearing a hearing aid and did not know that he had a hearing problem. There was a brief period of dead silence in the room, then back in one corner a snicker. Then near it, another, and soon half the room, mostly men, particularly coaches, was barely able to keep from bursts of laughter. No one made any comment about Jeannie's worry for Jimmy and the chairman soon moved on to other names. Jimmy's hearing aid turned out to be a transistor radio ear piece, (new technology for the time) and he was listening to the Fall Classic, the World Series of Baseball when he should have been listening to Jeannie. Jeannie, I don't believe, was ever told the truth.

Editor's Note: In Jean McRobert's 38 years at South, she must have taught well over two thousand students. I was one of those students, and despite the frustration I remember her showing when many of us failed to perform up to our potential, she was certainly, as Wilf states above, an incredibly dedicated and hard-working teacher. I'm sure I would never have earned the mark that I did in Grade 13 Geometry without the benefit of her thorough and carefully planned lessons.



Mr. Bryce ("Dinny") Dinsmore (1925-60) taught one algebra class in Jean McRobert's math department. He was also a well respected and accomplished Phys Ed teacher and coach (football & hockey) and somewhat of a legendary character as he neared the end of an illustrious career. (Dinny had been a member of the famous London Tecumsehs, a minor professional hockey team based in London until 1936, that won the championship in the International Hockey League in 1927). One policy that Jeannie had in her department was that for any particular grade level, in all of the classes, each teacher had to be, on any given day during the year, working on the same page and on the same questions at the same time. Dinny was, of course, his own man and usually, he was on a different page, perhaps even a different chapter than he was supposed to be. Although I personally never saw any "open warfare" between the two, their feuds were legendary among the staff at the time.

FRAN WIGSTON EBERHARD... A Personal Reflection

by Marion Munro('67)



Fran (Wigston) Eberhard has been my teacher, coach and teammate.

When I arrived at South in grade nine, I was an up-and-coming junior tennis player. That was 1962, the year the new South double-gym was opened. What a fantastic facility! And Fran filled it with opportunities for me to develop not only as a competitive athlete in many sports, but also as a volleyball referee and even as a bookkeeper when I was Treasurer of the GAA.

In high school, in addition to playing on South's volleyball team, I played with Fran as a teammate on a fledgling, but fun, volleyball team. We practiced at Althouse College and played our games in Toronto. In Grade 13, I was a co-captain of the Ontario volleyball team (age 21 and under) that won the gold medal at the First Canadian Winter Games in Quebec City in 1967.

In 1970-71, I played on the Vancouver Calonas Volleyball team, where I learned the new system and training methods which were just beginning to be used at the international level. We were very successful, beating US teams at tournaments in Chicago and California. I encouraged Fran to come to Winfield, British Columbia to participate in a volleyball camp that featured international coaches. Being an ardent student of the game, she drove to BC with a couple of promising London players.

After returning to Western's Volleyball team in 1971-72, I became a member of the Junos, a new London team that Fran coached. This team went to Dallas and Nassau to play during Christmas break, 1971. In all these experiences with Fran, I remember her infectious enthusiasm, her kindness, her sense of fun and her respect for all players and coaches.

One situation, however, really stands out for me as a demonstration of Fran's compassion. In the 1971-72 season, Western finally beat the University of Toronto, which was essentially the Ukrainian Youth Volleyball Club, a team that I had faced and lost to countless times in my competitive career. As Ontario University Champions, Western qualified to compete in the Canadian University Championships in Sudbury. Tragically, the week before this event our Western volleyball coach, Joy Taylor, was killed in a car accident. Fran immediately agreed to step in as coach. I remember her buying trinkets and giving them to each waiting teammate. In her warm and compassionate way, she was both feeling our loss and connecting us all to our shared suffering.

Fran has influenced my life in a truly positive way, exemplifying my motto and favourite Rumi quote:

"Let the beauty we are be what we do.

*There are many ways to kneel down
and kiss the earth."*

(Editor's Note: Marion was first inducted into Western's Sports Hall of Fame in 2008 as an athlete for tennis and volleyball.)

SCHOOL NEWS ... Here and Now

TOONIE TUESDAY CAMPAIGN (Feb.13-28)

Every year, South participates in *Toonie Tuesday*, a special campaign to raise funds for students in financial distress due to poverty or traumatic events. Organized by the Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF), schools across TVDSB collect toonies and larger donations from students and staff. All money raised is used to support the Foundation's *Caring Fund* – a source of emergency cash that TVDSB principals can access on behalf of students. The campaign's motto – “A little coin, A lot of change” – reflects the impact on the lives of students in every community across the school district.

PINK SHIRT DAY: NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING DAY (Feb. 27)

This event, which originated in Nova Scotia in 2007, after a male grade 9 student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school, is now marked at schools across the country, including South.

ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN (May 24)

This year will mark South's 6th Annual Relay for Life. The relay is a 12-hour event during which teams of South students walk the school's track to raise money to support cancer research.



South's New Crest mounted on the wall in the front foyer of the school

SPORTS UPDATES:

Emma Harvey: Kudos to Emma for being chosen to play for team Canada at the Under 16, OWHA hockey tournament in Yokohama, Japan at the end of February. Emma, who scored 2 goals and 3 assists during the competition, was awarded player of the game at the closing ceremonies.

Evan Burke: Each graduating year two exceptional student athletes from the London and Middlesex area are recognized with the **Spectra Award**. (Spectra stands for Sportsmanship, Participation, Excellence, Character, Teamwork, Respect and Achievement.) This year's male winner was Evan Burke, the second consecutive year for a South student to win this prestigious award. (Ethan Martin won last year.) Evan, who competed at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires last October, was running in the U20 Worlds in Denmark when the award was presented, but his sister Zoe accepted on his behalf.

Boys Hockey: OFSAA champs in 2014 and 2015, South's team made it to the gold medal round at this year's **WOSSAA (A/AA) Hockey Championships** on March 4 in Tillsonburg. Unfortunately, they had to settle for silver, after being defeated by the rival London team from Saint Andre Bessette.

Another Honour for South quarterback, Ethan Martin

After returning to South last fall for a “victory lap”, **Ethan Martin** won the **Bob Gooder Award** (given to London's top high school football senior) for the third year in a row. Despite a season plagued by a recurring hamstring injury, Ethan was still the best player in the league, according to South coach, Mike Stenning. In an interview last January with Free Press reporter, Ryan Pyette, Ethan modestly suggested that this incredible honour wouldn't have happened “*if not for everybody at our school. South was great to me and all the teachers and coaches did amazing things to help us.*” He went on to say, “*I'll never forget my time there and I think the kids coming through Grade 11 now will hopefully put work in and carry on the dynasty we kind of created at South over the past four years.*”



Martin's football career has certainly been remarkable, leading South to four city championships and an OFSAA win in 2016. During his tenure, the Lions had been the No. 1-ranked high school team in the country. His academic career has been no less remarkable, however. For two years in a row, he also won the **Greg Anderson Award**, which recognizes academic excellence combined with football prowess. A 97% student, Ethan would have won again this year, if he had still been eligible.

Despite being courted by ivy league schools south of the border, Ethan has decided to stay in Canada. This fall he will be heading off to Queens. The Gaels new head coach, Steve Snyder, was coached by Ethan's dad, Dave, when he played midget basketball at Beal and Ethan says, “*I've known Coach Snyder since I was four or five years old.*”

Ethan plans to take a science program with an accelerated route into medicine after two years of undergrad. On the football field, he plans to switch from quarterback to a full-time safety, although Snyder has apparently discussed the possibility of some pass-throwing opportunities. But whatever position Ethan ends up playing for Queens this fall, we're sure he'll give it his all, just as he did during his time at South. We wish him the best on the field and in the classroom!

1969 CLASS REUNION... SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2019

50 Years!!!! Plan to join us and celebrate half a century since we graced the halls of South Collegiate.

Mark the date, October 26, 2019, and stay tuned for details to follow.

More volunteers are needed, so please contact **Marty Thrasher** (fmtcon@sympatico.ca).



Spread the word. See you in October !

School Breakfast Program: SCAA Offers Its Support

Many alumni are probably unaware of South's Breakfast Program, but it has, in fact, been operating for several years. Family Studies and Student Success teacher, **Tara Baldacchino**, is in her fourth year of supervising the program, but credits teachers Justin Fish and Jill Taylor, along with the members of South's "Healthy Schools Committee" for getting it up and running. After a brief period in the Family Studies room, the program moved to the staff cafeteria, a more central and convenient location. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, from 7:45 until 8:15, anywhere from 50 to 100 students stop by the cafeteria for some "breakfast". A variety of healthy food items are set up in a "grab & go" format to facilitate fast and easy selection. This year, the program was extended to include Tuesdays and Thursdays as well. This was made possible by the involvement of the newly established DE (Developmental Education) program. The students of the grade 9 class, under the supervision of teacher, Stacey Farr, provide similar healthy snacks, which are shopped for, prepared and served by the DE students in the hall outside their classroom between periods 1 and 2.



Although Tara is the head supervisor, required to keep track of inventory and submit regular reports to the government agency that oversees the program, she acknowledges the important roles played by other staff volunteers at the school. Some volunteer as shoppers, others pick up pre-ordered items and still others volunteer for morning set up/servers.

Those of us who attended South in the 1950's, 60's and 70's might well be wondering about the need for a breakfast program at a school in a fairly well-to-do area like Old South. Well, times have changed and so has the understanding of the important connection between healthy eating and student success at school.

The **Ontario Student Nutrition Program (OSNP)** was set up by the Ontario government to provide funding and support to help schools across the province implement a healthy snack, breakfast or meal program for students in their community. The OSNP explains the value and importance of its mandate:

"Hectic morning routines, early sports practices, long bus rides and financial difficulties can all prevent students from arriving to school nourished and ready to learn. We believe that every student can benefit from having access to nutritious food at school and that these programs should be open to everyone."

The funding from OSNP for these food programs goes to 15 lead agencies across the province. The **Children's Nutrition Network** is the local contact group for OSNP London/Middlesex student nutrition programs. Currently, there are over 80 such programs in our region.

"The CNN supports the nutrition programs by assisting with startup, accessing additional funding through the ministry and other local funding sources and by supporting a community-wide network of schools and agencies that provide programs, resource materials and training workshops for programs and volunteers." (investinginchildren.on.ca)

In addition to some basic funding from OSNP, South's program relies on support from a number of other organizations, including President's Choice Financial, the Maycourt Club of London and the Byron Optimist Club.

Despite the support received from these agencies and charitable organizations, there are always areas of need. That's why the SCAA recently committed itself to helping support this worthy program. In addition to some financial support, we are hoping to encourage local alumni to consider volunteering some time to assist with areas like food shopping, pickup and/or serving. If you reside in or close to London and feel you have the time and inclination to get involved, please let us know.

Digitization of South's Archived Photos

Unlike a lot of high schools, South Collegiate has done a pretty fair job of amassing and saving a large volume of photographs from its past. But as we approach the 100-year mark, the storage and identification of this large collection has become problematic. (*Editor's Note: Although the current school site doesn't turn 100 until 2028, South Collegiate was first established in 1922 in a since demolished building on Askin Street, which means that as an institution of learning South turns 100 in 2022.*)

To the rescue have come two "saviors". The first is a teacher with vision and a knowledge of technical systems: **Candace Marzano**, a Tech teacher at South since 2001. The second was a member of South's most recent graduating class: **Siera Lundy ('18)**, who has a desire to acquire some valuable work-experience while helping out her alma mater.

Candace has arranged for the school to purchase a new photographic unit capable of making digital copies of all our existing photos, and a computer program (Adobe Lightroom) which can categorize, label and store all the copies so they can be easily accessed at any time. Siera has been busy since November, using volunteer hours to get these jobs done.

The main targets so far have been composite group photos: year-by-year Grad Classes, Teaching Staff, Students Councils, and Sports Teams. Soon to follow will be Clubs, Artistic Events, Award Winners, and various other activities whose images have been captured over the years. Actually, the sky's the limit as we possess boxes and boxes of photographs dating back to the 1920's.

Sounds like just the kind of thing an Alumni Association should be doing!

Pete Telford (staff, 1978-98)



MAIL BOX...

Letters and e-mails from alumni



PRAISE FOR THE FALL 2018 ISSUE

What a great issue. The report on Marion was superb, and the eulogy brought tears. The whole issue was interesting, especially David Mulcaster's account of his thoughts and actions in Italy. Very moving.

Susan Cornell ('67)

That was an amazing document which I read completely. Several names did sound familiar and it was nice to see Gail Ferris in a photo. That obituary of Marion was the best I have read. She must have been amazing to have as a teacher. It makes my life seem pale by comparison. (Fred Douglas, a Clarke Road grad who was given a copy by SCAA chair, Knute Dohnberg)

KNOWING NO DEFEAT: WORDS OF APPRECIATION FROM FAMILY OF ONE OF SOUTH'S WAR DEAD

The Wilcox family would like to thank the entire South Collegiate Alumni Association for honouring my uncle, Robert Wilcox, and all the other men and women from South who served or made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II. Again thanks for all the work you all put into this project. (Christopher Wilcox, whose his uncle Robert's profile is on pages 113-114 of the book.)



ALUMNI IN THE NEWS...

MATT GIFFEN ('85), alumnus and generous South benefactor, founded **Bench Brewing Company** in 2016. An independent craft brewery set in the heart of Niagara wine country, the company opened its new facility in Beamsville in the summer of 2018. The new, state of the art beer brewing building, encompasses over 16,000 square feet. Adjoining it, the historic Maple Grove School has been beautifully retrofitted as the tap and tasting room and restaurant. Bench now has 25 full-time and 40 part-time employees. In a cover article in *Food in Canada* last January, Matt talked about his inspiration for starting the company, as well as the success it has had: *"I've always been fascinated with the influence climate and soil have on growing wine grapes. I wondered, however, why only a few beers were focusing on the concept of terroir in their brewing process."* Motivated by this goal to produce craft beers that would be unique to the Niagara region, Bench now produces 25 different beers, offered at their facility, as well as through its new online bottle shop. A few are also available at the LCBO: Ball's Falls Session IPA, Twenty Mile Farmhouse Ale and Citra Grove Dry Hopped Sour. *"We've been very happy with the way our beer has been received, but we're having as much fun creating them as people seem to have drinking them."* (benchbrewing.com)

ANDREW SADLER ('96) is the new Crown Attorney in Thunder Bay, after holding the position of Acting Crown Attorney since November 2017. Prior to that, Andrew worked in the Thunder Bay Office for over six years as an Assistant Crown Attorney. He has also served as an Assistant Crown Attorney in the Woodstock and Cayuga offices. Andrew has extensive experience in the prosecution of major cases and complex matters, including serving as co-counsel in the prosecution of Terri-Lynn McClintic and Michael Rafferty. Andrew is also a Deputy Judge Advocate with the Canadian Armed Forces in Thunder Bay. He has been a course director with the Technology and Litigation Crown summer school since 2016, and has been an advocate and resource for justice modernization within the Ministry.

ANDREW MCCLENAGHAN ('97) has every reason to be proud of the company he founded in 2002. **Digital Echidna**, a web development firm, was honoured as the Large Business of the Year at the London Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Business Achievement Awards, held at the Convention Centre on March 20. Gerry Macartney, the chamber's chief executive, praised the company's successful growth: *"Canada needs more businesses that break through the bubble to a large business, and Digital Echidna has broken through. It is an environment where people want to work. It's been recognized as a great employer."*

REMEMBERING DR. MARTHA DONNELLY ('68)

Two of Martha's classmates, deeply saddened to hear of her death, share their feelings below:

I was able to renew my friendship with Martha as a member of the class of 1968's 50th Reunion Committee. Her level-headedness and willingness to take on tasks contributed so much to the success of that weekend! I regularly revisit the reunion photo taken at the school, where Martha and I are sitting side by side. It reminds me of the closeness and support that sustained our group as we grew up, and how those strong feelings turned into the affection that brought us all back together.

Lyn Vize Shulha ('68)

In Grade 13, I had pneumonia and missed 3 weeks of school. It was Martha who explained Tom Crerar's interpretation of T.S. Elliot's poem, "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock". She was always generous with her time and this was true on the reunion committee as well. There was a complete lack of inflated ego. She was always just Martha - ready for a laugh, ready to lend a hand, ready to explain a concept again (so readily understood herself). Such an outstanding woman will be dearly missed.

Judy Sumner ('68)

IN MEMORIAM

Helen (McArthur) McLEOD ('40) passed away peacefully Dec. 2, 2018 at Marian Villa, London, age 96. Beloved wife of the late **Donald "Gordon"**

McLeod ('34) (d.1993) and mother of **Kathryn Patton ('65)** (Gordon) and **Mary Liberatore ('68)**, all of London.

Grandmother of Mark Liberatore (Rhian) and great grandmother of Oliver, Charlotte and Elliott. Loved by her bonus grandchildren

Kirby Patton ('79), **Heidi**

Patton ('81) (Robert), **Blair Patton ('82)** (Jaime), **Marcy Demelo ('83)** and Hilary Patton (Penny). Predeceased by her brother **Kenneth McArthur ('38)**. Helen was a lifelong member of First-St. Andrew's United Church and a dedicated auxiliary member at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Jim MARSHALL ('56) passed away on Aug. 3, 2015, age 79. Dear husband of Doreen (Holman) and father of Doug (Martha), Joanne Bensted (Grahame) & Jamie (Nicole). Dear step-father of Tabitha Caldwell & Janice Holman, and grandfather of 13. Predeceased by his first wife **Joan (Elliott) ('56)** and brothers **Don ('44)** and Dave. Survived by siblings, Betty, Dorothy and **Daniel ('49)**.

Sharon COOK ('57) passed away Dec. 17, 2018 at Mount Hope Nursing Home, age 79. Survived by her brother **David Cook ('60)**. Born in London, she was a gifted student who transferred to Empress Public School for their advanced program and travelled there alone by bus at the age of eight! At age 18, after graduating from London Teacher's College, Sharon headed north to teach at Hudson and Port Arthur. After four years, she returned to London and spent the rest of her career with the London Board of Education. Sharon had many friends in the Chinese community and enjoyed taking field trips to photograph and use her sketching and painting talents. She was a lifetime member of Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church and had a strong interest in family history and genealogy.

Daryl (Lind) RONEY ('60) passed away Oct. 30, 2018 at LHSC.



Predeceased by her son Jimmy (1981), she is survived by her husband and best friend of 56 years, John, her sister **Bev (Lind) DeHaan ('65)** (Dave), three children, Colleen Walters (Brent), Sharon Ireland (Tim), and John Roney (Kate) and six grandchildren. After teaching elementary school for a few years, Dar committed her life to fulfilling her dream of raising her family and actively managing their Thorndale area farm and horses. She made friends wherever she went – school, church, community, horse shows, and Willow Lakes FL.

Dr. Martha DONNELLY ('68), age 68, died of complications related to a stroke at Vancouver General Hospital on Jan. 10th, 2019. A resident of both Vancouver and Bowen Island, Dr. Donnelly, MD, CCFP, FRCPC, was widely recognized as a Canadian pioneer in the field of geriatric psychiatry. Her devotion to senior patient advocacy helped to shape national education and policy. Martha's contributions to the medical field were recognized with a number of awards, including a 2002 YWCA Woman of Distinction Award for Health, Wellness and Active Living (Vancouver), the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry Outstanding Contribution to Geriatric Psychiatry Award in 2009 and the UBC Killam Teaching Prize Award in 2010. Martha is survived by her husband John, her sister **Paula Springman ('67)**, of Surrey, BC, her sister-in-law Barbara, her daughter Kathryn, her grandchildren and a large extended family.

Editor's Note: Martha was part of the organizing committee for the class of 1968's 50th Anniversary Reunion last fall. Two classmates and fellow members of this committee have shared their memories of Martha on page 6.



Edward Pena MADAMBA ('86) died unexpectedly on March 9, 2019, in his 52nd year. Proud father of Nathaniel, Xavier and Athalia. Cherished son of Tony and Eden. Loving brother of Dodge. Edward will be dearly missed by his former wife **Beverly Peckham ('87)** as well as many friends and extended family.

Paul WOOLFORD ('88) passed away Oct. 31, 2018, age 49. Beloved husband of Joanne and devoted father of Nathan (Sarah) and Stephanie (Jakob). Dear son of Fred (Patricia) and Carolyn (Rob Paton) and brother of Scott (Michael). Deeply missed by family and friends, who remember him as "a sweet guy" and an "amazing individual".

Michael Aiden McGAVIN ('96), age 41, died Nov. 17, 2018, at Victoria Hospital's Critical Care Trauma Center, as a result of injuries suffered 3 weeks earlier. Survived by his mother Elizabeth of Bala, ON, his sister **Tara ('95)** (Dan McBey) of Anten Mills, ON, and his much-loved nieces Katelyn and Autumn. Predeceased by his father Jack (1978). Despite his often turbulent lifestyle, Michael always maintained a strong work ethic, applying it to the oil rigs of Alberta & various trades in Ontario, and most recently at TLC Landscaping in London. His larger than life personality and "ear to ear" grin allowed him to develop long lasting friendships.

Ruby MacDOUGALL (staff, 1980-86), a former secretary at South, passed away on Nov. 6, 2018, age 88. Loving mother of **Larry ('67)** (Peggy), of Nova Scotia, and **Neil ('70)** (Linelle), of Toronto. Proud Grandma of Karis (New York) and Jacob (Toronto), step-grandmother of John (Joan) Fenner (Montreal) and step-great-grandma of Ian, Eleanor and Colin, (Montreal). Affectionate "Nanny" of Levi and John Hord (London).

Barry SANDERSON (staff, 1982-89) passed away on Jan.23, 2019, at St. Joseph's Villa, Dundas, in his 74th year. Greatly missed by his wife Linda (nee Jackson), daughters **Stephanie ('89)**, **Meagan ('89)** and **Kate ('91)**, as well as granddaughters Alex and Maya, mother Doris Smith, brother David and sister Kathy. He will also be missed by his many friends, colleagues and alumni.

UPDATE ON SCAA ACTIVITIES

Beautification Project: Hoping to add fresh images to the walls of *South*, the Alumni Association set out to embellish the second floor hallway outside the Library with a collection of photos, posters and documents that depict some of the school's history. An SCAA donation of \$500 to the cause has enabled the mounting of 2 large aerial photographs from the 75th and 85th Anniversary celebrations around a large replica of the school crest (very timely, as a new "modernized" crest is working its way into 21st-century usage). In addition, a "shadow box" mounted on the wall contains documents from the laying of the cornerstone of the building in 1928 along with the engraved trowel used in the ceremony at the time (a trowel that was rescued by an alert alumnus who spotted it at a garage sale several years ago). Posters from *Homecoming* and *Reunion* celebrations, and some classic 1930's sports-team photos give this corridor a unique new look.

Upcoming Retirement: After many years of dedicated service on the SCAA board, as Treasurer and more recently as part-time Secretary, **Andrea (Fewster) Manias ('70) (staff, 1976-2009)** is retiring. A life-long resident of Old South, Andrea, first as a South student, then as a South teacher, and finally as an SCAA executive member, has shown her commitment not only to this school but to the community as a whole. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation!

New Treasurer: Fortunately for us, SCAA Director **Norma Evans (staff, 2000-2017)** has agreed to assume the role of Treasurer when Andrea retires. Thank you, Norma!

Another Thank You: The SCAA also wishes to thank the class of 1968 for their donation of \$200 following their successful 50th Anniversary Reunion last fall.

Gathering on the Green (Saturday, June 1st): Once again, the SCAA will have a booth at the "G on the G". It's a fun day and a great way to promote the Association. Hope to see some of you "on the Green"!



South Crest

A replica of South's traditional crest, newly mounted in the 2nd floor hallway

Knowing No Defeat

As indicated previously, sales have gone well, so only a few copies remain for sale.

Because of the high cost of printing in full colour, we feel fortunate to have recouped our publishing costs and made a small profit. The value of producing this book has never been in doubt, however. Last November, we received an email from Christopher Hugh Reilley (the son of **Hugh William Reilley**), who was born in England less than a month before his father was killed in action. Having become aware of the book's existence, he requested that a copy be mailed to him in England, which of course we did...



SCAA's Annual General Meeting

Wed. May 8, 2019 - 7 PM
(Room 123 - Staff Lounge)

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