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SOUTH ALUMNUS MOBILISED TO HELP FIGHT THE PANDEMIC IN SCOTLAND

by Andrew Hart ('87)

Squadron Leader Andrew Hart ('87) is a PhD student in International Relations at the University of St Andrews. He was mobilised for full-time service as a Royal Air Force reservist in his home in Fife, Scotland to use his expertise to support the Scottish Government and National Health Service in its fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

I guess that I have been 'on vacation' in Scotland for going on over 34 years – since the year after leaving South. My original goal in coming to Scotland was to fulfil a long-time dream of joining the British Army. I spent 4 adventurous years in The Gordon Highlanders, but subsequently embarked on a bigger, unintended adventure: marriage to my Scottish wife, Alison. We met when I was serving at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in the summer of 1988 and, well, it just never seemed the right time to move back to Canada.

Living in Edinburgh, I studied for a degree as a mature student and thereafter pursued an 18-year career in the RAF as an Intelligence Officer. I saw service worldwide, including in Turkey, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Falkland Islands – even Cold Lake, Alberta. After a fascinating career, and seeking family stability, I settled back in Scotland with Alison and our 3 children. I remained engaged with the RAF as a part-time reservist, however, and was called upon this year to use my skills and experience in intelligence to support the Scottish authorities in the Covid-19 crisis.

Initially, I was in the military liaison team working with the Scottish Government and my role was as an intelligence mentor with the Department of Health & Social Care. I was to assist their Covid information team to meet the rising information needs of its senior leadership and wider staff. I soon grasped that direct application of well-known military processes and procedures would be unworkable. However, by applying my experience (and common sense), I decided to tailor military intelligence best practice for this organisation, thereby helping to improve the quality and timeliness of its information. I found the Health Department staff receptive to this idea and, in partnership, we iteratively developed their health intelligence output.

Currently, I am the lead military planner with the Edinburgh regional health board, assisting with both the vaccination and community asymptomatic testing programmes. In this, I have been able to use my military skill in crisis planning and problem solving to complement the health board's expertise in public health and quality clinical care. The past few months have been hectic: tight deadlines, uncertainty and the need for creative thinking. *"It's been really humbling working with the skilled and dedicated health professionals and Public Servants across the National Health Service Scotland. They have been working hard on a wide range of very demanding problems, across both Health and Government, and are a great team."*

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"Looking back on this year, I reflect on finding myself professionally challenged in some very extraordinary ways. The demands of Covid were outside our usual military experiences, but we were all hugely motivated. We drew upon our inherent ability to adapt to new circumstances, and to tailor our skills and experiences to the unique demands of the situation. Ultimately, I have been privileged to contribute to my community's wellbeing throughout the Covid-19 crisis."

Andrew will shortly finish full-time Reserve service and will reinvest his recent experiences in a new job as a municipal Risk and Resilience Officer. Other plans include *"studying for my doctorate part-time and resuming the normality of family life, as well as hobbies of running and playing the bagpipes in a local band."* His Canadian roots remain important, however: *"I return 'home' to London regularly and remember the great times I had at South C.I. (particularly Mr Tuck's German classes). He also 'welcomes any old friends getting in touch!'"*

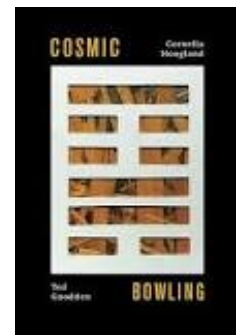
ALUMNUS EMERGES AS ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT VOICES OF THE PANDEMIC

In last fall's issue, I wrote a piece on **Dr. Adalsteinn ("Steini") Brown ('88)**, Dean of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health, who had assumed a very important role advising the government during the Covid pandemic. As Co-chair of the **Ontario Covid-19 Science Advisory Table**, Dr. Brown discusses new coronavirus trends at a press conference every two weeks. As early as February 11, he presented modelling that warned of the dangers of lifting public-health measures in the face of the new variants. As predicted, case numbers started to increase, and in an interview with the *Globe & Mail* on March 11, Dr. Brown voiced his concerns: *"Right now we are basically in the middle of a minefield."* Five days later, the 3rd wave was declared to be officially underway. The next day it advised that a strict 3-week lockdown was necessary in certain regions of the province to control the explosive growth of the more transmissible variants. Although the group of experts Dr. Brown represents doesn't report directly to anyone in the government, their science-based modelling is clearly important to the decision-making process. Dr. Brown also isn't afraid to call for stronger measures, such as improving the government's inadequate sick-pay policies. Although the messages he delivers are not always welcome, his honest, straight-forward approach has earned the respect of both the government and the public. Despite his becoming one of the most prominent voices of the pandemic over the past few months, Dr. Adalsteinn Brown makes it clear it is not a role he relishes, and will be happy when this is all over to return to his work as a researcher and academic administrator. For the time being, however, the people of Ontario are fortunate to have him assuming the role he has in helping to battle the pandemic.



THIS ALUMNUS WAS IMPACTED IN A DIFFERENT WAY

Cosmic Bowling was published in the spring of 2020 by Guernica Press (Toronto). The work is a collaborative effort that combines the ceramic sculptures of alumnus **TED GOODDEN ('66)** with the poetry of his wife Cornelia Hoogland. Through image and text, Ted & Cornelia respond to the 64 hexagrams contained in the *I Ching*, or *Book of Changes*, an ancient book of Chinese wisdom. Cornelia has crafted 64 six-line poems to represent the hexagrams, complemented by the images of Ted's sculptures. Ted also wrote an informative closing essay for the book that provides an illuminating history of the *I Ching* text and describes its value to him personally and in his practice as a clinical psychologist. Unfortunately, the pandemic forced the cancellation of a reading tour that would have taken them across the country, including a stop in London. The good news, however, is that the book has received some very positive reviews. One reviewer described it as *"visually rich and linguistically marvellous, a wonderful collaboration of two artists at the height of their powers as they joyfully explore art, wisdom, and time"*.



Cosmic Bowling is available for purchase online, as well as locally, at **Mandala Books**, 190 Central, owned by South alumna **Susan (Casey) Estabrooks ('66)**.

Another Alumna Thrust into the Spotlight: Meaghan Cunningham

by Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)

As a student at South in the early 1990's, **Meaghan Cunningham ('94)** was an enthusiastic participant in a number of school activities, especially those involving music. She sang in the choir, served on the Music Council and performed in several school shows. In 1993, upon learning that there would be no school show, Meaghan



Meaghan Cunningham

*Oh! Divine learning institution,
Who taught me math and chemistry,
Biology, Shakespeare and Latin
But when do I learn how to be me?*

*Chicago, Bye Bye Birdie
Carousel and Jimmy Dean,
Russia and Godspell
With classes in between,*

*To all my friends and teachers,
Who've helped me know myself
What you've taught me is this:
Life is a poem, and never conform.*

was one of a group of student leaders who decided to mount a show on their own. They chose the musical "Carousel", and despite some controversy, the student-directed production was not only successful, but it even turned a profit! The importance of this involvement in forging her very positive memories of South is evident from the poem she wrote to accompany her yearbook photo.

Since leaving South, Meaghan's passions have led her in a different direction: the pursuit of justice. For almost 18 years, she has been a Crown Attorney in Ottawa, largely specializing in prosecutions involving sexual violence, human trafficking and

homicide. One such case involved the former Afghanistan hostage, Joshua Boyle. In March 2019, she opened the Boyle's trial by asserting that given the unusual and difficult experiences his wife Caitlan Coleman had endured, *"it would be a mistake to conclude she was a willing participant in her husband's physical and sexual abuse"*.

Currently, Meaghan is the East Region Lead for the Human Trafficking Prosecution Team and is a member of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General's Sexual Violence Advisory Group. Highly respected in her field, she has been invited to speak at conferences, educational seminars, and training sessions in Ontario and around the country. In April 2018, she was one of the speakers at *The National Symposium on Sexual Assault Cases in the Criminal Court: The Latest Developments in Law, Science and Practice*, part of the Osgoode Professional Development program. Meaghan has been a leader in developing a trauma-informed prosecution model for sexual violence cases, has been involved in task forces and advisory committees on the topics of domestic violence, human trafficking and honour-based violence and is the course director for the Ontario Crown Attorney's Association summer school course on Sexual Violence.



Most recently, Meaghan has been thrust into the spotlight as Crown Prosecutor in the case of Corey Hurren, the 46-year-old Manitoba man who rammed a gate at Rideau Hall before arming himself and heading on foot toward Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's home last July. On February 23rd, Meaghan, was tasked with delivering the Crown's sentencing arguments against Hurren. Despite the fact that he claimed that he never intended to harm anyone and eventually surrendered his guns without firing them, Meaghan argued that Hurren's actions *"were far from benign"*, that they were, in fact, *"incredibly dangerous. They created a risk of harm or death to anyone that might have been caught up in what he had planned."* Two weeks later, Justice Robert Wadden handed down the exact sentence that the Crown had asked for: 6 years minus time served, accepting the Crown's argument that *"Corey Hurren committed a politically motivated, armed assault intended to intimidate Canada's elected government."*

When asked to comment for this article, Meaghan provided the following response:

As a Crown, our relationship to the media is often a strange one. In most cases we are not able to speak directly to the media, and instead what we say in court gets reported in the article; sometimes correctly, sometimes not. Sometimes it's difficult to predict which cases will capture the attention of the media, and how far the stories will travel. I've had a number of cases over the years that have attracted considerable media attention, and the public scrutiny does add a different layer to the work we do as prosecutors. The same qualities that make a case interesting to the public often make it challenging and rewarding to prosecute, as well.

Yet another Alumnus thrust into the Spotlight...

Andrew Sadler ('96) has been a Crown Attorney in Thunder Bay since October 2017. Earlier that year, Barbara Kentner, a 34-year-old Anishinaabe woman had been walking down a Thunder Bay street with her sister when a passenger in a passing car threw a heavy metal trailer hitch at her, hitting her in the abdomen. Five months later she was dead and the autopsy concluded that the perforated bowel that caused her death was tied to the blunt force injury she had received during the January assault. Brayden Bushby, just 18 at the time of the attack, was arrested, but it took more than three years for the case to come to trial. In December 2020, Bushby was found guilty of one count of manslaughter in Kentner's death. On February 17, 2021, Crown Prosecutor, Andrew Sadler, submitted his arguments requesting a custodial sentence of 8 to 12 years. He described the attack as completely "unprovoked" and the innocent victim as "physically vulnerable". Not only did Bushby's behaviour following the assault demonstrate "a callous indifference", but there was enough evidence to conclude that the "motive behind the offence was based on bias or prejudice". Bushby, now 22, returns to court for sentencing on May 4.

Cases such as this one cannot be easy for lawyers to deal with. Not only are the details disturbing, but there are complicating issues, not the least of which is the length of time the legal process takes. By the time Bushby is sentenced it will be more than four years since the assault took place. I asked Andrew to share his thoughts on the challenges of prosecuting a case like this one.

Crown attorneys have a responsibility to see that justice is done in every case. We have a responsibility to be fair, dispassionate and moderate, and to ensure that prosecutions are carried out in a manner consistent with the public interest. Serious and high profile cases are particularly challenging from a mental and emotional perspective. We work with victims who have suffered significant personal loss, and we know that in addition to the parties directly involved, our work is important to the public at large. The challenges associated with working on cases like this are one of the things that makes a career as a Crown prosecutor so rewarding.

An Unexpected Gift from the Past



On January 18, 2021, an unexpected package arrived at South earmarked for the SCAA. The sender was a man named Bill Devitt, the son of a woman who had taught English & Phys Ed at South.

Although **Peggy (Thompson) Devitt (1946-48)** taught at South for only two years, she must have had a positive impact on her students. When she moved to Leaside (Toronto) following her marriage, the GAA Executive of 1947- 48 presented her with a unique gift: a wooden rolling pin inscribed with the names of students she had taught or coached, as well as staff she had worked with, including Jessie MacFarlane. The rolling pin was also covered with detailed artwork, done by Anna Baker, one of Peggy's students, who went on to become a celebrated artist (See note below). The choice of this object, associated with the life of a housewife, was probably inspired by the news of Peggy's marriage. It also suggests, however, that her students recognized her as a person with a good sense of humour, and the fact that she kept it for the rest of her life indicates that it must have been a treasured memento of her time at South.

Footnote: Although Peggy did indeed spend a few years as a stay-at-home wife and mother of three, she returned to teaching at Leaside HS in 1964, following the death of her husband, and taught there until she retired in 1986. She passed away December 16, 2006 at the age of 85.

Anna P. Baker (1928 – 1985) was a member of South's class of 1947. After graduating with a BA from Western in 1950, she went on to earn a BFA and an MFA from graduate from the Art Institute of Chicago. In 1956, she won the top painting award at the Chicago Art Institute's 59th Chicago and Vicinity annual art festival and her artwork was exhibited for many years in major cities from Los Angeles to New York. Although she lived her adult life in the US, Anna remained a proud Canadian and frequently exhibited her work in London. Her estate generously donated one of her paintings, "the Taming of the Shrew", to South in 1986.



MAIL BOX...

Letters and e-mails from alumni



A WONDERFUL MEMORY FROM HOLLAND, 1960

Kit and I read the poignant tribute to South's war dead (Fall 2020) with great interest. The passages about Holland especially struck a chord of memory. In 1960 we were living in West Germany where I was a member of Canada's NATO brigade. On my first leave, we headed for Holland. Our ultimate destination was Scheveningen on the North Sea, so that our daughters Gwen and Victoria could enjoy the beach and Madurodam, the famous miniature city.

We paused en route to pay our heartfelt respects at the Oosterbeek Airborne cemetery near Arnhem and the Canadian and Allied war cemeteries at Groesbeek and Apeldoorn. Every grave site is cared for meticulously by the ever-grateful Dutch.

When our tiny 1950 German Olympia sedan had a mishap near Utrecht, the quarter guard at a Dutch Army barracks generously came to our aid. The car repaired, we carried on, then decided to stop over in Zutphen for the night.

We entered a hotel and a receptionist came to the desk. Not realizing then that many Dutch speak English as well as (or better than) many Canadians, I guessed that German might be easier. "Haben Sie bitte ein Zimmer für heute Abend?"

The receptionist's eyes hooded. "Nein." His tone was surly.

I turned to Kit: "Well, that's that. We'll have to look for somewhere else."

The clerk looked up. "You're not German?"

"No, we're Canadians," I replied.

Suddenly animated, the receptionist joyfully threw up his arms. "You liberated us! Of course, we have a room!"

In no time, Kit and the girls were in our lovely room freshening up for dinner, while the receptionist insisted on towing me into a small bar for a glass of Canadian Club. I felt rather a fraud, because I had been eleven years old when the war ended, and I hadn't liberated anybody. Then the penny dropped. Fifteen years since the war and Holland's occupation, but passions were still raw. In that instant, I had changed in this Dutchman's eyes from hated oppressor to an emblem of every Canadian who had fought to free Holland.

When at last he liberated me from the little bar, I joined Kit and the girls, and we all trooped downstairs for dinner. As we entered the dining room, a small string combo playing sedate dinner music stopped in mid-note and the clink of cutlery died. Silence. Every diner's eyes were on us. Then sudden applause and the combo struck up "Alouette, gentille alouette, Alouette, je te plumerai. . . ." A moving moment!

In the morning, we resumed our journey, and although more was to come, the trip's most memorable event was already past. The Dutch don't forget.

G. W. Stephen Brodsky ('51), C.D., Ph.D. (D.Phil., Lit.) with wife **Kathleen (Kit) Wright Brodsky ('52)**

ANOTHER RESPONSE TO FALL 2020 ISSUE: Keep up the great work on the newsletter. I appreciate all the work that goes into the final copy. Years ago, I was treasurer of *The History and Social Science Teacher*, published by Althouse College of Education, so my evaluation comes from that past experience.

I knew about **Ross Karlson's ('55)** passing several months ago and I want to add to his memoriam by saying what a fantastic football and baseball player he was during his career. Ross was an idol of mine when I was growing up. I admired his football abilities and wanted to learn from him. I remember thinking one day that I could kick a football like him and went to his house to show off my skills. When he took one of my kicks and punted the ball way over my head in street shoes, it demonstrated to me that I still had a long way to go.

I also read about **Paul Burd's (staff, 1947-57)** passing. He was the coach of the junior football team and when I made the team, I told him that I had worked with Ross on my kicking game. In the first game of the year, he decided to put me in as the punter, but when I took the first snap, the kick went off the side of my shoe and only went about 15 yards. Well, that ended that and Mr. Burd suggested I work some more with Ross (who was a star on the senior team).

One of the great things about the newsletter is it gives you a chance to go back in time and reflect on so many past thoughts and memories. One of those memories is about a South reunion I went to many years ago. When the student at the registration desk asked me my name and graduating year, I said that I never really graduated (French & math were not my strong suits). She just smiled and said in a very kind way, "That is okay, Mr. Henderson, we welcome you back".

Jamie Henderson ('56)

SOUTH COLLEGIATE IS TURNING 100!



As many of you know, South's previous anniversary celebrations have all been based on the date the building on Tecumseh Avenue opened – the spring of 1928. By that time, however, the school as an educational institution had been in existence for over six years, since September 1922, when South Collegiate welcomed its first students in the old Victoria Public School. Unlike the current Victoria PS, which faces Wharncliffe, the old school (long since demolished) fronted on Askin Street. The opening of a second collegiate was necessitated by a fire at the London Collegiate (now Central) and given the growth in the south part of London, it was determined that the newly established school would serve all students living south of the river. And so LSCI opened in the fall of 1922, and despite the rather dilapidated condition of the old building, its 290 students and 10 teachers embraced their new home. Tradition has it that those first students had a pledge of loyalty that they made daily: *"We're here to win the day for the Garnet & Gray, and to London South we pledge allegiance now."*

Within the first few months a rather astonishing number of student organizations and extra curricular activities had been established, including a student newspaper called "The Oracle", which published its first edition that December (with a price of just 10 cents). South's first Principal, Mr. Everton Miller, began his front-page article "Our School" with the following paragraph:

London South Collegiate Institute is enjoying the first year of its existence in a very decided way. Although it has been organized but four months, it has already shown signs of being a very aggressive and progressive institution. It has already enlisted enthusiastic co-operation of the students and their parents. It bids fair to become a source of pride to the people of the community that it serves.

Principal Miller goes on to assert that *"the work in the classrooms is being carried on with a marked degree of vigour and enthusiasm"*. He also speaks proudly of the establishment of several important student organizations: the Boys' Athletic Association, the Girls' Athletic Association and the Literary Society, which also assumed responsibility for the Orchestra and the Glee Club. A pretty impressive accomplishment after only four months of existence.

Today's students may not be willing to "pledge allegiance", but I think it's safe to say that most of them still feel a sense of pride in being part of a school with such a strong tradition of excellence. And based on my experience as a 20+ year member of the SCAA, I can say with confidence that we have several thousand very proud alumni. We may now be the city's smallest high school, but we are still going strong!

Planning for South's 100th Anniversary

Although details have yet to be worked out, a 2-part celebration has been proposed, similar to the one held by Beal Secondary School for their 100th Anniversary in 2016.

Observance of the First Day of School

Tuesday September 6, or Saturday September 10, 2022
at Victoria Public School
Tent, podium, outdoor pub, displays of 1922

100 Years of LSCI

Weekend of May 12-14 or May 26-28, 2023
at 371 Tecumseh Ave
Friday night Pub
Saturday: Displays, Meet the Teacher, Musical Revue
Sunday: Interfaith Service, Tours of the school

(Note: No large, off-site dinner-dance is being planned for South's 100th. The Saturday evening of the reunion weekend, normally reserved for such an event, is being left open for individual years (or a few closely connected years) to plan smaller, more intimate gatherings, if so inclined.

SCAA Past-President, Pete Telford (staff 1978-98) is in the process of trying to set up an advisory committee to oversee the planning process, but no concrete details have been worked out yet and we welcome input from our alumni. Given the ongoing situation with Covid it is still too early to try to assign any specific tasks, but we are asking alumni, especially London-based ones, to consider how they might be able to assist with the planning and execution of this very important event.

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In the meantime, there are some things you can start to do right away...

Look through any old scrapbooks and photo albums from your time at South. If you find something you think will be of interest to classmates, scan or photocopy the item (or items) and send to contact@southalumni.ca, along with a brief descriptive note. **Note:** Please don't send any originals, unless you don't wish to get them back.

Do you have a favourite memory from your time at South? Take a few minutes to write down this memory so it can be shared with fellow alumni in future newsletters and/or at the 100th Anniversary.

Contact any South classmates you are still in touch with to make sure they are getting our news. If not, ask them to be sure to send us their contact info.

And finally, consider entering our **"Couplet Contest"**, an idea put forth by yours truly, the editor of this newsletter and a former high school English teacher. To get you started, I have come up with a couplet of my own and invite you to create your own to add to mine. Every contributor will be recognized and hopefully by the time of South's 100th celebrations, we will have created a wall of rhyming couplets.

*In nineteen hundred and twenty-two
South began teaching students like you...*

Life at South in the Year of Covid

As you can imagine, life at South has been very different this year. It starts with entering the building. Everyone must come through the front doors and sanitize upon entry. Staff, as well as students are required to complete COVID screening every day. Not only has classroom capacity been limited, but there is also limited movement within the building. Masks are required at all times and face shields when you are within 6 feet of a student. All equipment, manipulatives, items and objects used in the classroom must be sanitized after every use and students must sanitize upon every time they enter a classroom.

Semesters have been broken down into Quadesters: Period 1 for a week, alternating cohorts each day (i.e. Cohort A comes M, W, F and Cohort B comes T, Th). Teachers also provide online instruction for cohorts at home. Period 2 is the next week, then periods 3, 4 & 5 the following weeks for a total of 10 weeks. Then a new quadester begins.

Mainstream classes go to school from 8:15 - 12:30 with two 10-minute breaks. During breaks desks are wiped down by custodians. Special Education classes come every day from 8:00 - 2:30. Teachers are required to teach in-person and virtually at the same time. Outside the classroom, all staff meetings and P.D. days are virtual events.

As challenging as all these Covid necessitated changes have been for both staff and students, the most disappointing impact on students has no doubt been the lack of extracurriculars: no assemblies, teams, sports, clubs, dance shows or school productions (not to mention no cafeteria or vending machines!)

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS...

Two South Grads were among those elected to Huron University College's first Board of Governors in February. Our congratulations to both alumni!

JANE CASKEY ('87), a partner in the law office of Norton Rose Fulbright in Toronto

DR GEOFF READ ('94), Provost and Dean, Faculty of Arts & Social Science, Huron University College, elected as an ex-officio member

JASON DUTTON (2000) has achieved the distinction of being the youngest full professor of Chemistry in Australia. Jason, who teaches in the School of Molecular Sciences at La Trobe University in Melbourne, also mentioned in his email that he had enjoyed going through the last 20 years of alumni newsletters recently. His parents still live on Gerrard Street and he indicated he tries to drop in on **Mr. Martin** when he's in London.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert McColl ALDIS ('40) passed away in Guelph in early February. Survived by his three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Predeceased by his wife **Mary (Price) ('41)** and brothers John and **Barclay ('42)**. A physician and a veteran, Bob served as a member of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp. He went on to specialize in public health, serving as Medical Officer of Health for Huron, Perth, and Wellington-Dufferin Counties. A Past President of the Ontario Public Health Association, Bob was recently honoured as the last surviving member of Western's Medicine Class of 1945. A *"gentle soul and a true egalitarian"*, Bob was a lifelong scholar who preserved a keen interest in history, politics, and the natural world.

Charles ("Chuck") EGLESTON ('65) passed away at his home in Kitchener on July 5, 2020, age 73. Survived by his wife Linda, sons Charlie and Sam and three grandchildren. Dear brother of **Lois ('67)** and **Brian ('71)** (Elizabeth). He was respected professionally by both golf superintendents and lawn care operators in Ontario and Western Canada. Friends admired him for his deep love for family, his passion for art and sports (especially golf), his keen sense of humour and his great laugh. He *"aspired to be like his father, honest to a 'tee'"*.

Dale HENDERSON ('65) passed away Dec. 16, 2020 at University Hospital, following a stroke, age 74. Lovingly remembered by his two children, two grandchildren and sisters June Dale and **Fay Barnett ('72)** (Jim). After earning a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Waterloo Co-Op Program (1970), Dale founded his own company D.G. Henderson & Associates Ltd. in 1975. That same year he began a 5-year teaching stint at Fanshawe College (1975-80). The quintessential entrepreneur, Dale was always looking for new business opportunities. His many ventures include being the founding director of the London Small Business

Centre; the president and founding chair of The London High Technology Association; the president of Sun Parlour Raceway Ltd.; president and owner of Bourbon Street Station in London; president of the London City Music Theatre; and the founding director of the London Economic Development Corp. In 1993, he was nominated by the Chamber of Commerce for an Outstanding Business Achievement Award and in 1995, for the Entrepreneur of the Year Award. In addition to all of this, Dale found the time to serve a term as Ward 9 Councilor for the City of London (2010-13). South classmates will probably remember Dale best as a talented musician, the percussionist in South's Senior Band and the Dance Band. He never lost this love of music and played with the Tomato Soup Band..

James (Jim) MORRIS ('66) passed away on Nov. 4, 2020 at University Hospital in London. Survived by wife **Pamela (Haley) ('67)**, daughters **Melanie ('91)** and **Meighan ('94)** (Ryan), granddaughters Haley and Rylee and three brothers (Michael, Jeff and Tim). A *"great husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and friend"*, Jim loved golf, cars, chocolate, Iowa road trips and most of all... his granddaughters.

Robert (Bob) MOORE ('69) passed away in Halifax on Feb. 3rd, 2021. After earning Fine Arts and Education degrees at Western, Bob commenced a 35-year teaching career. He taught in gifted classes at St. George's School and in several regular classrooms. He also spent four years with the Enrichment Resource team. Bob's father, **Richard Moore**, was a teacher at South from 1960-74. After retiring in 2005, Bob moved to Nova Scotia's south shore, where he indulged his love of gardening, until moving to Halifax in 2017. Bob is survived by his partner, Barry Dixon, his brothers **Peter ('66)** (Joyce) in Thunder Bay and **Rich ('77)** (Janice) in Stratford, and Barry's two adult children. An accomplished artist, Bob created many charcoal

drawings and chalk pastels, which he gave to friends and family, gifts that they will treasure, *"happy reminders of many happy times together."*

Robert (Rob) Michael FETCHISON ('73) passed away at home on Jan. 14, 2021, age 66, after an 8-month battle with cancer, faced with courage and dignity. Beloved husband of Chantale (Lavoie), loving father of Andre, Nick & Camille and proud Grand-Papa of two. Also survived by sister Barbara (**Kenneth McLatchie, '72**), nephews **Christopher ('08)** and **Matthew McLatchie ('12)** and nieces Caitlin and Gemma.

Nigel BLOW was at South for two years (1963-65). He passed away on Nov. 11, 2020 at L.H.S.C. at the age of 72. Dear partner of Cathy Gomez, father of **Chris Blow ('92)** and step-father of Maria and Emily. Survived also by four grandsons and a brother Mike.

Joan (Allison) CLUBB ('73) passed away suddenly, after a motor vehicle accident, on Nov. 3, 2020, in her 68th year. Beloved partner of Steve Shanahan, cherished sister of **Jackie Howarth ('68)** and dear aunt of **Scott Howarth ('97)** and Kelly McEachrean (Mike). Predeceased by her husband Jeffrey Clubb (2007). Joan worked for the London Free Press for over 25 years and was a devoted member of Rowntree United Church, where she sang in the choir. She will be missed by many.

David Alan JAY ('79) passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 23, 2021, age 60. Beloved husband, father, brother, son, grandfather and friend. He touched all of our hearts beyond words, leaving a void that can never be filled. Survived by his wife Rosemary, children, Kylie (Sam) and Shawna (Mike), stepchildren, Craig (Natacha) and Ryan (Christina) and three beautiful grandchildren (Georgia, Brayden and Jordyn). He will be dearly missed by his sisters, **Judi Guthrie ('66)** (Bob) and **Donna McBain ('69)** (Peter) and all his extended family members and friends.

STAFF PASSINGS...

Lois Catherine (Fulton) FARLEY (staff, 1954-57) passed away at Elgin Manor on Nov.12, 2020, in her 93rd year. Beloved wife of Dr. Robert "Bob" Farley for 67 years, dear mother of Janet, Kate, John, Martha and the late Mary and adored grandmother of six. Lois grew up on a farm in Southwold township. She went on to earn degrees at both Western (BA) and Queen's (PHE) before attending the Ontario College of Education, and Doon School of Fine Arts in Kitchener. Specializing in English and Physical Education, her teaching career took her to seven different high schools before she retired in 1989. Known for her boundless enthusiasm and energy, Lois was always very involved in her community. She served on the PUC, the UWO Executive Alumni Council and the YWCA Advisory Board, to name just a few, and in 1972 and 1973, was nominated for Elgin County's Woman of the Year. With a passion for the arts, she was an avid reader and theatre goer. Lois was also one of the driving forces behind establishing the Art Gallery of St. Thomas-Elgin. Friends and family remember her as *"a remarkable woman, with class and beauty, inside and out, who left an impact on everyone she met and everything she did"*. She wanted to be remembered as *"a proud Canadian, who loved the arts and her fellow persons, in her community and at large, but most of all her family."*

Charles Paul WENN (staff, 1958 - 65 and 1984 - 1991) passed away at home in London, on Jan. 12, 2021, age 86. Survived by his wife (of 62 years), Roberta (Seaton), and their two children, Jennifer and Stephen (Martha). Also remembered fondly by his four grandchildren. Paul grew up in Norwich, Ontario and earned his Hons B.Sc. (Biology) and M.Sc. degrees from the University of Western Ontario. He taught Science for over thirty years at South and Westminster Secondary Schools, serving as Department Head for many of those years at both schools. Paul established sustained, meaningful relationships with many of his colleagues and instilled in his students and his children a deep appreciation of education and learning. A man of diverse interests, he enjoyed woodworking, singing in his church choir, bird watching, gardening and playing hand bells and the piano. Most recently, he dabbled with water colour painting. Paul will be deeply missed by many, but he *"left this world a better place than he found it, if judged by the positive influence he had on his family, neighbours, colleagues, and friends"*.



Marilyn (Krueger) WEARRING (staff, 1969-71) passed away peacefully on Nov. 1, 2020 at Oak Crossing in London at the age of 90. Missed by her four sons and three grandchildren. Marilyn grew up on a farm near Sebringville. Whether climbing to the roof of the barn at age 5 or waterskiing at 75, she was always up for adventure. After Normal School in Stratford, she taught at #5 Downie before heading to UWO (B.A. Phys Ed, 1954). Her teaching career continued in Lindsay, then in Saskatoon before being completed at South. Marilyn continued her contribution to education as a trustee and the chairperson of the Middlesex County Board for a number of years. In retirement, she wrote two cookbooks with a friend: *Muffins* and *Salads*. She also enjoyed travelling, volunteering in the community, curling, being active in the church and visiting friends near and far.

Edward ("Ed") LETTS (staff, 1983 - 1992) passed away at University Hospital, Feb. 25, 2021, in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Kathie Letts. Loving father of Sean Letts and his wife, Jacquie and grandfather of Kaitlin and Michelle, of San Diego. Ed devoted his life to teaching and retired from South after a long and successful career as Head of the Department of Mathematics. He was also a devoted husband, a great father and a doting grandfather. In retirement, Ed was an avid gardener. He will be missed.



William (Bill) GAWLEY (staff, 1993-96) passed away at University Hospital on Feb. 15, 2021, age 81. Beloved husband of Helen and dear brother of Lynne Timermanis and the late Tom. Bill was born in Toronto and grew up in Windsor. He moved to London where he taught Geography and also coached sports at Central, Banting, Beal and South. After retirement, he was a dedicated volunteer at University Hospital and on February 19th the flag at LHSC was lowered to half-mast to honour his 23 years of service. A volunteer in both the Lab Test Centre and the Intensive Care Unit, Bill *"was always willing to lend an extra hand"*. He also enjoyed cottage life at Hope Bay on the Bruce Peninsula, where he loved to hike, fish and entertain. Bill and his wife had many travel adventures together, in particular a 1000-mile boat trip down the Mackenzie River and a 3 month around-the-world tour. Described as *"a kind, generous, considerate person with a wonderful sense of humour"*.

Answers to 5 of the 6 questions from the "Grade 9 Challenge" Quiz included on page 4 of last fall's issue

- 1) Chuck Dalton ('46) played on Canada's basketball team at the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki
- 2) See page 10
- 3) The Lions Club donated money for our sports uniforms during the Depression of the 1930's, so we became the South Lions
- 4) (This lengthier explanation will be included in next fall's issue)
- 5) John Glassford ('72) was chosen as MVP in the 1981 Grey Cup Game, playing for the Ottawa Roughriders
- 6) Gerald Wilcox ('84) was a CFL All Star & Most Outstanding Canadian player in 1994, playing for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers

UPDATE ON SCAA ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Zoom Meeting on May 5 at 7 PM. We were never able to reschedule last spring's cancelled AGM, but were determined not to miss having one this year. This AGM, as always, is open to all alumni. You do not have to create your own Zoom account to participate, but we do need to have your name and email address, so that we can send you the link that you will need to be able to "enter" the meeting. Since I am responsible for setting this Zoom meeting up, I would ask all alumni wishing to participate to send me an email (cjweir2@gmail.com) no later than April 26. I will then email the meeting link to everyone interested, no later than Monday May 3rd.

EXECUTIVE VACANCIES: Every third year is scheduled as an SCAA election year and 2021 is one of those years. While many of our current members have indicated a willingness to remain on the executive, there will be at least two vacancies to be filled, so I would ask alumni, who are willing to consider serving a 3-year term on the executive to let us know in advance of the AGM (contact@southalumni.ca).

UPDATING THE LIST OF CLASS REPS: The list of class reps, missing from the Registry home page for some time, has been re-installed, with the most up-to-date list of reps that we currently have. I am asking all alumni to go on our website (southalumni.ca) and click on the link to the Registry to see who is listed as class rep for your year. If no one is listed, please think about volunteering to fill that vacancy. If you are currently listed but no longer wish to maintain that position, then let us know ASAP, so we can try to find someone else. If you are currently listed and are happy to continue, then great! **Reminder:** We are a small executive and will need the assistance of class reps in our efforts to contact alumni prior to the 100th celebrations.

Remember chanting these words?

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S-C-I.!

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(REPEAT FIRST VERSE)

S.C.I.!

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