



South Collegiate Alumni Association

Spring 2020



LIONS' PRIDE

Virtus Repulsae Nescia Sordidae

Girls Basketball Team from George Jenkins HS in Florida comes to South

by Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)

I have known **Greg White ('66)** since our days at Mountsfield Elementary School. An excellent student and outstanding athlete student then, this success continued through his years at South. In the fall he played football; in the winter it was basketball. He served on the BAA for three years, serving as secretary, treasurer and vice-president. He earned his Senior Sports letter and won a citizenship award. Furthermore, throughout his five years at South he maintained an A average, and was honoured as an Ontario Scholar (at a time when writing provincewide grade 13 exams made this considerably harder to achieve than it is today).



Given his abilities and his work ethic, it's probably not surprising that Greg chose a career in medicine. After completing his medical degree at McMaster, he chose to practise his profession in Florida, where he has lived for the past 40 years. Greg has never lost his attachment to South, however, and he has never lost his love for basketball. He used to travel back to London every year to participate in the Alumni Basketball Tournament, which ran for many years under the leadership of former South teacher and current SCAA Archivist and Past-President, **Pete Telford**. This love of basketball, along with his desire to give back to the Florida community he was a part of, led him to take on the job of coaching a girls' high school team in 2003. 17 years later, "Doc White" is still Head Coach of Girls Basketball at George Jenkins High School in Lakeland, and also continues to practise full-time Emergency Medicine. Both are clearly important to him, his professional career and his role as coach, which he describes as *"my avocation and passionate hobby"*.

Greg not only wanted to teach basketball skills to the members of his team, but like any good coach, he also wanted to help them develop their social skills and a sense of commitment and responsibility. Over the years, however, Greg has gone beyond that, wanting to provide his teams with experiences to enrich their lives. Last November, for the third time (previously in 2008 and 2011), Greg made arrangements to travel to Canada with his team. After flying to Buffalo, their first stop was Niagara Falls, a place most of them had never been to. Following a night in a falls view hotel, another special experience for many of his girls, they travelled to London, where South Phys Ed. Teacher, Samantha Sidler, had arranged for each team member to be billeted for three nights at the home of one of South's female basketball players. For the next two days they went to classes with these South girls and after school, they faced each other on the basketball court. Greg, however, described the games as *"a distant third goal"*, emphasizing instead the value of the overall travel experience: *"one of the best educational and cultural activities for American Floridian girls, who I feel continue to need broadening of their horizons, including witnessing an alternative educational system, mentoring, discipline and love. The trip was everything that I hoped it would be."*



And how did the girls on his team feel about the trip? Based on the following quotes from two of his senior girls, I'd say the trip was as successful as he thought it was.

Jermasia Klopsis, # 11: *"Go to Canada! The energy is amazing and the people are so warm."*

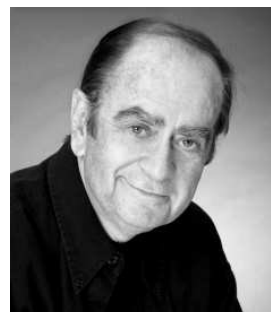
Kennedy Carper, # 20: *"It was an amazing experience filled with amazing people.... an unforgettable trip that made lifelong memories!"*

“The Curtain Has Fallen”: Death of Theatre Veteran Don Fleckser

by Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)

While some younger alumni may not be familiar with the name **Don Fleckser ('54)**, any Londoner with an interest in the theatre almost certainly is. From the time Don saw his first play as a teenager at the Grand Theatre, he knew that is what he wanted to do with his life. He began ushering and working backstage on London Little Theatre productions and launched his acting career at the Grand in a production of *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*.

Don followed his passion and went on to become one of London's most highly respected theatre educators and directors. Over the course of more than six decades, he directed close to 200 productions. *The Weir*, directed by Don in the summer of 2016, was his last, and I consider myself fortunate to have been part of that production as costume designer. Over the years, Don also did a fair amount of acting. He even appeared in a couple of episodes of the popular TV series *Due South*. One of his last appearances onstage was in the role of Abby Brewster in LCP's production of *Arsenic and Old Lace* at the Palace Theatre in June 2012. Audiences loved it, me included. Teaching was equally important to Don and he spent many years at St. Mary's Choir School and serving as an arts education administrator for the London District Catholic School Board. As he told Chris Montanini, in an interview for *The Londoner* in May 2015, *“My whole life has been working in the theatre and teaching in the theatre.... Theatre keeps me alive.... It really keeps me going in a wonderful way.”*



Over the years, Don has received several well deserved honours. In 1978, he was named to the Mayor's New Year's Honour List for his contribution to the arts. In 2004, he was presented with the *Curtain Raiser Award* at the **Brickenden Awards** ceremony, celebrating theatrical excellence in London. (Note: This award was renamed the **Chris Doty Award** in 2006, after the tragic death of the Brickenden co-founder and South alumnus). Don's most prestigious award, however, came in 2010 when he was honoured by Theatre Ontario with the **Maggie Bassett Award**, acknowledging his more than 60 years of contributing to the development of theatre in Ontario.

The unique gifts that Don brought to his chosen careers of teaching and the theatre were summarized beautifully in the following words written by his friend and colleague, Paul Legge, that were included in the published obituary.

“It would be presumptuous to try to describe what Don Fleckser has done, but if it has anything to do with education or theatre, Don has probably done it. He has helicoptered into the Artic to do drama workshops, appeared on network television dramas, helped to initiate children's festivals, appeared in more plays than one can count, achieved a Master's degree at Western, been called everything from Bubbles to Matthew to Jacob to Sister Amnesia and has taught thousands of young people about theatre and personal commitment. Don's knowledge of theatre is colossal, his understanding of teaching is unparalleled, his ability to move from a graduate school lecture hall to a junior kindergarten, often in the same day, is remarkable.”

Given his accomplishments, it's no surprise that when Don passed away on March 7th, his death was mourned by many. I am among those who mourned, having worked with him on several productions.

Fellow South alumnus, **David Bogaert ('79)**, shared the following touching post on Facebook: *“I've been grappling for just the right words. Once Don gave me a chance in “The Lion in Winter”, he directed me six more times. Others should have been so lucky. Rest well my friend.”*

John Gerry ('73), co-founder and award-winning director of London's Calithumpian Theatre Collective, also praised Don's contributions: *“He touched the lives of thousands of people in the theatre community in London. He was an original, so instrumental to so many people.”*

Those mourning Don also include some of the biggest names in Canadian theatre.

Louis Pitre, often described as *“Canada's first lady of musical theatre”*, met Fleckser when she was studying music at Western and was cast in a musical revue he was directing. She credits him with changing her life: *“In my wildest dreams, theatre had not occurred to me.... I think I was just so lucky to have him as my first director.... He was a very special person.”*

Allison Grant, a highly respected theatre and opera director, teacher, choreographer and actor, also talked about Don's influence on her life: *“As a director, I often hear his voice when I am working with huge choruses in the opera world....I know I am one of many Londoners who have made music, theatre and teaching their passions because of our early years with Don Fleckser.”*



Don at home in the house he grew up in on Franklin Avenue

The past few years were not easy for Don as he was increasingly unable to participate in the very thing that he said kept him alive. Perhaps, when the end came, it was because he was ready for it. Pre-deceased by his wife Joan, Don is survived by his son, **Martin ('84)**.

*Into the woods, it's time to go,
I hate to leave, I have to, though,
Into the woods – it's time, and so
I must begin my journey...*

(from the lyrics to the “Prologue” in Stephen Sondheim's musical *Into the Woods*, reprinted from Don's obituary with his son's permission)



Final Note: Don returned to South in 1988 to play the role of The Father in the Drama Department's production of *The Fantasticks*. It was, apparently, a career highlight.

ROBERT BELL ('90) RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FOR ...

by Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)

Last January, Dundas Central School teacher **Rob Bell ('90)** was presented with one of six Governor General's History Awards, honouring Excellence in teaching. Established in 1996, the award recognizes *"innovative approaches to teaching Canadian history"*, including *"creating authentic learning experiences, encouraging historical research and critical thinking"*. In addition to a cash prize, each teacher receives an additional \$1,000 for their school, and an all-expense-paid trip to Ottawa to accept their award at the Rideau Hall ceremony. If Rob Bell was one of just six history teachers from across the entire country honoured this year, he must be a very special teacher, and the story behind his award worth knowing...

The story began in 2018 in Rob's grade 5/6 class. Like all good history teachers, Rob Bell sought ways to make history more relevant to his students, ways to "bring it home", to make it real. 2018 marked not only 100 years since the end of the first World War, but also the 100th Anniversary of the deadly 1918 Flu Pandemic, which is estimated to have infected a third of the world's population and killed at least 50 million people.

Bell decided he wanted to teach a unit on the pandemic, then called the "Spanish Flu". While looking up materials for this unit, he discovered that a young girl who had attended Dundas Central - Hazel Isabel Layden - had passed away in 1918 as a result of the epidemic. Once his students found this out, they wanted to learn more about Hazel's life. Luckily, the Dundas Museum is only a few blocks from the school and Bell arranged for several research visits. The museum's educational co-ordinator was able to help the students find information about Hazel's life and they consulted newspapers, municipal and school records for more. They found out and visited the church where Hazel was baptized. Another local historian helped them track down the cemetery where she was buried and they visited that too. Grove Cemetery was just a few blocks from the school and several class tours served to illuminate many aspects of the community's history. The minister at the Presbyterian church the family had attended even helped Bell's students locate some living descendants of Hazel Layden's family. Two of these living relatives were previously unknown to each other but were reconnected through the students' research efforts.

Rob Bell's class history project didn't end there, however. After further work with various community partners, it culminated in an exhibition called "Finding Hazel" at the Dundas Museum & Archives in March 2019. One important partner was the McMaster Child and Youth University, *"a community initiative at Mac that brings families on to campus for kid-friendly lectures and sends student facilitators into schools to run interactive workshops. McMaster students came in to teach Bell's students about the biology and epidemiology of the flu, as well as to help the students create videos and an interactive website that summarized the entire project."*

To describe this as *"a rich learning experience"* seems an understatement. For many of Bell's students, I imagine it was a revelation, not just in terms of how interesting history can be, but how very relevant it can be to us today and in the future. I'm sure those students will never forget Hazel and I suspect they may be thinking about her as we deal with the current Covid-19 crisis. I also have to wonder if students in the future, fifty or a hundred years from now, may be asked to research the corona virus pandemic we are now living through. If so, I wonder what they will think and how they will evaluate our response to this crisis.

When interviewed by *Hamilton Community News* last January, Rob Bell was quick to thank everyone who had shared their time and their knowledge, crediting both the generosity of these people and his students themselves for the honour he received. *"It's not hyperbole to say it couldn't have happened without them."*

Our congratulations to Rob Bell on such a well-deserved award. Congratulations as well to all those he might wish to share it with.



... EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING CANADIAN HISTORY

Earphone Mistaken for a Hearing Aid: South Alumnus Relates the Full Story

In the Spring 2019 edition of *Lion's Pride*, former teacher **Wilf Fryday (1954-68)** wrote a tribute to Miss Jeanie McRobert. In it he told about a boy named 'Jimmy' who brought a transistor radio to school. Although he had a few of his facts wrong, I was that boy. I thought you might like to tell the full story from my perspective.

In the fall of 1955, I was in Grade 9 at South. Electronics was a hobby of mine and over the summer I had built a transistor radio from plans I saw in *Popular Electronics* magazine. It was fitted in a pocket-sized plastic pill box with a hearing aid earphone. I was very proud of it so I took it to school one day and showed it to my favourite teacher **Mr. Mitchell (1939-67)** who taught Physics. It was the first transistor radio to ever be seen at South.

Tuesday, October 4, 1955 was the seventh and final game of the World Series between the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers. I wanted to hear the game so I brought the radio with me after lunch. I had two classes that afternoon, French with Madame Plouffe (which I was not fond of) and Library Practice with **Miss Jean Gorwill (1930-69)**. I thought I would sit near the back of those classes listening and no-one would notice. I was quite disappointed when the Dodgers won.

What I didn't know was that the teachers had a staff meeting after school and my poor performance in French was discussed. Miss Gorwill (I would never have dared use it in Miss McRobert's class) had seen my earphone and suggested that perhaps the reason was that I was hard of hearing. Well, the cat was out of the bag. Mr. Mitchell revealed my secret to one and all. The next day in Physics, Mr. Mitchell told the whole class about the staff meeting and advised me not to bring my radio to school again as the teachers would be watching for me. We didn't call him "Sneaky Mitch" for nothing!

Jay Hunt ('60)



INFORMAL REUNION HELD BY THE CLASS OF 1989 TO CELEBRATE THEIR 30TH



NOTE FROM A BUSY RETIREE

Thank you so much for keeping us all in the loop. I attribute my success in life to my time at South Collegiate. Besides completing 36 wonderful years as a middle school teacher, my husband Bob and I have raised a son and daughter and been involved with our 2 grandsons nearby. Since 2001, when I retired from teaching, I took up driving miniature horses every day weather permitting. They say you should learn to play a musical instrument or learn a new language in your later years, so I learned to play the ukulele and joined a group. Phys Ed was very important to me, so I swim 3 times a week and joined a walking club 2 times a week. I also sing in 2 choirs a week. Keeping busy was never an issue.

Mary-Margaret ("Mickie") (Harding) Moir ('61)

SAVOURING THE MEMORIES

Such a special night. I will cherish the memories. We were so lucky to go through our teen years without social media. We built relationships and made lasting friendships as we spent time figuring out how to navigate those critical years. We even got 5 years to do it. I am so lucky, so grateful, and so in awe of the awesome people I got to go to high school with. It was the best of times. Many of you travelled without hesitation. And, I feel like we were all genuinely happy just to be in each other's presence. Sometimes there's just a connection and a feeling that comes from the energy that you can't fully describe. You can only savour it. For a brief moment time stood still. We were back in 1989 but shaped by 30 years of life experiences. That is just magical.

Annmarie (Millard) Kokkoros ('89)

SCHOOL NEWS ... Here and Now

NEW PRINCIPAL: On February 1st, South welcomed its new principal, **Leeat Cribbs**, former vice-principal at Clarke Road High School. No interview or photo has been possible yet, but watch for one in the fall issue.

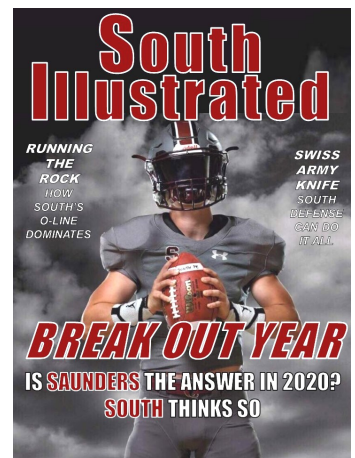
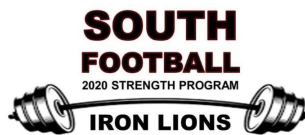
DECA COMPETITION: The acronym comes from the original name: Distributive Education Clubs of America. Now called the Association of Marketing Students, it is a not-for-profit career and technical student organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the world. South's DECA chapter is led by teacher **Aneel Janmohammad**. When the 29 students involved at South competed at the Regional Level in Kitchener, 17 of them qualified to compete at the provincial level in Toronto (Feb. 6th to 8th). Out of the 6,000 students participating in Toronto, one South student won the honour of attending the International Competition in Nashville in April: **Jesse Montieth**. To help pay for Aneel and Jesse's trip to Nashville the SCAA was asked to provide some funding. Unfortunately, Covid-19 resulted in the competition in Nashville being cancelled, but the SCAA wants to congratulate Jesse on his success in DECA this year. We know how disappointed he must be not to have had the chance to compete in Nashville.

SPORTS UPDATES: With the winter sport schedule being cut off part way through the season, there is not much to report on. The following photo and note was found on the SCAA Facebook page.

Last November, Coach Stacey Farr and the Junior Girls Basketball team defeated Clarke Road 56-19 at Fanshawe College and went on to compete at SWOSSA. Congrats to the girls and to Stacey, who is also the SCAA's new staff liaison.



Although the Senior Lions' football team lost to Lucas in the TVRA Championship game last November, the team hasn't lost heart. On the South Football Facebook page the "South Illustrated" picture on the right and the graphic below were posted, showing the team is already thinking about next year.



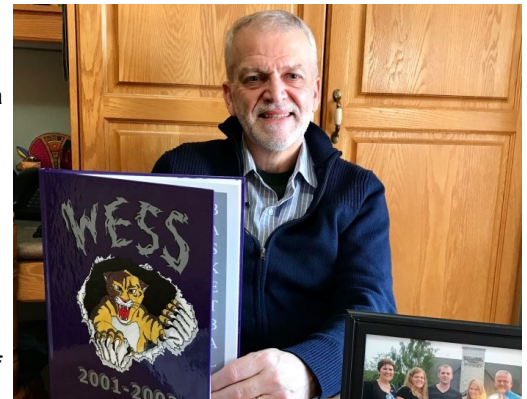
FORMER PRINCIPAL LARRY SCHNEIDER (2007-11) ASKS FOR HELP TO REMEMBER HIS PAST

Last January, Larry Schneider contacted local CTV news reporter, Sean Irvine, in the hopes that he would share his story and his plea for help. A series of three misfortunes have severely damaged the 62-year-old's memory: a near fatal car crash, followed by a benign growth on this brain in 2017, and most recently from a build-up of toxins due to a liver illness that eventually required a transplant. *"My mind is like a vault in the bank. Full of safety deposit boxes and there's been a robbery and somebody has broken in."* Despite everything he has endured, he still considers himself fortunate: *"The best thing is I'm alive. I can articulate, I just don't know anything."*

Determined to get back as much of what he has lost as he can, Larry has now recovered enough to relearn words, books and plays he loved during his teaching career. It is still a struggle, however, so he is hoping that people who have known him in the past will share their memories so he can replace what has been lost: *"If you were my student, if you ever worked with me in any capacity, please help me figure out who I am - who I was."*

Larry provided Sean with his email address in the hope that people from his past will contact him: larschnr@gmail.com

EDITOR'S NOTE: During his four years at South, Larry Schneider was a strong supporter of the SCAA and his co-operation was always much appreciated. Reading about his current troubles, I felt deeply saddened, as I'm sure my SCAA colleagues did, not to mention the teachers and staff members who worked closely with him. In the Fall 2015 issue, I happily reported that Larry had embarked on a new career as an ordained United Church Minister, after earning his Master of Divinity degree at U of T. Unfortunately, this second career was cut short after only two years when his brain tumour was diagnosed. Larry's message has already been shared on the SCAA Facebook page and I hope sharing it here will encourage more South alumni to reach out to Larry with a memory or two.



IN MEMORIAM

Neil James McMURRAY ('56) passed away on Dec. 4, 2019 at the age of 82. Beloved father of James McMurray, Carolyn Dagg and Jennifer Kendel (Brian). Proud grandfather of Rachele and Tyler Dagg, Dylan McMurray, and Neil and Dakota. Dear brother of Claire Curley (Tom). Predeceased by brother **Bill McMurray ('49)**. After graduating from Western, "Moose" went on to play professional football with the Montreal Allouettes and Detroit Lions teams, until he returned to London and a career at Honda. An active member of both UWO and South Alumni, Neil also pioneered and managed the Blue Jays "Hit, Run and Throw" program. Praised for his "humble wisdom", he will be dearly missed by his extended family and friends.

Dr. Harry "John" HYATT ('58) passed away Dec. 8, 2019, age 79. *"Husband, Father, Grandpa, Surgeon, Music Lover, Animal Saver, Coffee Drinker and Champion for the Suffering. John led his life - heart first. It was the only way he knew how."* This quality drew him away from the Hyatt family's London Lumber business and put him on the path to medicine. He graduated from UWO Med school in 1964 and after his residency, set up practice as a General and Vascular Surgeon in St. Catharines. John served as President of Staff and later Chief of Staff at the St. Catharines General Hospital and was proud to have his oldest son Peter become a family doctor and assist him in some of his surgeries. A music lover, he played the saxophone and could play any song on the piano by ear. John is survived by his wife Lynne and six children: **Peter ('78)** (Andrea), **Paul ('80)** (Kelly), Thomas, Sheila (Dan), Lisa (Steve) and Kelly (Joel). Loving grandfather of 14 and great grandfather of one. Also survived by his sister **Anne Sinclair ('59)**. Predeceased by his sister **Ruth Hyatt ('53)**. *"Alzheimer's may have stolen his words over the past few years, but his heart remained."*

Anne WILLIAMSON ('63) passed away March 29, 2020, leaving to mourn her family and friends. She is survived by her significant other Garry Young and her two children, Trevor and Allison (Michael), as well as two grandchildren, Maddison and Oalee and her siblings, **Jane ('66)** of West Vancouver, Tom (Linda) and Bob (**Marilynne Hanes, '71**).



Dave DILLON ('82) passed away suddenly on Nov. 14, 2019 at his home in Port Stanley, age 55. He is survived by his daughter Morgan Jane Passarelli, his brothers **Tim ('79)** (Christine) and

Kirk ('80) (Julie), and his nieces and nephews, Rebecca, Kate, Logan, and Jennifer. He will also be missed by his many friends and colleagues. Dave was born in London to **Dr. Michael Dillon ('43)** (Margaret). A graduate of UWO with a degree in political science, Dave was an active member of the Progressive Conservative Party, recently working as a Regional Organizer for the Party. He was also a Parliamentary Assistant at Queens Park from the mid 1990's to 2003. An avid sports fan, Dave enjoyed playing softball, staying active, and doing the Toronto Star crossword. He was passionate about world issues, and loved to debate both Canadian and American politics. Within the family, he is remembered fondly as *"Crazy Uncle Dave"* for his sense of fun and good humour.

Shari Lee LAZENBY ('95) passed away on Feb. 28, 2020 at peopleCare Oakcrossing, age 43. Loving daughter of Janet (the late Kerry) Lazenby. Greatly missed by her sister **Charlene (Chuck) ('99)** and her brother **Brent ('04)** (Sarah). Dear aunt of Scarlett and Violet. Forever in the hearts of her extended family and friends. Art was Shari's life passion and she was very talented. A caring, kind-hearted soul, she will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Jonathon (Jon) STEWART ('15) passed away suddenly on Jan. 8, 2020, in London. Beloved only child of Cindy (Rushton) and Paul Stewart, Jon also leaves behind his devoted grandparents, Ruth and John Rushton of London and Harry Stewart of Elmira. He will also be missed by Aunt Susie and Uncle Bob Schoen of Grayslake, Illinois, and Uncle Steven and Aunt Carol Stewart of Waterloo, as well as his many cousins, who were more like brothers and sisters. A huge sportsman, Jon played on South's football team, coached the Junior

Thunderbirds, played hockey and was a counselor for The Youth Hockey Ministries Program. He used to say, *"If you are not first, you are not trying!"* He regularly used his many talents to assist ministries at Wesley Knox United Church. A graduate of Lambton College in the Fire Services Program (2019), Jonathon had many wonderful and special friends who enriched his life.

The following tribute and photo were taken from the South Football Facebook page:

The South Football family has suffered a great loss. Jon has been a constant on our sideline since graduating from South. He was our biggest fan and wore the Garnet and Grey with great pride. Jon was a former Ferguson Award winner largely due to the dedication he showed towards South Football. He truly had the Heart of a Lion.

You are deeply missed by your Lion Pride.



Dorothy HUMPHREY (staff, 1991-94) was Head Secretary at South for three years. She passed away on Nov. 11, 2019 at Country Terrace, Komoka at the age of 85. Loving mom of Linda Burrows, Lori Bork and Sandra Mastrolacasa). Proud Grandma of six and great grandmother of eight. A highly regarded secretary and administrative assistant in the London school system, she was described by one colleague as *"a lovely, kind and highly respected friend to all"*.

In Memoriam



MAIL BOX...

Letters and e-mails from alumni



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2022

I work for the Department of National Defence as a Public Servant (I'm former military) as an aerospace engineer. My title is Head of Airworthiness Certification. I've been living in Ottawa for the past 27 years with my husband Brian Lewis and our sons, Chris and Jeff.

I look forward to returning to South in 2022 for the 100th anniversary!

Pam (Post) Lewis ('79)

STAFF REGISTRY UPDATE

I noted that on the 'Staff Registry', teacher **Andy Larson's** status was incorrect. I had tried to contact Mr. Larson well over a decade ago, to thank him for his teaching style and his positive influence on many, including me, only to sadly find that he had passed. He was an absolutely wonderful gentleman with a huge sense of humour. And although he wasn't a tall fellow, I believe he had boxed some during his youth, while in the military. After South CI, I understand that he taught French for a time at Clarke Road HS.

Again, many thanks for your fine work!!

Darrell Wells ('71)

(Editor's Note: We have since determined that Andy Larson passed away on Feb. 15, 2009 and have updated our database.)



ALUMNI IN THE NEWS...

SANDY (ROSS) FRAZER ('79), former SCAA director and manager of the Directory of Entrepreneurial Alumni, became a first-time bride on Sept. 21, 2019. Her Maid-of-Honour was South grad and former SCAA treasurer, **Carolyn MacVicar ('80)**, a friend of over 40 years, after meeting in **Mr. Hauch's** 'Man In Society' class. **Shaughn Russell ('81)**, another former SCAA director, fitted the groom with a suit from Tip Top Tailors. Sandy also shared that her new husband, David, who came to Canada from N. Ireland 45 years ago, now proudly wears her dear late father's ring (**F. Donald Ross, class of 1940**).



DAN BRODBECK ('86), was nominated for a Grammy award in the Best Rock Album category for his work on the Cranberries' final album, *In The End*. Although the Irish alternative rock group's album didn't win, it was still a huge honour to be nominated, "a little overwhelming to be honest". It was also "a bittersweet thing" for Brodbeck, who was a close friend of the Cranberries' lead singer, Dolores O'Riordan, who passed away in 2018 before the album was completed. Brodbeck, engineered part of the album and also co-wrote the track "Summer Song" with O'Riordan. The coordinator of the Music Industry Arts program at Fanshawe College, won a Juno award in 2010 as Recording Engineer of the year for his work on O'Riordan's solo album.



MINDY (KELLER) GOUGH ('89), one of the organizers of the Class of '89's successful 30th Reunion last fall, said there are plans to meet again in the next few years and invites classmates to get in touch at goughfamily@wightman.ca, "so that we can let them know when the next get together takes place".

NATHAN DUBARRY was a grade 9 student at South last year. This year the 6'5" 265-pound athlete is in Mississauga, enrolled at **Football North**, an elite prep program whose stated goal is "to be the best student-athlete based football program in Canada". For most of his life, Nathan was a hockey player, but was inspired to try football after watching the South Lions, then ranked #1 in Canada, play. As a grade 7 and 8 student watching the South team win every game, he decided he "wanted to do that". After making South's junior squad in 2018-19, Nathan was invited to join the Mustangs Junior Varsity team last summer. That's where he caught the attention of Football North, and a few weeks ago, he was ranked "the No. 1 offensive lineman and third overall prospect for the 2022 college recruiting class". According to Football North's offensive co-ordinator and o-line coach, "the world is his oyster and if he continues his work ethic, he can go down as one of the biggest recruits we've ever had".

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For the past two years, Cathy Wood, editor of the *Wortley Villager* has asked me to submit one of the 57 profiles for publication in the November issue. Last November, I chose the profile on Harry Dickson. In a closing note, added to the profile, I explained that I had learned from Harry's niece and SCAA colleague, **JoEllen Wright ('81)** that Harry's youngest sister, Jean Passmore, was still alive. The lovely phone chat I had with Jean made my work on the book more meaningful than ever. Last year I was also asked to give a Remembrance Day talk on the book at Metropolitan Church's monthly Men's Breakfast. This past February, I was asked to give a short talk about the history of Old South at the London Branch of the ACO's AGM. The meeting, scheduled for April 22, has had to be cancelled, but when it is rescheduled, I will be ready.

UPDATE ON SCAA ACTIVITIES

Closures and Cancellations: With the closure of schools in Ontario since mid-March, all events and activities have been cancelled until further notice. Combined with the government imposed restrictions on public gatherings, this has meant that **all SCAA meetings have been cancelled**, including the May AGM. Other events, like OSCO's **Gathering on the Green**, that we always participate in, have also been cancelled. Given the current situation, you can appreciate that we have very few updates to share. The new **SCAA Photo Wall** mentioned in the fall issue is on hold until we can get back into the school. The purchase of the **New Team Tent** is going ahead as planned, but delivery would have had to be postponed. We do have an important thank you and a few updates, however.

Thank You: A big thank you to the **Class of 1969** for their generous donation following their successful 50th Anniversary Reunion last October. Combined with the profit we made operating the bar at the school for their Friday evening gathering, the SCAA was able to make a significant deposit after the event.

South's 100th in 2022: Unfortunately, the special meeting scheduled for April 7th to brainstorm ideas for celebrating South's 100th had to be cancelled, but planning will resume when possible. In the meantime, alumni with suggestions are encouraged to send us an email.

Class of 1970 Reunion Postponed: A decision was made recently to postpone the Class of 1970's 50th Reunion until next year... "50 + 1"!

Restoration of Website Address: After the temporary use of the address **south1928.ca**, while the website was being updated, it will be returning to the one you are all familiar with: **southalumni.ca**.

Call to Aspiring Alumni Writers: You will notice that virtually all the writing in this issue has been done by me, the editor. I would love it if a few more alumni would contribute. It doesn't have to be polished work. I can do that part.

Knowing No Defeat

Apart from 5 copies at Tuckey Hardware, we have fewer than 20 books remaining, which we plan to keep for late requests and replacements for South's class set. Thanks to all of you who have purchased books and to those who have taken the time to send us feedback. Also, a very special thank you to **Dave Tuckey ('82)** for acting as our vendor for the past two and a half years. Without the space he provided to display our books, sales would never have gone as well as they have. Interestingly, although book sales are drawing to a close, the impact of the book is continuing in different ways. (continued on page 7)

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