



South Collegiate Alumni Association

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LIONS' PRIDE

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A SPECIAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

MEET YOUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Pete Telford – Former South History teacher (1978-98) and the SCAA's longest serving executive member, Pete was association President until 2014 and Past-President after that. Caretaker of our Archives room at South, Pete is chair of the committee looking after the Decade Rooms, as well as being the contact person for alumni wishing to participate in the Reunion Store.



Connie (Woods) Weir ('66) – The SCAA's 2nd longest serving executive member, Connie has been involved since 2000 and writer/editor of *Lions' Pride* since 2005. She is also responsible for sending out alumni e-blasts. Her most important jobs right now, however, are completing the profiles for the 150+ alumni nominated for the "100 Years of Lions' Pride" project and making up the questions for the Trivia Contest.

Andrea (Fewster) Manias ('70) returned to South as a math teacher in 1976 and retired in 2009. She is also the mother of 4 South grads. Many years were spent serving on the SCAA and helping with past reunions. The Registrar for South's 100th, she is looking forward to greeting everyone as they arrive for the May celebrations.



Knute Dohnberg ('65) first became involved with SCAA in 2007, assuming the position of President in 2014. His proudest achievements were leading the process to get South's original LSCI name back, and organizing our licensed "Friday Night Lights" Homecoming football celebrations (2007 –11). Knute's move to the Beaver Valley in 2020 necessitated his stepping down as President. As Past-President, Knute is currently chairing our Reunion Bar Service.



Barbara Hoover ('72) Proud South grad and one of the newest members of the executive, Barbara is organizing the Student Council Presidents' Forum, the designated driver information, parking assignments and FOOD!! She has prepared profile notes for the "100 Years of Lions' Pride" project and coordinated last September's event at Victoria P.S. honouring South's "birthplace".

Lynne Hevey ('74) joined the SCAA executive in the spring of 2013 and was the key organizer for Saturday's Dinner/Dance at the 85th Reunion. She has served on the executive ever since, most recently as Vice-President. She currently chairs our 100th Anniversary Committee meetings and is assisting Knute with the Bar Service. Lynne's two sons, Jeremy & Ryan, are also South alumni.



Norma Evans is a former South teacher who joined the executive after she retired in 2017. She has served as both Secretary and Treasurer and is currently the Chair of the Memorabilia committee. Along with Stacey and Ross, she has selected the souvenir items that will be offered at the Reunion Store and will be looking after the online orders as they come in.



JoEllen Wright ('81) After volunteering at a fall Homecoming event, JoEllen joined the executive in 2018. She arranged for the 1922 Model T Ford to be at our September 9th event and is currently involved with promotion of the May Reunion through social media, filmed interviews, PSA's and marketing, including having 100 colourful posters made. She is also assisting with Bar Service.



Ross Spettigue ('62) joined the SCAA in 2017 as a Director. He is working with Norma Evans and Stacey Farr to provide "swag" for the 100th Celebration. Although he credits the ladies with doing the bulk of the work, Ross deserves a lot of credit for making almost every SCAA meeting despite living in Windsor.



Donna Gray ('62) As a result of chatting with Pete Telford, Donna decided that her banking experience with TD Canada Trust might be useful and volunteered to take on the important job of Reunion Treasurer. She has been enjoying being involved and looks forward to seeing the results of everyone's hard work. Her two children, Brooks & Lisa are also South alumni.



Mike Bloxam ('01) served as Secretary for the SCAA executive from 2008 until 2017, and worked on promotions for the 2013 Reunion and multiple Homecomings. Now the father of three young daughters, Mike came back on the executive in 2021, and is our website, Facebook & Instagram manager as we prepare for South's 100th Anniversary.



Ken Ramer ('69) has served on the SCAA for several years. He helped organize the 85th Reunion as well as our Homecoming Football events. He is currently serving on the Bar Service Committee for the May Reunion.



Judy Sumner ('68) joined the executive in the fall of 2019, taking on the role of Secretary. Family matters required her absence during much of 2021-22, but she has kindly returned and has resumed her role as secretary for the reunion planning committee.



Sue Smythe ('71) joined the Reunion Committee in 2022 and is making the arrangements for some of the musical entertainment.



Stacey Farr is a current South teacher/coach and the staff liaison on the SCAA executive since 2019. Her assistance in keeping us up-to-date on school matters is invaluable, as is her help in planning the reunion. She has assisted on the "Swag" committee and is also organizing an alumni basketball game in the gym on Saturday morning.



Linda Crossley is a former South principal (1997-2001) who kindly offered to come on board recently as the "Manager" of the Reunion Store to be set up in the library during the Reunion.



THE PROFILE PROJECT: "100 YEARS OF LIONS' PRIDE"

Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)

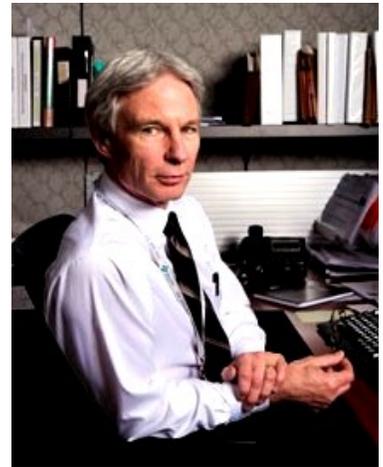
With the assistance of 10 alumni, who contributed research notes for almost half of the nominees, I am confident that the 150+ profiles will be completed in time for the May Reunion. As indicated in the March E-blast, the profiles will be displayed on the walls outside the appropriate Decade Room. While the project has been a huge one, it has also been a very rewarding one. Always a proud South grad, I am even prouder now. When you have the chance to read these profiles and see the incredible scope and variety of accomplishments of these South graduates over the 100 years of the school's existence, I think you will be too.

A big thanks to my research helpers: Barbara Hoover, Bill Culp, Norma Evans, Ian Underhill, Pete Telford, Teresa MacLeod, Sandy (Crawford) Ronson, Darla (Pryde) MacLeod, Sue (Pope) Smythe & Joanne (Rueckwald) Smith.

I have already shared a couple of the profiles with you, one in the fall newsletter and one in the February E-blast. I think it's time to share just one more with you before the May weekend...

DR. RICHARD MUSTO (1972)

- ⇒ MEDICAL DOCTOR & PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST
- ⇒ Active in football, hockey and track & field at South; also served as a prefect, was student council president and an Ontario scholar
- ⇒ Earned his medical degree from Western in 1978
- ⇒ Completed graduate and post-doctoral work in Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Calgary (1985)
- ⇒ Worked as a **community medicine specialist** for Health Canada in Indigenous Health, first in Manitoba and then Alberta
- ⇒ Switched to the provincial system in 1995 and held a number of senior positions: **Deputy Medical Officer of Health** (Calgary) (1999-2007) and **Lead Medical Officer of Health, Calgary Zone**, from 2009 until he retired in 2016
- ⇒ Assisted with the provincial response during the Covid pandemic and remains on a part-time basis as a public health specialist within the **Indigenous Wellness Core of Alberta Health Services**
- ⇒ Working with Indigenous communities had *"a profound impact on his life, both personally and professionally"*
- ⇒ A member of the Department of Community Health Sciences, U of Calgary Medical School since 1988, **Program Director for Public Health and Preventive Medicine** training for 12 years and a Founding Co-Director of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health
- ⇒ Participated in **global health initiatives** in Tanzania and Uganda, described as *"a grounding and inspirational experience"*
- ⇒ Publications and lectures cover a broad range of topics: healthcare for Indigenous populations, community water fluoridation, managing children's health care in Tanzania and pandemic influenza planning



Final Note: As seen in his profile, Richard was Student Council President in 1971-72. He is one of the former student presidents who has agreed to participate in a special Reunion event: Presidents' Forum (Saturday, 2 pm)

REUNION WEEKEND, MAY 26-28th... JUST 6 WEEKS AWAY and there's a lot to look forward to!

Beau Dixon & Andrea Koziol Concert - Saturday 3 pm - South Auditorium



You have already had the opportunity to read the profiles of both Beau and Andrea, so you know that we are incredibly lucky to have them performing at our Reunion. If you have already registered, you will have seen the box asking you to check off if you are interested in attending the concert. If you missed checking it off, not to worry, you can still attend. We just wanted to get an idea of numbers. As this is such a special event, scheduled for the end of Saturday's events at the school, we are planning to invite the current staff and student body to attend as well.

A recent email from Andrea indicated that she and Beau had come up with a rough setlist for the concert, which she said would be *"an eclectic mix of original songs, some iconic pop and soul, and a few special selections that pay homage to our days in the South Drama Department."* Sound too good to miss? I think so.

Decade Rooms: 7 Classrooms will be "decorated" with memories of past eras at South (20s-40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 2000s) – featuring old Yearbooks, photos, programs, newspaper articles, team uniforms, posters, etc. These rooms will be gathering places for old friends to get together, throughout Saturday and Sunday.

Reunion Store: Throughout Saturday (May 27) and Sunday (May 28) in the library, we will be selling a variety of *South* products (clothing, accessories – see our website), as well as books, albums and creative items produced by *South* alumni.

Memorabilia: Don't miss out on your opportunity to purchase some memorabilia celebrating South Collegiate's 100th Anniversary. You can go to <http://southalumni.ca/100th-anniversary/> before April 30th to order sweatshirts, shirts, hats, coffee mugs, insulated tumblers, water bottles and pens. These orders can be picked up at the Reunion May 26-28. If you are a procrastinator, you can purchase coffee mugs, insulated tumblers, water bottles and pens, while they last, at the Reunion Store in the school library on the second floor during the Reunion. No clothing, however, will be sold during the Reunion.

Jazz Ensemble: Alumnus **Ken McLagan ('75)** has put together a group of local musicians who have agreed to play for us on Friday evening during Pub Night. The gym will clearly be too noisy, but we want alumni to be able to enjoy the ensemble's music, so we are looking for the best location to achieve that goal.

Choral Group: Former South music teacher, **Dave Elston** ((1982-2003) has agreed to run an impromptu "Choir Rehearsal" in the music Room from 12 to 1 pm on Saturday. It would help him prepare if he had an idea of how many alumni might be interested in participating. So if you are longing to "join the chorus" so to speak, please let Sue Smythe know. (smythe@sympatico.ca)

Alumni Basketball: The gym will be a busy place Saturday morning as the first alumni basketball game in a number of years gets under way. South teacher/coach and organizer, Stacey Farr, says there has been a lot of interest so far and anticipates there may be multiple games on Saturday.

Student Council Presidents' Forum: This will be a dialogue among student council presidents, past & present. A final list of participants is not yet available, but we have already commitments from the presidents from 1968-69, 1971-72, and 2022-23. The forum is scheduled for 2 pm on Saturday afternoon. We are also looking for someone to video-record the one-hour session for use in future media distribution.

Promotion Efforts: To date, 9 alumni interviews have been completed, with some more remote interviews to come. In addition, 6 PSA's have been filmed, 100 posters printed and 8 interviews done with current South Collegiate students. These will, be available in the coming days & weeks through Youtube, Facebook, Instagram & messenger posts. Thanks to contributing Fanshawe Film Students: primarily Ethan Nelles, but also Paul Studiman, Jason Nguyen & Ben Wright.

Trivia Contest: As indicated earlier, the questions for the Trivia Contest will be based on the content in the 150+ alumni profiles displayed outside the decade rooms. While you won't be told the graduation year, you will be told in which of the 7 decade rooms the alumnus or alumna referred to in each question can be found. Hoping to create interest, the 1st question was included in the last E-blast Update. In case you missed it, here it is again, along with question #2. Both of these pertain to the 20's to 40's Decade Room.

Q 1: What South grad directed Canada's first colour feature film?

Q 2: What alumnus was Canada's longest serving Ambassador to the USSR and also won a Governor General's Award for Poetry?



FOOD & DRINK

Bar Service: The Bar Service for Reunion 100 will be similar to what was offered at the last reunion ten years ago. For the ever-popular Friday Pub Night, three venues will be operating: the gym, the cafeteria, and the atrium. We will also be offering a bar service on Saturday afternoon, serving reasonably priced tall-boy cans of ale or lager beer, vodka coolers, and offering red or white wine by the 750 ml bottle or a 9 oz glass. Pop and water will also be available, as well as munchie snacks. All purchases will be by Debit (no credit) or Cash. We wish to acknowledge that much of the above was made possible by the generous assistance of alum Matt Giffen and his Niagara based Bench Brewery and Niagara Cider & Fielding Estates Winery.

Saturday Food Trucks: The following food trucks will be providing plenty of food choices on Saturday: Big Daddy Bacon, New Leaf Plant Based Food, Tikka Tomato & Rocky Mountain Pizza (vegetarian options will be available)
Donut Diva and Mr. Cool (Ice cream) will provide sweet options.

Staff Brunch: Sunday, May 28 (11:00-12:00) am in the Cafeteria. All present and former staff members invited to get together to eat, renew acquaintances, and share stories. \$20 per person will be collected at the door.

MISCELLANEOUS

Lion Display Sign: The photo on the right shows what the Lion Pod looked like in 2013 when it was first installed. If you have been by it recently you will know that the plastic portion has deteriorated badly. The SCAA offered to pay for a temporary upgrade of the lion sign, but the school is planning for a complete (and expensive!) refurbishment of the Lion Pod (which may or may not be done in time for the Reunion). The SCAA still plans to arrange for some kind of meaningful legacy gift to mark South's 100th, but we are waiting until after the Reunion to decide, based on the funds we have available.



Selfie Booth: Take a picture with your friends and classmates in front of the roaring lions! Watch for signs showing the way to the Den! (See the proposed "Selfie" backdrop on page 10.) In case you don't have a selfie stick, we are trying to arrange for a few student volunteers to help take photos for us.

Parking: Parking around the school perimeter will be identified as "Special Parking". Spots will be made available for those who have disability permits. If you do not have a disability permit, but require an accessible parking spot, please contact Barbara Hoover, at barbarahooverlaw@bell.net. The upper level of parking will be open on a first come-first serve basis. Since parking in the neighbourhood is somewhat limited, we do encourage car pooling where possible.

Unable to Attend the Reunion? If you are unable to attend the May weekend, but want to send a greeting to past, present or future students, you are invited to email a video message, that includes your name and grad year, to our promotions chair at joellenwright@royallepage.ca.

UPDATES ON INDIVIDUAL CLASS REUNIONS



REMINDER FROM THE CLASSES OF 1967 & 68: We invite you to register by the May 1st deadline for our DOUBLE YEAR REUNION CELEBRATION with a dinner/dance at the Highland Golf /Country Club on Sat. May 27th. Enjoy Registration and "sip 'n nibble" from 6-7 pm , hot buffet dinner 7-8:30 and dance the night away after dinner. You are welcome to bring your spouse/partner, friend or another South alumnus from a different year (perhaps a South Band person). If interested & want more details, please contact Anne Beattie-Stokes, revanne@sympatico.ca (class of '67) or Alison Ferguson, alison.ferguson1@gmail.com (class of '68). See you there!

REMINDER FROM THE CLASS OF 1971: The class of 1971 will be meeting at 6 pm on **Sat. May 27th** at the Byron-Springbank Legion Hall for happy hour, followed by a buffet dinner at 7 pm. This evening will be a perfect opportunity for those of you who couldn't attend our 50th class reunion in 2021, and for those of you who did and want to continue the conversation! Check out their website at southclass1971.com for further details.

REMINDER FROM THE CLASS OF 1973: The class of 1973 will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary during the May Reunion. We have booked the Pub at the Highland Country Club from 5 to 9 pm on **Sat. May 27th** for an informal gathering. If you wish to join us, please email Trish Judge (Pat Davidson) at trishjudge@rogers.com to receive updates and emails regarding this get together.

A Special Teacher... David Culham (1967-70)

If you ask people about their school experiences growing up, almost everyone asked will be able to name at least one teacher who made a real difference in their lives. For South alumna and current SCAA executive member, **Barbara Hoover ('72)**, one of those special teachers was **David Culham (1967-70)**. David arrived as a "rookie" Geography teacher in the fall of 1967. Although he taught at South for only 3 years, he made an impact on many of his students. During his time at South, he arranged for the famous American architect, writer, inventor & futurist, Buckminster Fuller to speak at the school. One of Fuller's most familiar architectural designs is the geodesic dome, one of which was featured at Expo '67 in Montreal. Alumnus, **Barry Wells ('71)**, commented on the '71 reunion page how Fuller's address was "*one of the most memorable events in his high school experience*". As a grade 9 student, Barbara says she doesn't remember much about that address but does remember David Culham, who became a dear friend and remains so to this day. She notes that after he and his family moved to Mississauga in 1971, he had an illustrious career, as outlined below...



Not long after leaving London, Culham became a department head at Cawthra Secondary School in Mississauga. His family had been early settlers and business people in the Peel region and his interest in local history increased with his move there. He also got involved in regional politics. First elected to Mississauga City Council in 1973, he also served on the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, the Peel Board of Health and numerous other committees. One of the longest serving councillors for Mississauga (1973-2000), he brought his ward and city's concerns to the regional level during his 27 years as a Regional Councillor.

David Culham is best known for a number of initiatives including the City of Mississauga's first official plan, the blue box recycling programme and for a policy of dedication of valley land by developers in Mississauga to allow for the creation of a linear trail system and the preservation of the Credit River Valley. He also worked as a volunteer for the naturalization of parkland including extensive tree planting. The City honoured him for his environmental preservation policies with the naming of the 15 km **David J. Culham Trail** in 2016.



MEETING WITH MATT GIFFEN

Last January 20th Knute Dohnberg ('65) met with Bench Brewery owner and South alum Matt Giffin ('85) to plan the bar service details for South's 100th Reunion. The meeting took place at the (London owned) Side Launch Brewery & Brew Pub in Collingwood. Joining Matt and Knute were former South teachers Steve Officer (L) and Scott Bamford (R).

Successful Seasons for Three of South's Sports Teams

For the first time in several years, 3 South teams were successful in reaching OFSAA for this year's winter sports season: **Senior Boys Basketball**, **Senior Girls Volleyball** and the **Swim Team**.

The Senior Boys' Basketball team from South qualified for the OFSAA championships for the first time since 2004. Head coach Stacey Farr said the coaching staff was confident about the team from the start of the season: *"We knew that we were an OFSAA worthy team, and we put in the work after the Christmas break... to get better and become a more cohesive unit."*

After recording only two regular season losses, South defeated Clarke Road S. S. in the city championships then moved on to WOSSAA in the AA category. They defeated College Avenue Secondary School and St. Joseph Secondary School to advance to OFSAA.

Although the school maintains a fund to help send students with expenses on trips like OFSAA, principal Margaret Sullivan said with the number of teams and athletes qualifying in the winter season, it was tough for South to fund everybody. The cost for the Boys Basketball team alone was over \$5,000 in fees. The SCAA agreed to donate \$1000, \$500 to the Boys Basketball team and \$500 to the Girls Volleyball team to help cover their expenses.

Boys Basketball Team: The OFSAA was in Windsor this year and the boys made it to the Consolation Final match, but lost to the Thousand Islands team 80-63.

Senior Girls Volleyball: Coached by Justin Fish, the senior girls travelled to St. Catharines for the OFSAA tournament. They fought hard and beat teams in the Consolation quarterfinals and semi-finals but lost in the finals.

Swim Team: The Swim team placed 55th out of 261 schools competing. Banting's swim team came in 2nd, while Central was slightly ahead of South in 50th place. Regardless of the final OFSAA results, all three of these South teams deserve our heartiest congratulations. To make it to OFSAA is a huge accomplishment and one that everyone involved with these three teams can be proud of!

Senior Girls' Volleyball Team preparing to travel to the OFSAA Tournament in St. Catharines



Senior Boys' Basketball Team at OFSAA in Windsor



THE HONOURABLE LANDON CARTER (MACKENZIE) PEARSON ('47)

In the Fall 2020 issue of *Lions' Pride*, I did a full-page story on the life of Landon Carter (Mackenzie) Pearson ('47), an alumna of distinction if ever there was one: Daughter-in-law of Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, Canadian Senator, Author, Child Advocate and Officer of the Order of Canada. After graduating from South at the age of 16, she attended the University of Toronto where she met her future husband, Geoffrey Pearson. When Geoffrey joined the Department of External Affairs in 1952, Landon's life as a diplomat's wife began, during which time *"she represented Canada proudly in France, Mexico, India, and the Soviet Union"*. Four of their five children were born during these overseas postings. It was also during those years that she developed a passion for child advocacy, becoming a champion for the voices of children and youth. In 1979, she served as **Vice-Chair of the Canadian Commission for the UN International Year of the Child**, where she first articulated a program for bold action on behalf of Canada's children. *"She insisted on letting children and youth speak for themselves, believing that they have the right to be heard and a voice in shaping their own lives."*

From 1984 to 1990, she served as **President and Chair of the Canadian Council on Children and Youth** and in 1994, she was appointed by Prime Minister Jean Chretien to the Senate of Canada. She served eleven highly productive years during which she became known as the 'Children's Senator.' After she left the Senate in 2005, she continued her activism and intellectual leadership by founding the **Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights** at Carleton University and in 2008, she was appointed an **Officer of the Order of Canada** for her extraordinary contributions.

Sadly, this extraordinary woman and most distinguished South alumna passed away in Ottawa on January 28, 2023, age 92. Predeceased by her husband Geoffrey and her daughter Katharine, she is survived by four children, Hilary, Anne, Michael & Patricia, twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Her obituary ends with the following paragraph:

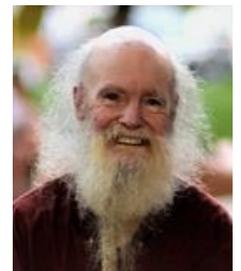
She was as dedicated to children and youth in her private life as she was in her public life. She loved and encouraged her five children, and she delighted in her twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Constantly curious, an avid reader of fiction and poetry, a follower of global events, connected to a network of longstanding and loyal friends, always ready to mentor the young, she sparked lively conversations and engaged with new ideas and friendships to the very end of her life.

Final Note: Landon Carter Pearson is one of the alumni whose profiles will be displayed at this May's Reunion. I'm sorry that I never got to tell her that or perhaps to even welcome her back to her old high school.
Connie (Woods) Weir ('66)



Roy McDonald ('56) is not one of the alumni being profiled for the May Reunion, although many who knew him may feel he should have been nominated. He was, as noted in his obituary in the Spring 2018 newsletter, a uniquely eccentric individual, described by his friends as *"a very kind, gentle soul"*. A writer, philosopher and published poet, Roy was dubbed "The Mayor of Richmond Row" for his penchant for sharing music and poetry outside of Joe Kool's. Although Roy attended South for 6 years, he never actually graduated. Instead, at age 17, he began taking evening courses at Western in philosophy and psychology as a non-credit student and became actively involved with the Canadian University Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Friends of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee and coalitions against the war in Vietnam.

Former South classmate, **Paul Mackenzie ('56)** was a close friend of Roy's for over 60 years and describes his friend as *"the one person I could chat with anytime about philosophy, religion, politics and people.... It was his unique lifestyle, his concern for all his friends and his sanity in this insane culture that appealed to so many."*



IN MEMORIAM

Douglas Odell SPETTIGUE ('48)

passed away peacefully on Feb. 14, 2023. Survived and sadly missed by his beloved wife, Jill (nee Shield), his daughters, Ann (Rich), Wendy (Michael), and Tracey (Chris) and his eight adoring grandchildren. Douglas was professor emeritus and former head of the Department of English, Queen's University, where he taught for 32 years. Doug was a writer, teacher, and researcher. He loved nature, music, gardening, golf, and curling. He will be remembered for his kindness, thoughtfulness, wit, graciousness, and intellectual curiosity, but most of all, for his loving devotion to his family.

Robert Arthur (Bob) Norris ('56), 84, passed away on Sept. 30, 2022 in Florence, South Carolina. "Pastor Bob" served for over 60 years in the ministry and founded the Church at Sandhurst. He is survived by his loving wife Patricia "Anne" Norris; three sons, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Fellow alumnus, Ross Spettigue remembers Bob as *"one of the absolute best football players in the history of Lions' football. He dominated the gridiron as a running back (halfback in those days) for the late Coach Ernie McTavish. Bob helped to lead the Lions to the London and District Conference Championship in 1955 and was a consensus all-star. That he opted to go into the ministry—attending college in South Carolina, caused Mustang Coach, John Metras, great angst. Bob was a proud South alumnus his entire life."*

William Ralph "Bill" PAYNTER ('57)

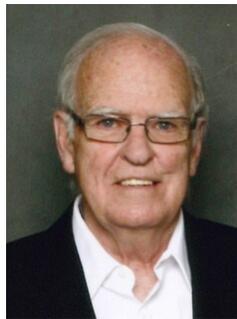
passed away Feb. 14, 2022, after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Predeceased by his wife, Pauline (2014). Beloved father of two, Scott (Simone) and Sandra (Bob), grandfather of five and great-grandfather of one. Bill was one of the first to graduate from the London Police Cadet program in 1958. He also played the French horn in the London Police Boys Band. Bill moved to the Hamilton-Wentworth Regional

Police Force, retiring in 1997 with the rank of Sergeant. He was very active with Burlington Minor Hockey, filling various leadership roles and played with the Burlington Top Hat Marching Orchestra for over 25 years.



Jim McVICAR ('58) passed away on March 22, 2023, age 83, after a recent cancer diagnosis and cardiac event. Predeceased by his loving wife **Carole (Gray) McVicar ('58)**. Survived by his sons Scott and Darcy and two grandchildren, all of London. He had a long career in London and Chatham as a teacher and then a public school principal. After moving back to London, Jim wanted to stay busy. His first post "retirement" job was selling wine at in the former Oakridge Mall, followed by a job at Enterprise Car Rental on Oxford St. W. where he washed cars and talked to the customers as he drove the shuttle. Jim's final "retirement" job was at Oakwood Golf Course in Grand Bend. This final job also gave him the opportunity to start golfing again, sometimes for the golf, mostly for the people.

David Donald Cook ('60) of London passed away at Victoria Hospital on March 10, 2023 in his 82nd year. After graduating from South, Dave was hired by the London Free Press as a journalist. Predeceased by his first wife Bonnie, his second wife Elaine, and his sister **Sharon Cook ('57)**. He is survived by his daughter Alicia (Stuart), his stepdaughter Kathleen James (Don) and stepson Chris Clare. David was an avid reader, mechanic,



builder, tennis player and motorcyclist with an interest in antique cars. He was an active member of Fairmont United Church serving on the board.

John JARDINE ('60), passed away from cancer on March 1, 2023. Survived by his wife Lorraine, two sons and two grandchildren.

After graduating from Western as a Civil Engineer, he worked in marketing and sales for construction-related companies in the USA before returning to London to raise his family. He worked in London for Sifton Properties and in Brantford for TCG Materials. Returning to London once more, he became Water Operations Manager and then City Engineer for London from 1992-2001, before establishing his own consulting company. He was awarded Western University's L. S. Lauchland Engineering Alumni Medal in 2001. Over the years, John enjoyed playing tennis, golfing, skiing, trap-shooting, hunting and telling stories with family and friends.



Archibald (Arch) Donald MacVicar ('68)

passed away on Dec. 11, 2022, age 75. He is survived by his wife Jean, three children and two grandsons. He is also survived by his sisters, **Margaret Highton ('62)**, Heather MacVicar, and **Jeanette O'Neil ('71)**.

In his youth he was a member of the Naval Reserve and an avid rower. He excelled at many jobs, including The Pop Shoppe, Gould Signs, and Northern Life, before working as a financial accountant for Multiview Corporation for 32 years. For many years he supported youth through Scouts Canada and the Barrhaven Scottish Rugby Football Club. Everyone who knew Arch knew him to be extremely caring, funny and smart. Above all, he loved and cherished his family.

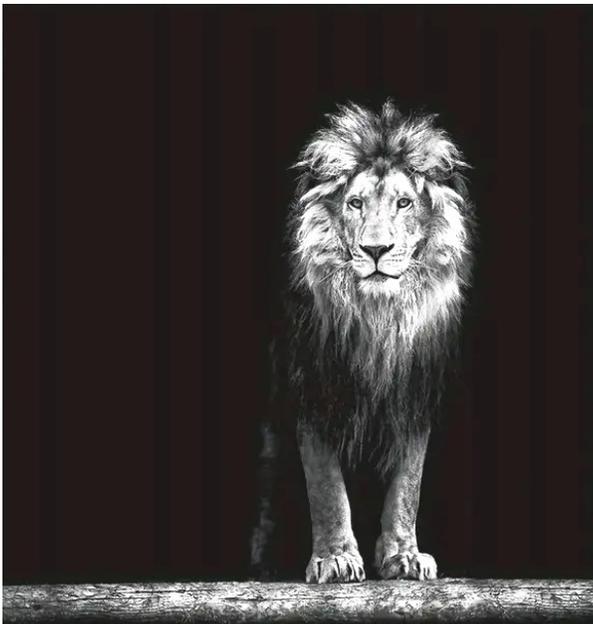
Just a Few More Things...

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Donations for the SCAA Archives: If any of you have South memorabilia collecting dust somewhere, things you may have once considered "treasures" but no longer feel the need to keep, please consider donating them to the SCAA. Not only might they enhance our decade room displays this May, but they will find safe storage afterwards in our Archives Room at the school.

Scene from *Legally Blonde*: Just recently confirmed... Dance/Theatre teacher Allison Gamble has agreed to have her students perform one of the scenes from *Legally Blonde*, the musical presented at the school in January. In case you missed it, this will be a chance to see just how talented South's current students are!

Backdrop for the Photo "Selfie Booth"



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