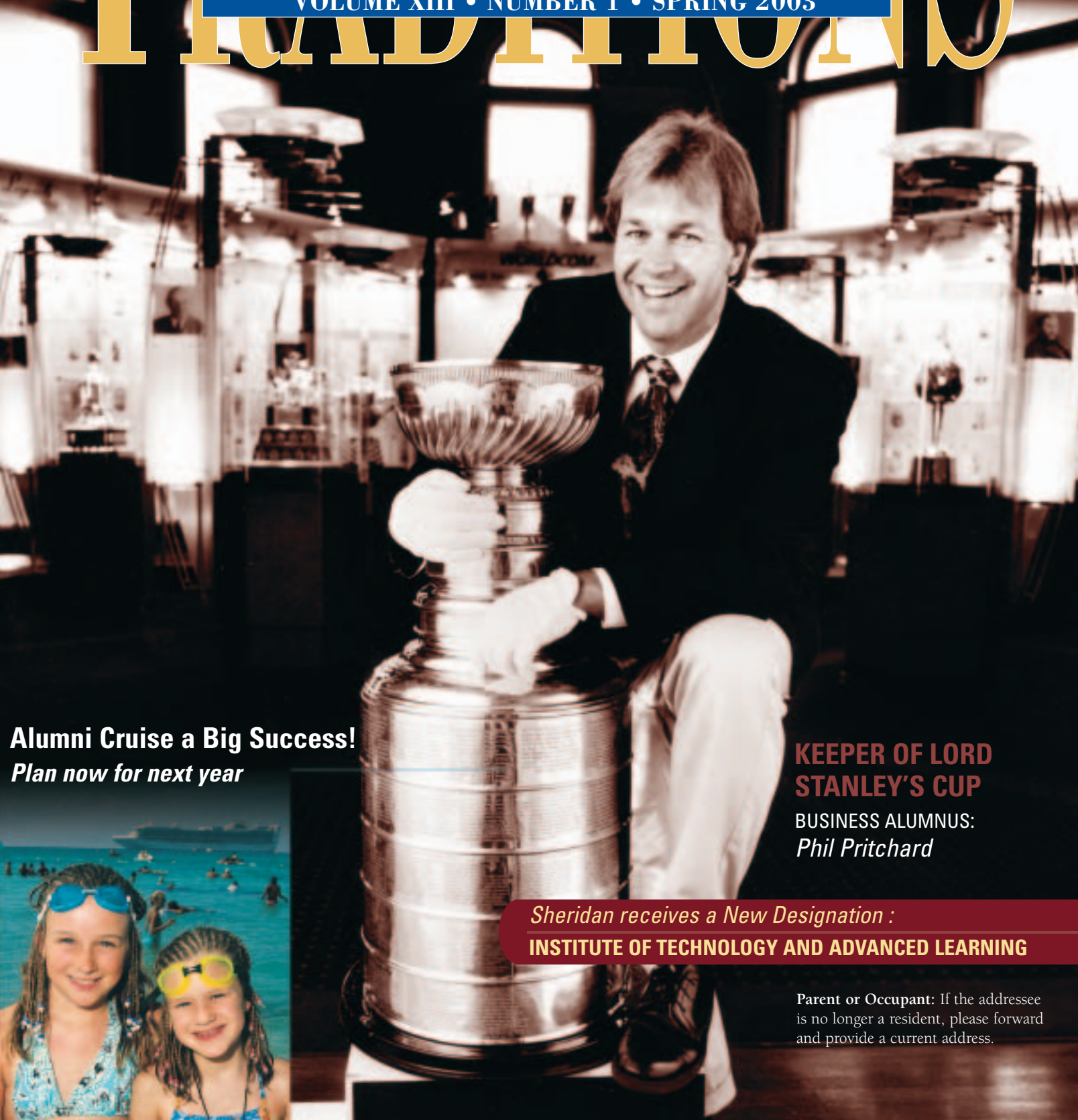


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# PRESIDENTIAL PERSPECTIVE



Dr. Robert Turner  
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## SHERIDAN RECEIVES NEW DESIGNATION

Sheridan's alumni represent a wealth of talent and success, and the contribution of our alumni to the economic, social and cultural development of Ontario and Canada are much appreciated. In the past few months alumnus Wayne Brocklebank received the Ontario Premier's Award from Premier Ernie Eves and Minister Dianne Cunningham, and alumnus Eric Armstrong received the Academy Award for *The ChubbChubbs!* at the Oscars, to name but two. Every month there is a story in the media somewhere about a Sheridan graduate who has achieved success in their field of endeavour, and we are immensely proud of their accomplishments.

In February, Sheridan received a new designation from the Government of Ontario. While our new official or legal name is "The Sheridan College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning," replacing the old name of College of Applied Arts and Technology, we're going to be known as the Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning from now on. At the same time, we're reinventing our vision, mission and values to inspire our future

for the coming years. We've got plans to grow to over 15,900 students by 2007, and to over 19,300 students by 2011, in order to serve Ontario and the rapidly expanding regions of Halton and Peel. With an emphasis on manufacturing, allied health, and justice at the Davis Campus, and on digital communications and arts at the Trafalgar Road Campus, with technology and business at both campuses, our foci will continue to attract excellent students from around the globe.

Finally, may I invite you to make sure we have your most recent coordinates, both your mailing address and your e-mail address. Our Development colleagues want to include you in *Traditions* news, we want to invite you to Homecoming this fall, and generally we want to know about your success. Keep in touch.

Dr. Robert Turner  
President and C.E.O.

## FINE CRAFT AND DESIGN AUCTION TO BENEFIT SHERIDAN CRAFTS & DESIGN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Over 80 outstanding pieces donated by Canada's finest professional designer/makers will be presented in a combined live and silent auction at the Gardiner Museum in Toronto, Ontario.

Wednesday, October 29, 2003 (preview on Tuesday, October 28, 2003) at the Gardiner Museum in Toronto, Ontario. For more information, please contact Sylvia Lee at 905-845-9430, ext. 2476, Web site: [www.sheridanc.on.ca/academic/arts/craftsdesign/auction](http://www.sheridanc.on.ca/academic/arts/craftsdesign/auction).

The evening will feature door prizes, live auction, silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Insight and inspiration into the world of Fine Art and Craft will be provided by guest lecturers.



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Marcello Aquilina  
President, Sheridan Alumni

# ALUMNI VIEW

**A**s I write this column, Sheridan is changing like never before. There's so much good news on a daily basis that it is hard to cover it all. Here's my top five!

Alumni, we have a new designation, Sheridan College is now the Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning! On February 10, 2003, the Honourable Dianne Cunningham, Ontario Minister for Training, Colleges and Universities, announced to a gathering of media and college personnel, that Sheridan would now be known as the Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. That means a greater number of Applied Degrees and new ways for you to keep ahead of the learning curve. Stay tuned for details!

More great news about Homecoming. This past October Sheridan hosted its second annual Homecoming. Alumni from across Canada took advantage of this special day to get together with long lost classmates. Varsity athletes showed off their best and everyone had a wonderful day. I encourage you to reserve October 18, 2003 in your calendars because that's the date for this year's event. It promises to be bigger and better than ever. Why not plan to organize a reunion for your graduating class? You don't have to wait 25 years to do it. This year, Homecoming 2003 will see reunions for classes that graduated in

'73, '78, '83, '88, '93, and '98. The Sheridan Alumni Association has lots of resources available to assist you, contact us by e-mail at reunions@sheridanc.on.ca.

Another of my top five relates to some animated aliens with attitude from the "Planet Glorf." Animation alumnus Eric Armstrong received an Academy Award for his animated short film *The ChubbChubbs*. Eric is the animation director and Sony Pictures Imageworks. He has worked on *Stuart Little 2*, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and numerous other hit films. The Academy Award for *The ChubbChubbs* reflects Eric's tremendous professional accomplishments. Prior to working at Sony Pictures Imageworks, Eric was part of the crew at Industrial Light and Magic and his work is evident in a huge number of popular films. It was a wonderful site to see Eric so excited. His film is very funny and has preceded many popular films currently playing in movie theatres. Eric's genius is evident on the screen and I hope you get a chance to view it.

Each year, Sheridan enters a competition that celebrates the accomplishments of Alumni from Ontario Colleges and Institutes of Technology and Advanced Learning. This year, Sheridan nominated five spectacular alumni. Karen Chan, an ECE alumnus and director of Ontario's Promise was our nominee in Applied Arts, Community Service; Don Metz, sports cameraman and digital television guru was our nominee in Applied Arts, Creative Arts and Design. We nominated Advertising alumnus Lorraine Hughes who is president of OMD – the largest media-buying company in Canada in the Business category. Sheridan's resident Sports Injury Management expert, professor Anne Hartley, was our Health nominee. Finally, Wayne Brocklebank, a civil engineering graduate, was our nominee in the Technology category. I am pleased to announce that Wayne Brocklebank received the 2002 Premier's Award. Congratulations to Karen, Don, Lorraine, Anne and Wayne for representing Sheridan alumni so well.

And finally, Pat Spadafora, Director of the Sheridan Elder Research Centre (SERC), has been named the recipient of the 2002 Leadership Excellence Award by the Association of Canadian Community

Colleges (ACCC). She was selected for this honour from nominations submitted by 175 colleges and institutes across Canada. Pat has been the brainchild behind the new Sheridan Elder Research Centre (SERC). We have continuing coverage about SERC and other new construction developments in this issue of *Traditions*, including a story about a new development of special interest to Alumni... SPARK. If you want to gain a leading edge in your business, you'll want to read this story. It appears on page 19, I've flagged it for you because as a business grad, I'm intrigued by this new and innovative business incubator. I hope I've "sparked" your interest...read this issue to find out more. Congratulations to everyone for making Sheridan proud!

Until next issue,

Marcello Aquilina  
President, Sheridan Alumni

## SHERIDAN ALUMNUS RECEIVES PREMIER'S AWARD IN TECHNOLOGY



Wayne Brocklebank, Civil Engineering Technology '71, received his commemorative certificate and medal from The Honourable Ernie Eves, Premier of Ontario during the Premier's Award ceremony held February 24, 2003. Wayne, together with four other Alumni represented Sheridan at the 2002 Premier's Award competition. Wayne received the Premier's Award for his exemplary role as volunteer assisting youth in the City of Mississauga.

# CAMPUS NEWS

## ERIC ARMSTRONG RECEIVES OSCAR FOR BEST ANIMATED SHORT FILM

Eric Armstrong, a graduate of Sheridan's renowned Classical and Computer Animation Programs, became the second Sheridan alumnus to win the Academy Award in the Best Animated Short Film category during the March 23, 2003 awards ceremony. Armstrong was nominated for his work as animation director of *The ChubbChubbs*.

"I'm trying very hard not to pass out here," said Armstrong in his acceptance speech.

"The Sheridan community is very excited about Eric's win, and proud of his success," said Dr. Robert Turner, President & CEO of Sheridan. "We hope to host a celebration for him the next time he's in town."

Armstrong currently works as an animation director at Sony Pictures Imageworks. He was the animation supervisor for *Stuart Little 2*, working simultaneously as animation director of *The ChubbChubbs*, which was screened in theatres in 2002 as a lead-in to *Stuart Little 2*. As animation supervisor on the international hit, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, Armstrong supervised the animation team that brought to life "Fluffy" the 3-headed dog, the Troll and the Centaur. He served as lead animator on *Stuart Little*



Eric Armstrong

and animation supervisor on *Anaconda*. Armstrong joined Sony Pictures Imageworks after five years with Industrial Light and Magic, where he contributed to *Jurassic Park*, *Star Trek VI*, *The Flintstones*, *Caspar*, and *Jumanji*. He graduated from Sheridan's Classical Animation Program in 1987, and from the post-degree/diploma Computer Animation Program in 1988.

## SHERIDAN-UTM THEATRE & DRAMA STUDENTS SWEEP ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Students of the joint Sheridan-University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) Theatre and Drama Studies Program have again swept the top awards at the annual University of Toronto Drama Festival, held at the historic Hart House Theatre, January 22 – 25, 2003.

The top winner of the four-day festival was *Jumping*. Written by 3rd year student Sarah Hutchison, the play tells the funny and moving story of a young woman's hesitation to take the plunge into a committed relationship. *Jumping* received the "President's Award for Best Production," which recognizes the show that "best combines the requirements for the other awards with professionalism in the Festival as a whole."

Hutchison was also presented with an award for Best Performance, together with 3rd-year student Zoe Sweet, who shared the central role in *Jumping* with her. Hutchison's lively and compelling script was further honoured with an Award of Merit. The performance's technical merits were recognized with

the "IATSE Award for Best Technical Achievement," which went to Stage Manager and Lighting and Sound Designer A. J. Laflamme (2nd-year) and her team. The Robert Gill Award for Best Direction went to 3rd-year student Johanna Kristolaitis.

*Don Juan: An Episode*, an original swashbuckler in iambic pentameter with a cast of ten drawn from all four years, was another award-winner for Sheridan-UTM students. Written by 4th-year student Kyle McDonald (who also starred in the title role), it won Awards of Merit for Direction (Matthew Krist, 4th-year), and for Technical Production (Lisa Li and Sonya Sailer, both 1st-year students).

The competitive festival, with 11 original plays representing three campuses, was adjudicated by well-known Canadian actor/director Joseph Ziegler of the Soulpepper Theatre Company, the Stratford and Shaw Festivals, and numerous television series. All work by Program students was independent, and entered under the banner of the Erindale Drama Club.

## SHERIDAN'S CHILD CARE CENTRES FIRST IN CANADA TO EARN HIGH/SCOPE ACCREDITATION

Sheridan's Child Care Centres in Oakville and Brampton are the first early childhood education facilities in Canada to earn High/Scope Program Accreditation. In addition, the staff at both centers have earned High/Scope Teacher Certification. Awarding of the accreditation by High/Scope Foundation's Director of Educational Services, Clay Shouse, took place at Sheridan's Oakville Campus on Tuesday, November 26, 2002.

High/Scope is best known for its research on the positive, lasting effects of a quality preschool education and its curriculum approach for young children. The typical program accreditation process lasts approximately three years; as part of the accreditation process, every teacher at both Sheridan Child Care Centres was required to earn High/Scope Teacher Certification. Accreditation qualifies Sheridan's Child Care Centres to operate as High/Scope demonstration programs, joining High/Scope's two existing demonstration preschools in New Orleans and Ypsilanti, Michigan.

## ATTENTION!

All Alumni of the School of Animation, Arts and Design (SAAD) including: Illustration; Advanced Television and Film; Animation; Applied Photography; Art and Art History (Honours); Art Fundamentals; Bachelor of Design (Honours); Computer Animation (all specialities); Crafts and Design (all specialities); Interior Design; Journalism-New Media; Journalism-Print; Media Arts; New Media Design (formerly Computer Graphics); Theatre and Drama Studies and Theatre Arts-Technical Production. Please update your Alumni file with the Sheridan Alumni Association if you have obtained additional qualifications at the Masters or PhD. Level. You can update your file by logging on to the Sheridan Alumni web site at [www.sheridanc.on.ca/alumni](http://www.sheridanc.on.ca/alumni) and selecting Update, or you can send us an e-mail outlining your additional qualifications to [alumni@sheridanc.on.ca](mailto:alumni@sheridanc.on.ca). Thank you for your assistance.



### BRUINS LOSS A HEARTBREAKER!

*The O.C.A.A. Men's Basketball Championship concluded on Saturday, March 11, 2003 with Algonquin College capturing the gold medal, defeating Humber College 57-55 in a close fought game — neither team had more than a two point advantage during most of the game. The Sheridan Bruins saw their hopes for a third OCAA Basketball title fade when they dropped their semi-final game to Algonquin 75-59 sending the Bruins to the bronze medal game against Niagara College. The Bruins faced another disappointment when they could only stay 2 points up on Niagara during the later few minutes of the game and then when they got into foul trouble, they lost the lead, conceding the bronze medal to Niagara - the final score was 75-73. One member of the Bruins team was named to the All star team: #44 - Jordon Morrison.*

## SHINING THANKS FOR SHINERAMA

On behalf of the Peel Chapter of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF), I'd like to thank everyone involved with the first ever Shinerama at Sheridan in the fall of 2002. Your efforts, combined with those of students at other post-secondary institutions in Canada, contributed to a Shinerama record of over \$800,000 donated to cystic fibrosis (CF) research, which shattered the old mark by over \$100,000!

There was another benefit of your actions to go along with providing much needed funds. Sheridan's participation in Shinerama raised public awareness of CF, which is priceless to the CCFF. Since CF is not as well known as cancer or heart & stroke (3,300 people in Canada have CF), any chance to raise awareness of CF is treasured. Many people who did not know what CF was prior to Shinerama now do know, which can only help our cause.

Shinerama started in 1964. At that time, the median survival age of CF children was just four years old. Many doctors would have told parents of CF children that their son or daughter would probably never attend school. Thanks to the efforts of fundraising vehicles like Shinerama, I'm happy to say the median survival age is now 35.6 years old for CF people. The fact there are now CF people who are students and alumni of post-secondary institutions like Sheridan would have been unheard of when Shinerama first started. As the father of two children, a four year-old daughter and a one year-old son, both of whom have CF, I cannot describe how much optimism I have knowing the glass has gone from empty to half-full.

May is CF Month in Canada. The Peel Chapter is proud to be hosting the 2003 Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Delta Meadowvale Hotel in Mississauga May 1st to May 3rd. Please help us to continue to spread the word of CF to family, friends and others in your area.

I'd like to thank Sheridan Community again for your support of Shinerama. Your hours of volunteer time will hopefully get us to our destination, a cure for CF, a few hours earlier.

Regards,  
Steve Bain  
CCFF Peel Chapter President

## MILESTONES

**AWARDED:** This fall Sheridan animation students won 6 of 12 scholarship awards and over half of the \$30,000 scholarship prize money in TELETOON's 2002 Animation Scholarship Awards announced at the Ottawa International Animation Festival. Sheridan's winners and their categories were: Andrew Shek, 1st prize, Entrance Scholarship; Melissa Hall, 3rd prize, Entrance Scholarship; Jonathan Ng, 1st prize, Continuing Education; Jason Martinsen, 1st prize, Most Promising; Dan Merisanu, 3rd prize, Most Promising; Dominic Bilodeau, 2nd prize, Mature Student.

**AWARDED:** Pat Spadafora, Director of the Sheridan Elder Research Centre (SERC) has received the 2002 Leadership Excellence Award by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC). She was selected for this honour from nominations submitted by 175 colleges and institutes across Canada. Pat will be presented with her award at the ACCC National Conference, taking place this year in Vancouver, May 25th to 27th.

**DIED:** Bronfman Laureate and Head of Sheridan's Glass Studio, Dan Crichton, 52, of a rare form of kidney cancer on December 23, 2002. Dan leaves his wife Sheila and their two sons Dylan and Aidan. Recipient of the 2001 Teaching Excellence Award by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC), Dan was best known for his exquisite Crucible Series. He was presented to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II during the Royal Jubilee visit to Sheridan.

**RETIRED:** Rod Maxwell, the ageless artistic director of Sheridan's Music Theatre program. Rod is stepping down and embarking on a new career as an agent. He plans to spend more time with his family and three dogs.

**AWARDED:** Alias|Wavefront™, an SGI (NYSE: SGI) company, was awarded an Oscar at the Scientific and Technical Awards ceremony of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on March 1, 2003 for its development of Maya® software, the professional

3D animation and effects package. Representatives from the Toronto-based software company attended the Beverly Hills award ceremony to accept the company's first Oscar statuette, the highest award the Academy can bestow in the scientific and technical achievement category. Doug Walker, president of Alias|Wavefront and Kevin Tureski, general manager, Maya engineering, accepted the award on behalf of the company from actress and host, Kate Hudson.

**DIED:** Glen McQueen, 41, the wunderkind of Pixar Animation Studios, of malignant melanoma in a Berkeley, California hospital on October 29, 2002. He spent the last eight years of his life as an animator with Pixar, working on *Toy Story*, *A Bug's Life*, and *Monsters Inc.* Glen was working on *Cars*, a new animated feature which will be released in 2005. He leaves his wife Terry Herrman McQueen and their daughter Kate.

**DIED:** Zack Schwartz, 90, founder of UPA, passed away on Monday, January 12. He leaves his wife Drora and daughter Yael and son who lives in America. Zack was an animator and director at Disney in the mid '30s and was one of the founding fathers of UPA which caused a revolution in animation style during the late '40s and '50s.

**DIED:** George "Marty" Martsegis, 85, passed away Feb. 5, 2003, in Woodland Hills, California. He had been a resident of Simi Valley and the Ventura County area for more than 28 years. Marty moved to California from Ontario, Canada. Marty was a retired artist, animator and a children's art teacher for more than 55 years. Throughout the years, he taught at several institutions, such as College of the Canyons Community College in Valencia, Calif.; the Learning Tree; UCLA; and Sheridan. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; daughters, Sharon Furuta, Beverly Onink and Bonnie Robinson; seven granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter.

## HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II VISITS SHERIDAN

On October 10, 2002, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II toured the Sheridan Centre for Animation and Emerging Technologies (SCAET). She unveiled a commemorative plaque naming The Golden Jubilee Journalism New Media Centre.

Following the ceremony, Her Majesty received a commissioned animated short film created by Andrew Kim, a student in the Computer Animation program. Her Majesty's two-hour visit was hosted by The Honourable Ernie Eves, Premier of Ontario and Sheridan President & CEO, Dr. Robert Turner, accompanied by The Honourable Sheila Copps representing Canada and Ms. Isabel Bassett, CEO of TVOntario. Premier Ernie Eves hosted a special luncheon attended by 25 students and 300 guests.

Over 1,000 residents from local communities bordering Sheridan lined up along Sheridan's Ceremonial Road to greet Her Majesty. The Royal Visit was streamed "live" to the Internet, receiving over 500 visits from outside of Canada.

1. Greeted by The Honourable Ernie Eves, Premier of Ontario and Ms. Isabel Bassett, CEO of TVOntario, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II emerges from her limosine to view the Sheridan Centre for Animation and Emerging Technologies.

2. Security was tight for the Royal Visit, even the flower pots were checked by police.

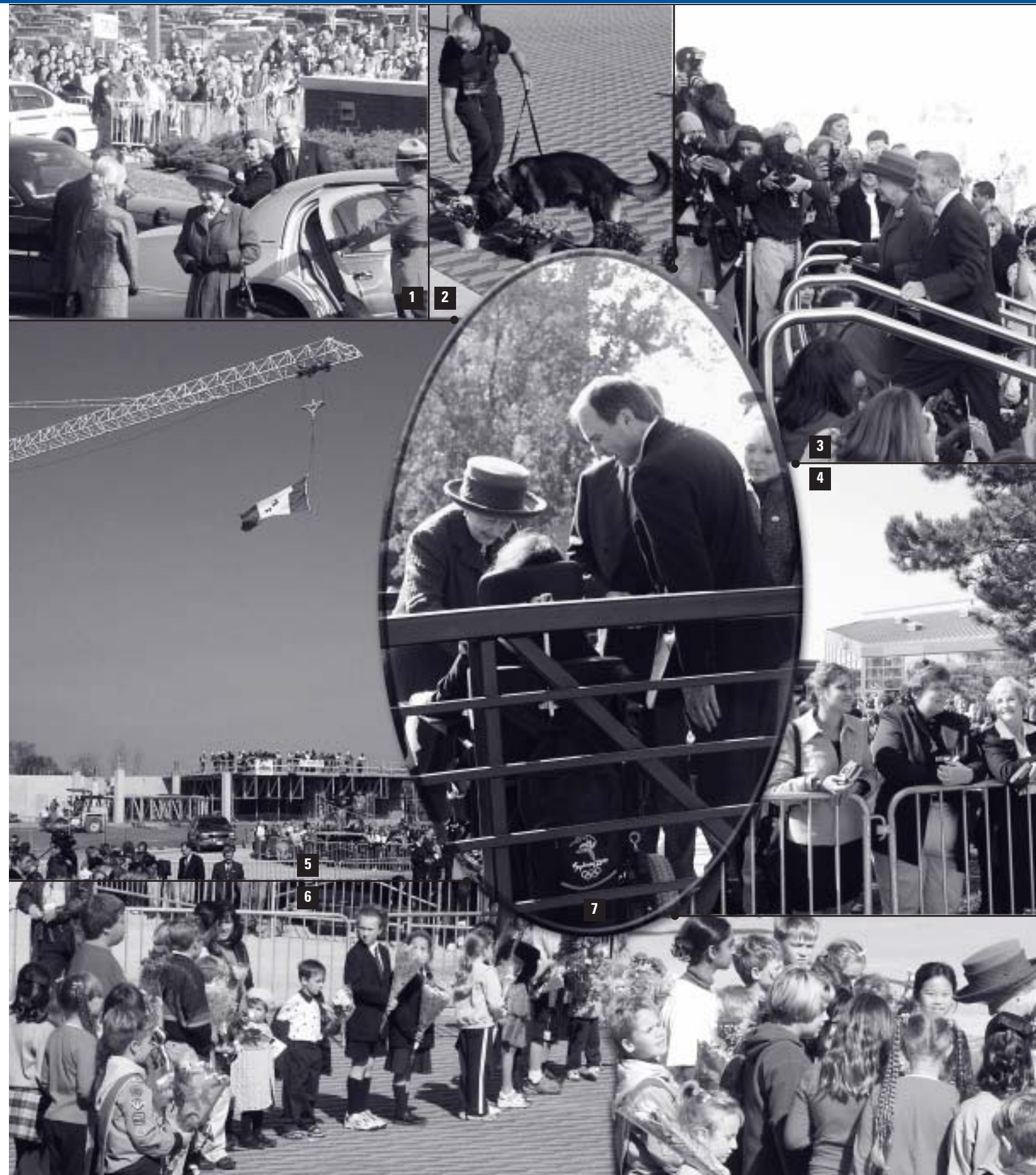
3. Media from around the world were present to cover the Royal Visit to Sheridan. Her Majesty is escorted into SCAET by The Honourable Ernie Eves, Premier of Ontario and Ms. Isabel Bassett, CEO of TVOntario.

4. Members of the Sheridan community gathered to catch a glimpse of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

5. Construction crews working on H-Wing hoisted their own tribute to Canada and its Queen.

6. These youngsters were allowed to get to know Her Majesty and presented her with bouquets of flowers.

7. A final good-bye and a bouquet before leaving Sheridan.



# IT'S A BIG WIN FOR SHERIDAN!

During a press conference held at the Conestoga College Cambridge campus on February 10, 2003, the Honourable Dianne Cunningham, Ontario Minister for Training, Colleges and Universities, announced to a gathering of media and college personnel, that "as part of their planned diversification, three colleges will be known as Institutes of Technology and Advanced Learning (ITAL) and will offer more applied degrees as part of this programming mix."

Sheridan, Humber and Conestoga Colleges will now be known as Institutes of Technology and Advanced Learning.

This new designation for colleges will provide more choice for students and meet the Ontario economy's increasing need for employees with the skills and expertise to move into new and changing occupations. Institutes of Technology and Advanced

Learning will:

- have up to 15 per cent of programming in applied degrees;
- increase flexibility in programming to allow students to move more easily between programs, including allowing diploma graduates to complete applied degrees and apprentices to complete diploma programs;
- have an increased emphasis on industry and specialized sectoral support for new programs; and
- have an increased involvement in applied research through partnerships.

At an impromptu celebration following the announcement, Dr. Robert Turner, President & CEO of Sheridan treated the members of the Sheridan Community to champagne and cake. Sheridan College will now be known as The Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning or "Sheridan ITAL."

"The entire Sheridan community celebrating with champagne clearly underscored the exhilaration of achieving the new designation, an historic moment in our history," said Dr. Robert Turner. "Sheridan will continue to become a unique, professional and significant postsecondary institution for Ontario and Canada, but we will never lose sight of the 'Sheridan' name that means so much to so many. Indeed, the 'Sheridan' name is our brand, and remains so."



*Dr. Robert Turner, President & CEO of the new Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning talks to members of the Sheridan community.*

## APPLIED DEGREES + ITAL = SUCCESS!

Prospective students, recent graduates and alumni of Sheridan will now have the opportunity to pursue further accreditation at the Baccalaureate level. Beginning September 2003, two additional Applied Degree programs will be offered by Sheridan. The areas of study include a Bachelor of Applied Arts (Illustration) and a Bachelor of Applied Health Sciences (Athletic Therapy), the programs join the previously approved Bachelor of Applied Arts (Animation).

Sheridan's development of Applied Degree programs is part of the institution's long term focus to become a full service polytechnic says Maureen Callahan, Vice President, Academic. "Sheridan sees itself as a true polytechnic institution. We are committed to offering a full range of programming from certificate and apprenticeship programs to diploma, post diploma and applied degrees."

The Bachelor of Applied Arts (Illustration) program builds on Sheridan's highly successful Illustration diploma program, providing greater breadth and depth of study. It offers enhanced curriculum related to business and entrepreneurship, effective interaction with related professions, research, and the advanced level drawing and

conceptualization techniques that lead to strong individual portfolios.

The Bachelor of Applied Health Sciences (Athletic Therapy) similarly builds on the longstanding success of Sheridan's esteemed Sports Injury Management Program. The applied degree integrates class studies with field placement and clinical experience throughout the four years of the program. Students will receive the educational preparation, field and clinical experience, and baccalaureate-level degree credential required to take the national professional certification examinations to become certified athletic therapists.

In addition to these three degrees, a Bachelor of Applied Information Science (Information Systems Security) has been through the Post-secondary Education Quality Assessment Board and is awaiting official approval. Additional applied degree programs under consideration for development by Sheridan include Advanced Manufacturing, Internet Engineering, and programs in Business, Community Services and the Arts.

The Vice President, Academic, faculty and Sheridan's Deans and Associate Deans are currently establishing a five year plan for

applied degree proposal development. "The applied degree approvals are no longer competitive," said Callahan. "Prior to Sheridan's designation as an ITAL, only a certain number of applied degrees were available and the colleges competed with each other for those approvals. The ITAL designation allows us to offer up to 15% of our programming mix as applied degrees. Assuming that any new proposals that we submit meet the standards specified, they would go forward to the next stage in the approval procedure and would not be subject to a competitive process."

Alumni who wish to take advantage of the applied degree level of study will be required to undergo an individual assessment that may include an analysis of the curriculum in place at the time they graduated, a portfolio, a review of their current level of knowledge and certifications and a review of their resume. "There has to be a way of determining that a candidate has enough current practical, conceptual and theoretical knowledge to succeed in the degree program," said Callahan. "Returning students would have to take bridging courses as well as the new content to ensure that they have met the learning outcomes associated with the degree."

# LOOKING AFTER THE SILVERWARE

## *Phil Pritchard is the guy with the white gloves*

By Jeannine Pitt-Clark

Phil Pritchard and his sidekick Stanley have been virtually inseparable for over 15 years. Every year the pair embark on a road trip that takes them to distant parts of the world to promote hockey (otherwise known as Canada's gift to sports). While Phil is tall, youthful and fit; Stanley at just three feet high, is the stuff of sporting legend and definitely commands the limelight. Phil doesn't seem to mind though and he revels in Stanley's notoriety.

As the Director of Hockey Operations and Curator for the Hockey Hall of Fame, Phil Pritchard is *that* guy, the one with the white gloves who escorts hockey's silver grail, The Stanley Cup, to charitable events, celebrations and games. His profession has earned him international acclaim, a television spot for Mastercard™, and a chapter in the book "Odd Jobs."



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*Phil Pritchard and The Stanley Cup*

Last Winter, Mastercard's "Priceless" advertising campaign hit home with its 30-second spot starring Phil and the Stanley Cup. The humorous snapshot of a day in his life while on the road with the Cup has garnered international fame for this modest Canadian. Canadians and hockey fans around the world now identify Phil Pritchard as the "Keeper of Lord Stanley's Cup."

What Canadians may not know about Pritchard is that he planned to be an accountant and graduated in 1983 from Sheridan's Business Administration-Accounting program, and while Phil still uses the accounting knowledge he acquired, his life has taken an unusual and dramatic path. "After graduating from Sheridan, I decided that while accounting was interesting, sports was more interesting and I went on to study Sports Management in Oshawa. I was able to go right into second year of the program and the co-op internship," explained Pritchard. "That brought me to the Ontario Hockey League, which was great because I loved hockey and had collected souvenirs and memorabilia since I was a kid."

Pritchard worked for the Ontario Hockey League for six years in public relations and as a statistician: "During that time, I got connected with the Canadian Hockey League and in 1988, I moved to the Hockey Hall of Fame, working for both organizations for two years."

A native of Burlington, Ontario and a pretty good pick-up hockey player in his own right, Phil started with the Hockey Hall of Fame promoting the "Hall from the hockey end of things by being more visible at hockey events." Back then, the Hall was located at the Canadian National Exhibition in a meager 7,500 square foot space and still a fledgling enterprise, a far cry from its current deluxe digs in BCE Place in downtown Toronto. During his first week on the job, staff got news that the Newmarket Hockey Association was having a special awards night. "We thought it would be great for them to have the Stanley Cup there, so we took it up." The move was brilliant one and as the saying goes, "the rest is history."

Nowadays, Pritchard is one of three staff members of the Hall who travel with the Cup. On average, he is away over 140 days a year promoting hockey, collecting sports memorabilia and hockey artifacts for display in the Hall, or traveling with the Cup. Phil manages a variety of artifacts and display items, from items as simple as a Cheerios Cereal Box packaged with a CD-Rom that documents the Olympic Men's and Women's Hockey Games, to the hundreds of signed jerseys, pucks and sticks worth millions of dollars.

"I use my accounting background all the time," Pritchard chuckled. "There are invoices to pay, books to balance and a budget for acquiring supplies. I don't think I could ever get bored!" On a daily basis, Phil uses his analytical skills in planning the logistics of keeping the Stanley Cup secure while on the road. Its estimated value is in the millions and Pritchard and his team must, prior to every trip, ensure that security personnel and local law enforcement officials are in tandem with details of

## Stanley Cup Trivia



*Height:* 35 1/4 inches

*Weight:* 35 pounds

*Cost:* Purchased for 10 guineas in 1892 (\$48.67 at the time). It is insured for more than \$75,000, but the Hockey Hall of Fame's Paul Oke sets its true worth at "priceless."

Pocket Rocket Henri Richard's name appears most often on the Cup. He played on 11 of the Montreal Canadiens' 24 Cup-winning teams, most of any franchise.

The Stanley Cup was named for Frederick Arthur Stanley who was the Governor General of Canada from 1888 to 1893. When his sons competed on a team that played for Canada's amateur hockey championship, Lord Stanley donated a silver bowl as an award that would go to the winner.

*History:* Amateur teams competed for it from 1893 to 1910. Pro teams have competed for it since. It has been the symbol of NHL supremacy since 1926.

*How it grew:* The Cup began as a simple silver bowl, but as names of winning teams were engraved on it, 16 silver bands were added to the base. Now, when a band is filled, an upper band is removed and placed at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto (two so far). There are spaces for six more winners before this happens again.

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the trip. Twice in its history the Stanley Cup has been stolen and so security has to be extremely tight.

"Hockey and the Stanley cup are a huge part of Canada. Anywhere you go in the world, the Stanley Cup is identifiable and synonymous with Canada and with hockey. People want to touch the Cup and I am sure there are some individuals out there who would like to see it disappear," explains Pritchard. "Hockey and Canada grew up together, hockey started in the 1870s, and here at the Hockey Hall of Fame, we view it that ice hockey is Canada's gift to the world. The Cup is priceless and can never be replaced, that's why we are so careful with it."

Travel has its downside, a father of three young children and a devoted husband, Phil finds the solitary travel at times to be trying. "While travel is great and meeting people is absolutely wonderful, what people don't realize is that you have to eat dinner by yourself pretty well every night and you are alone, and when you have a young family, being alone isn't so great."

The devotion hockey fans feel for the Stanley Cup is a source of inspiration for Phil. "Sometimes the flights are delayed. I have shown up two hours late for an event and no one cares, they are thrilled I am there and I've brought the Stanley Cup to their event. I don't know of any other job, except for that of a clown, that has the same kind of appeal ... so I guess you could say I am clown!"

"The big kids and the small kids, their reaction is incredible. In today's world, it is wonderful to be able to do something that makes people smile and feel good. Whenever the Hall of Fame takes the Cup to Sick Children's Hospital, the kids' eyes light up. It is the greatest feeling in the world that what you do actually makes them smile."

"I can remember while at Sheridan, the professors always said: "You have to enjoy what you are doing because you will be doing it for 30 or 40 years," said Pritchard. "Most of the staff here at the Hockey Hall of Fame really enjoy what we do. I can honestly say that my job is not a job, I haven't worked a day in my life, and while I put in a lot of hours, I enjoy my work."

Perhaps one of the most glamorous aspects of Phil's role as Keeper of the Stanley Cup is his association with the players. "Players and coaches are the same as the little kid or someone who sees the Stanley Cup for the first time, they have the same reaction. The players are all people just like us, they have their hockey idols,

dreams and memories. They like to reminisce, and when they are able to relax out of the limelight, they are all kids at heart."

"A lot of them came from small towns, they had practices at 5 A.M. and they've paid their dues. Sometimes, professional athletes get a bad rap but I've never met a player who wasn't a genuinely nice guy and they are all great people."

In 1995, when the New Jersey Devils became the Stanley Cup champions, NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman decided that every member of the winning team from players to coaches, scouts and trainers should be able to take the Stanley Cup home for 24 hours. That started the "Keepers" on an annual Stanley Cup tour that takes Phil and his cohorts into some pretty unusual circumstances. "I think the most unusual trip was when I went to Finland. Dallas had won the Cup and Jere Lehtinen wanted to take it to his summer home in northern Finland. For his 24 hours with the Cup, he took us out to an island in the North Sea where he had a summer home with a sauna. He had a sauna party with his teammates from the very first team he played with. The Finnish tradition of saunas has deep roots in the culture, for Jere, it was a tribute to the Stanley Cup to have it at his sauna party. We had a sauna, drank beer and ate Finnish sausages and then jumped in the ocean to cool off. It was very important and symbolic to Jere to celebrate the Cup in this way."

Phil's weirdest Stanley Cup encounter took place in Lake Tahoe, Nevada during a 1996 golf tournament. "I was there with Patrick Roy at a Celebrity golf tournament. We had the Stanley Cup on display by the lake and a lady came up and asked me where I had put the coffee cups, she thought the Stanley Cup was a coffee urn."

For some players, their 24 hours with the Stanley Cup are periods of quiet reflection. Phil finds those moments to be the most touching. "They may take it to where their parents are buried and spend the day there, or they take it to local children's groups or charities. Everyone has a special place for the Stanley Cup in their hearts."



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# TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FOR SHERIDAN FROM DONORS

Sheridan's Development Office had a very successful year in 2002. There were many notable achievements including a pledge by Mattamy President and CEO, Peter Gilgan who donated \$1 million in support of the Transforming Sheridan Campaign. Plans for expanding the C-Wing at Davis Campus received a terrific boost in November, when Brampton City Council approved a \$2.5 million contribution to fund the creation of an advanced manufacturing centre within the expanded facility.

Alumni of Sheridan's Theatre programs were presented with a meaningful challenge by

Rod Maxwell, who will retire in 2003 after a fantastic 30-year career as the Artistic Director of Theatre Sheridan. Rod has pledged to match donations by Alumni and "friends" dollar for dollar up to \$50,000 in support of theatre programs at Sheridan.

The Community Foundation of Oakville selected Sheridan to be a beneficiary of the Great Dream Home Lottery, along with the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital and Ian Anderson House. This community-based, highly successful initiative resulted in \$280,000 being donated to Sheridan.



*Robert Turner and Peter Gilgan*

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## DAN CRICHTON

### Teacher, Mentor and Friend

by Jeannine Pitt-Clark

On December 23, 2002, Sheridan lost a teacher, friend and mentor to many. Dan Crichton, Head of Sheridan's Glass Studio lost his battle with cancer. He will be missed by the Sheridan community and the many students and Alumni who knew him. Dan leaves his beloved wife Sheila and his sons Dylan and Aidan, whom he adored.

Dan Crichton mixed his passion for teaching glass blowing with the extraordinary success he earned as one of the world's premier glass artisans. Glass blowing as an art form is extremely difficult to teach and yet Dan did it with a style, commitment and passion that captivated those who had the opportunity to learn from him. Dan was a wonderful and unique blend of artistry, practicality and entrepreneurial sensitivities. He was enthusiastic about Sheridan's remarkable reputation in the Crafts and he delighted in the success of his students.

His legacy lives on in the Alumni of the program who are among the world's top glass artists. They attribute their success to the quality, ingenuity and passion Dan infused into each and every learning opportunity. Since 1979, when he became a professor in the Glass program at Sheridan College, Dan Crichton continually explored, researched and refined historic methodologies in glass blowing. He developed, through his own experimentation, new processes that have extended and expanded the world of art glass. Each day provided an opportunity for Dan to infuse his students with his tremendous skill and knowledge and he took great joy from the experience.

World famous alumni and former students of Dan Crichton include Laura Donefer,

Susan Edgerley, Jeff Goodman, Kevin Lockau and Donald Robertson. They return frequently to Sheridan to pass on their knowledge and evolved areas of expertise to new generations of students. Dan was always quick to attribute the continued evolution of the Glass program to his alumni.

In his own words, captured from the past, Dan explained his admiration for the Glass alumni: "The success of Sheridan's glass program can be attributed to these artists who have had the courage to follow through on a career that requires so much hard work and personal commitment. Over the years, they have founded studios and evolved areas of expertise from glass

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casting and blowing to multi-media sculpture, and they are now passing on this experience to the next generation of students."

In 1991, Dan received the President's Award of Excellence from Sheridan College



Dan Crichton

and in 1995 he designed and created the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Volunteerism in the Performing Arts. In 2001 he received the ACCC Award for Teaching Excellence. And he was awarded the 1994 Prix Saidye Bronfman, Canada's most prestigious award celebrating excellence in the Art in recognition of his contribution to Canadian art glass, both as an artist and a teacher. The citation accompanying the award praised his "long and loving search for new relationships with glass while continuing to honour the traditions of his medium," adding: "We are also grateful that he has inspired a large number of young glass workers who have been encouraged by him to take their own creative journeys."

With the blessing of his family, a scholarship fund has been established to celebrate Dan Crichton's life. Sheridan will create the Daniel Crichton Glass Endowment, with the intent to award a \$1,000 annual scholarship to a glass student, according to criteria now being developed. Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Daniel Crichton Glass Endowment should contact Kim McGillivray in Development at 905-845-9430, extension 2011.

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## WILFRED HOOTON

### Remembering Past Kindness

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Sheridan has been named as the sole recipient of the estate of Wilfred Hooton, who passed away in 1999. The bequest is valued at \$140,000, and represents the first time Sheridan has been honoured in this way.

Wilfred Hooton was born in England in 1909. He served with the Governor General Horse Guards during the 2nd World War, and later spent most of his career as an auditor with the Federal Government. Mr. Hooton, who was pre-deceased by his wife 16 years earlier, passed away in Mississauga at the age of 90 years. His inspiration to leave his estate to Sheridan arose from a meaningful relationship with Susan Cassidy.

When Susan Cassidy met Wilfred Hooton by chance in March 1999, she discovered they had a surprising connection. Cassidy was working for Mississauga Transit when Wilfred Hooton came by to get a senior's pass. While Cassidy was helping him look for the required proof of address, she came upon a card for the Governor General Horse Guard.

Cassidy's father had been in that regiment, she mentioned this to Hooton, who thought the name sounded familiar. Cassidy processed Hooton's seniors pass and he went away. Several weeks later, after returning from a trip, she discovered that Hooton had been trying to get in touch with her.

Hooton came by to visit Cassidy and presented her with a blown-up photo of the Governor General Horse Guards Soccer team. It turned out that Cassidy's father and Hooton were on the same team. It was the start of a short and

memorable friendship between Cassidy and Hooton.

She learned that Hooton's wife Anne had passed away and he had no relatives. Hooton called Cassidy periodically however she noticed his breathing was laboured and decided to call him everyday and would visit to make sure he was okay. One day she phoned and he did not answer. When she went by his house, she noticed his walker and syringes on the bedroom floor.

Hooton had been taken to Credit Valley after having a heart attack. This was mid July, 1999. Cassidy visited Hooton regularly. "He was a great talker and a very learned man," she said. One day, they were talking about making a difference. Hooton, who had spent his life as an auditor for the federal government, told her that he always wanted to make a difference and felt he never did.

She asked him whether he had anything he really wanted to do, he told her that he had always wanted to help students who couldn't afford to go to college. "So why don't you do that?" said Cassidy. "You are of sound mind and body. It is not too late." Hooton didn't need any more convincing than that, says Cassidy. He just said, "Phone my lawyer!"

Hooton, it turns out, had studied public speaking briefly at Sheridan, as a Continuing Education student in 1988. It was this connection that made Hooton think that Sheridan College should be his beneficiary.

It took a while for his will to be changed and then one day Cassidy went to hospital to see him and he was singing "Count



Wilfred Hooton

Your Blessings. Count them one, two, three." His lawyer had informed him that everything was arranged. "He was on cloud nine. It was really nice to see him so happy," she said.

Sadly, the next night he slipped into a coma. Eight days later on September 15, 1999, Wilfred Hooton died peacefully without regaining consciousness at the age of 90.

Cassidy arranged a small service and reception for Hooton. She finds it hard to believe she knew him for less than a year. "I don't think you'll come across many people like him in a lifetime," she said.

Thanks to their chance meeting, Wilfred Hooton died with a friend by his side and knowing he had made a difference in the world, Susan Cassidy got to know more about her father and the students attending Sheridan College will get to live out their own dreams.

"We are very grateful to Mr. Hooton for his generous bequest," said Dr. Robert Turner, Sheridan's President & CEO. "His name will live on through the bursary program established in his name, which will provide assistance to deserving students for generations to come."

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 Maureen and Victor Yates  
 Denton Young  
 Linda Young '85  
 Lt. - Col. Peter K. Young  
 Terence Young  
 Ying Zhou

### LEAVE YOUR MARK!

Leave Your Mark! Is an annual tradition encouraging members of each graduating class to contribute the dollar amount of their final year (i.e. \$20.03 for 2003) back to their school. Last year's proceeds from the Leave Your Mark! campaign were used to fund student scholarships. This year, funds will be used to enhance the student lounge, use of the proceeds generated by the campaign are determined each year through a survey of representatives from the Student Union, Sheridan Alumni Association and student delegates from each school. All donors will receive acknowledgment. For more information about Sheridan's Leave Your Mark! Campaign, please contact the Sheridan Alumni Association at (905) 845-9430, ext. 2560.

# SHERIDAN'S UNIQUE CENTRE

## WILL FOCUS ON ELDER RESEARCH

by Jeannine Pitt-Clarke

Purchasing an electric kettle is an activity that wouldn't pose a challenge for most people, but when you're 68 years old, it can be frustrating. "Jean" copes daily with the difficulties of osteoarthritis and finding an electric kettle that she can lift comfortably has been complicated. "Sometimes, I wonder if companies think looks are more important," she muses as she inspects the selection in the local department store. "Most of these kettles are too heavy for me to lift when they are full, they are also too large for just one person."

Pat Spadafora, Director of the Sheridan Elder Research Centre (SERC), understands Jean's frustration. Through SERC, Pat is working hard to create a greater awareness of the unique psychological and social needs of the elderly. SERC is a brand new facility at Sheridan's Trafalgar Road Campus. It will be housed in the new H-wing which is currently being constructed and is slated to open in September 2003.

Spadafora developed the concept of a research centre to look at the psychosocial needs of older adults after years of working in the social work field. In 1999, her ideas crystallized following a series of events to celebrate the "International Year of Older Persons." Spadafora's goal was to "gerontologize" the campus and believed a research centre that brought together a myriad of programs that impact older adults was a viable concept.

"I thought Sheridan was uniquely positioned to contribute to the field of aging from both an applied research and an educational perspective," explains Spadafora. "We identified an opportunity to conduct applied research into the psychosocial aspects of aging. Much research has been conducted from a bio-medical framework. While that approach is absolutely critical, we recognized a gap in research from a psychosocial perspective". After presenting her concept to Sheridan's administration, they decided the concept was viable. Later that spring, at a conference on aging hosted by Sheridan, the Sheridan Elder Research Centre was announced to the participants.

Spadafora got to work and turning her vision into reality, she quickly secured over \$2.4 million in research and infrastructure grants and negotiated numerous partnerships. When Spadafora was developing the core strengths of SERC, she worked with Sally Stewart, a Masters of Social Work research student, on a project to ascertain the core strengths of SERC. They asked focus groups composed of well and frail elderly and caregivers the



Pat Spadafora, Director of the Sheridan Elder Research Centre (SERC).

following question: "Imagine a day in your life, what would make that day better?" "It was really interesting because several distinct themes came from the focus group research and we have incorporated them into the research themes that reflect SERC's mandate," explains Spadafora. As a result of this research, when SERC opens its doors in September, it will contain:

- an Alzheimer's day program, which will be delivered by the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON), Halton, with a capacity of 30 older adults;
- a new Design for an Aging Population post-diploma/degree program which Spadafora has developed in collaboration with Mary Jane Carroll, Associate Dean in Sheridan's School of

- Animation, Arts and Design;
- a Technology Usability Centre supported, in part, by IBM;
- a Cosmetics Studio;
- an Interior Design Studio;
- a Human Communications Lab (HCL) in partnership with University of Toronto at Mississauga
- and educational outreach conferences, seminars and events for researchers, seniors, caregivers and service providers.

A central focus of SERC will be sensitizing other professions to the impact of aging on products and decisions they make. "A key sub text that runs through SERC is educating people and advocating for older adults. Ageist attitudes and stereotypes, sometimes subtle, are deeply embedded in our society and need to be addressed," says Spadafora. "I recall taking my parents to a restaurant in Ottawa. We had such a hard time getting my mother up the stairs to the restaurant with her walker and then the lighting in the dining room was so poor they had trouble reading the menu. The acoustics were poor and they couldn't hear the conversation."

"Factors such as these can exclude older adults socially and isolate them," she explains. "SERC will provide a platform for older adults to express their needs and it will allow us to chip away at exclusionary practices through education and research."

One SERC initiative is the development of a new post degree/ diploma program "Designing for an Aging Population." It will prepare interior designers and architects with highly specialized skills in designing the built environment for older adults. The first program of its kind in North America, "Design for an Aging Population" draws on Sheridan's established strengths in the

areas of gerontology and interior design. Students will develop a conceptual understanding of issues related to the elderly, and will acquire the skills to research and develop creative solutions for elderly clients.

Designing for an Aging Population and other areas of study will be encouraged to undertake applied research in a broad range of areas related to aging, including caregiver issues, consumer research and information technology. More specifically, the Designing for an Aging Population program will be very closely affiliated with SERC through its integration of applied research into the design process and students will be able to draw on the resources and expertise residing within SERC as they undertake their own research and design projects.

Other areas of applied research will focus on the effects of Alzheimer's on a number of distinct populations. Well and frail older adults will take part in programs on campus. "Applied research will be done directly with older adults," explains Spadafora. "One of the very interesting areas of research we will be looking at is how best to support individuals who have just received a diagnosis of Alzheimer's."

Spadafora and her team will also be examining the stress reducing effects of cosmetic care and a host of other influences that affect quality of life for the elderly. Her excitement evident, she takes great delight in the impending introduction of the elderly into Sheridan's Trafalgar Road Campus: "I think SERC will be a 'beehive' of activity with older adults coming in and interacting with students in programs at Sheridan!"

## SHERIDAN SPARK, OAKVILLE'S DIGITAL MEDIA INCUBATOR

*Spark (spärk) n. Anything that kindles or animates*

Canada's digital media innovators will gain an extra edge this fall, when Sheridan SPARK opens its doors.

The first digital media incubator of its kind in Ontario, SPARK is a joint initiative of the Town of Oakville and the Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning (Sheridan ITAL) and is designed to promote the growth and development of Ontario's digital media industry. In 2000, the Town of Oakville pledged \$1 million to support the development of the project. Sheridan SPARK is managed for the Town of Oakville by the Oakville Economic Development Alliance.

In February, the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Enterprise, Opportunity & Innovation, announced to the Annual General Meeting of the Oakville Economic Development Alliance that Sheridan SPARK would receive a \$100,000 grant from the Prosperity Demonstration Fund to support its start-up. Renato Discenza, Senior Vice President of Bell Ontario, was also present to

announce a \$30,000 grant to the OEDA in support of the incubator project.

An innovative concept, Sheridan SPARK will provide support to digital media entrepreneurs to develop their products and services and get them ready for the marketplace. Demand for digital media products and services grew by four percent in the United States alone with sales of \$11 billion. Tenants of SPARK will be perfectly poised to take advantage of this booming demand for digital media products and services. SPARK is part of Sheridan's new H-Wing, and will occupy 5,500 square feet of space within the new complex. It will include private offices, common areas, meeting rooms and a reception area.

Sharon Aitken is managing Sheridan SPARK on behalf of the Oakville Economic Development Alliance for Sheridan and the Town of Oakville. "We're actively looking for emerging businesses who are fine-tuning their

technology for the marketplace. Sheridan SPARK will provide them with a temporary home and access to the technological and administrative support they need in order to successfully launch their business."

Digital media integrates graphics, test, animation, sound and video into an interactive product that is usually marketed through CD-ROM applications or via the Internet. Three types of tenants will be able to take advantage of this innovative business incubator, says Aitken. "We can foresee having three types of tenants including the onsite tenant, the virtual tenant who could be an entrepreneur who needs a prestigious business address, access to office services and conference facilities and the contract or project based entrepreneurs who need short term or temporary facilities." For more information on SPARK, contact Sharon Aitken at 905-815-4069 or by e-mail to [sharon.aitken@sheridanc.on.ca](mailto:sharon.aitken@sheridanc.on.ca).

# ALUMNI NEWS

## PREMIER'S AWARDS NOMINEES DEFINE EXCELLENCE

This year's Premier's Awards nominees are a very special and unique group of people. They represented Sheridan as candidates in the 2002 Premier's Awards Competition. Each year, the Premier's Awards are given to one outstanding Ontario Community College graduate in each of six categories: Applied Arts, Creative Arts and Design; Applied Arts, Community Services; Business; Technology; Health Sciences and New Graduate. Sheridan is very proud of all of its nominees. For more information on the awards, visit the Office of the Vice President, Academic web page located at <http://www.sheridanc.on.ca/vpa>.

### APPLIED ARTS – CREATIVE ARTS & DESIGN: DON METZ, MEDIA ARTS, 1977



Don Metz is Canada's leading independent sports broadcaster. He shoots, edits, packages and distributes an amazing array of material for networks such as CBC, CTV, TSN, the Discovery Channel, and ESPN2. He has produced 1200 video productions for businesses, government and not for profit organizations across Canada. Don is the owner of Aquila Film & Entertainment Productions Inc., an Edmonton-based video, multimedia and animation production company. He is also Vice President of Insight Sports (Canada) Ltd., an Ontario leader in the Canadian film and television industry. Insight Sports has more than 100 film and television credits to its name and specialty channels including The NHL Hockey Network. Don donates his expertise to the Alberta Children's Health Foundation, Crystal Kids (a support program for inner city youth), and works with the Edmonton Oilers Hockey Foundation to raise money for sports programs for children.

### APPLIED ARTS: COMUNITY SERVICE – KAREN CHAN, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, 1974



A 1974 graduate of the Early Childhood Education program at Sheridan College, Karen has worked her way through local and regional government and specializes in streamlining delivery of community and social services programming geared to children and youth. As Director of Ontario's Promise, Karen Chan is responsible for a non partisan initiative that unites corporate, government and non profit agencies together on behalf of Ontario's children. Ontario's Promise supports all of the province's children and youth by mobilizing the various sectors of society to share responsibility for making and keeping five essential promises. These promises are: A Healthy Start; An Adult Who Cares; Safe Places to Grow and Learn; The Tools to Succeed; A Chance to Make a Difference. They form a framework for all participants to focus their efforts on children and youth. As Director, Chan developed the program plan and now leads its implementation.

### BUSINESS – LORRAINE HUGHES, ADVERTISING, 1976



From Advertising graduate to the head of the largest media buying company in Canada, Lorraine Hughes has carved out a remarkably successful career in a very tough business. By age 30 she was Vice President at a major Canadian advertising agency and by age 31 was National Media Director. Her most recent appointment in April 2002 as President of OMD Canada is the pinnacle in a series of progressively responsible positions at the country's top media shops. The largest purchaser of media space in the country, OMD Canada books an estimated one out of every 10 television commercials that airs in Canada, and last year placed \$900 million dollars in advertising. Lorraine Hughes contributes to her profession through organizations including the Advertising Standards Council's Consumer Response Committee, and the Boards for the national bureaus that measure audience response to advertising.

### HEALTH – ANNE HARTLEY, SPORTS INJURY MANAGEMENT, 1975



Anne Hartley is a Professor in Sports Injury Management at Sheridan College who is well known internationally. In addition to teaching, she is a prominent athletic therapist and osteopathic practitioner who has lectured and published extensively. A pioneer in the field of Athletic Therapy, she was in the first graduating class of the very first program of its type offered anywhere in Canada. She was hired by Sheridan as Head Athletic Therapist in 1976 - the first woman in this position at any post-secondary institution in North America. Hartley also serves as the Clinical Director of the National Practical Certification Exam for the Canadian Athletic Therapist Association. She was selected as a volunteer therapist for major international games including the Olympics, the Pam Am Games, and the Paralympics. Hartley has received Special Recognition awards from the national and provincial professional associations and the Outstanding Educator award from the Canadian Athletic Therapist Association.



## TECHNOLOGY – WAYNE BROCKLEBANK,

### CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY, 1971

A paraplegic and amputee as the result of a motorcycle accident, Wayne Brocklebank is the Senior Project Analyst of Technical Services and Quality Assurance for the Construction Association of Ontario. He oversees the Association's rewards program for Ontario industries and works as part of a team to help companies improve the climate of safety for employees. The Association has facilitated a 76% improvement in construction safety and through its efforts, Ontario has gone from having the worst record to having the best safety record in Canada. Wayne makes a remarkable contribution to his community, spending 20 to 30 hours a week volunteering on behalf of youth. Since 1987, Wayne has coached baseball, soccer and hockey in Mississauga, and donated his time to the scouting movement for 13 years. In 1998, his dedication and work as a volunteer earned him the Reward of Fortitude from the Governor-General of Canada. In 2001, Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion bestowed the City of Mississauga Civic Award upon Wayne for his outstanding volunteer efforts.

## SPECIAL REUNIONS IN THE WORKS FOR HOMECOMING 2003!

### Welcome Back!

Are you part of a year ending in 3 or 8? If so it is your anniversary and a perfect opportunity for you and your classmates to hold a reunion. Check our reunion list to see if something is being planned for you! Reunions are currently being planned for Homecoming 2003.

We are encouraging the classes celebrating anniversary years to come back to Sheridan during Homecoming which is set for October 18th. All Alumni are welcome and you are encouraged to take advantage of this special occasion to reunite with classmates and faculty and reconnect with Sheridan.

Plans are underway for the first Annual Alumni Luncheon celebrating graduating classes 25 years and greater. Sheridan's President & CEO, Dr. Robert Turner will be honouring the 25+ grads with a 25 year pin to be presented during the Luncheon.

The Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association will be held shortly after lunch and there will be tours of the new H wing. (The official opening of the new H wing is October 16th.) Individual classes will be free to organize their own dinner celebration in the evening. There will be a special Homecoming Pub in The Cage in the evening and a basketball game in the Porter Athletics Building at 8 P.M., Varsity Games will be taking place all day at Sheridan's Trafalgar Road Campus in Oakville.

We would be happy to help you with your own celebration. If you would like to organize a reunion, why not come by Sheridan's Trafalgar

Road Campus and drop in to the Alumni Association office. We have lots of information available and our office telephone can be used during the day or the evening to make telephone calls to your classmates (and the calls are free to you). Class lists are also available from Faeye Johnston.

David Tinker, a retired professor from the School of Business is currently using our facilities to organize a 25 year reunion for Business Administration-Marketing students. He is working from the Alumni office every Tuesday and is a great resource for other Alumni wishing to organize their own reunion.



Dave Tinker is organizing a Business Administration, Marketing 25 year reunion.

If you would like to organize a class reunion, please let Faeye Johnston, Manager, Alumni, know as soon as possible so that the Association can publicize your plans.

### Here's Who is Planning a Reunion:

- Business Admin Marketing: 25 years+ 1978+
- Broadcast Journalism: 1978
- Nursing: 1978
- Graphic Design: 1987
- Business Administration Human Resources Management 3yr Davis campus: 1993
- Business Administration Marketing: 1993

- Animation: ALL YEARS are invited to return to view a retrospective of the work of the late Glen McQueen, the late Zack Schwartz and the late George "Marty" Martsegis.
- ITPI (Information Technologies Professional Internship) and YIP (Youth Internship Program)
- SAC 1991 – 1998

### Homecoming Celebrations October 18, 2003

- 10 A.M. Athletics Hall of Fame Induction and Brunch (by invitation only)
- 12 NOON Alumni Homecoming Luncheon (25 year alumni receiving pins)
- 2 P.M. Sheridan Alumni Association Annual General Meeting
- 3 P.M. Sheridan Alumni Association 2003/2004 Board Meeting
- 3 to 5 P.M. Ongoing tours of the new H-wing facility
- 4 to 8 P.M. Individual Class Celebrations
- 8 P.M. Sheridan Bruins Basketball game Porter Athletics Building
- 9 P.M. Homecoming Pub in The Cage

Anyone wishing to attend the Homecoming or to help organize a reunion for their class should e-mail reunions@sheridan.on.ca or call Faeye Johnston at the office at 905-845-9430 x2560.

# HOMECOMING 2002

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

Unusually cold weather couldn't chill the warmth of this year's second Hall of Fame induction during Homecoming '02. At a champagne breakfast sponsored by the Sheridan Alumni Association, Bruins basketball athlete Martin Johnson ('86 Electronics Engineering Technology) and Bruins football athlete Steve Ackroyd ('78 Athletic Training Management) were inducted into the Bruins Hall of Fame. Coach Brian Ratcliffe was inducted into the Hall of Fame in the Soccer category.



Steve Ackroyd, overcome with emotion, reacts to his induction into the Bruins Hall of Fame.



Martin Johnson and Wayne Allison following Johnson's Hall of Fame induction.

Just over 80 friends, family and former teammates joined Coach Jim Flack, Wayne Allison and Steve Blundy in an emotionally charged ceremony that celebrated the accomplishments of Johnson, Ackroyd and Coach Ratcliffe.

## 1984 CDN NANNY GRAD SEEKS OTHER GRADS FOR REUNION

Hi! I graduated from the Canadian Nanny program in 1984. Since that time, I have made my living in childcare. I started out as a Nanny and then with extra studies, I moved into Daycare at the University of British Columbia. My life has also taken me to Brazil and I am now in my third year at University of Victoria, working on a Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth care. I am investigating interest in holding a reunion for all years of the Canadian Nanny

Program at Sheridan. As the classes were small, why don't we get together for a mega-reunion!

If you are interested, please e-mail me, Beth Howard c/o reunions@sheridanc.on.ca or contact Faeye Johnston at the Sheridan Alumni Association office at (905) 845-9430, ext. 2560. Please put Nanny Reunion in the subject box of your e-mail. Thank-you!

## 1977 NURSING GRADUATES, CREDIT VALLEY CAMPUS

The Nursing graduating class of 1977 enjoyed their 25 year reunion during Homecoming '02. For organizer Debbie Grant-Shead, the reunion was a memorable and enjoyable event. "Since 25 years have passed, it was such fun to have a wonderful group attend and reminisce about the times we had together," she said. "There was a great turnout and here's hoping the next reunion, our 30th, will bring out even more of us together. Just think where we will all be by then. We have all made a difference and I am very proud to be a part of such a great class. Let's all look forward to the next reunion in 2007!"

Nursing alumni came from as far away as Calgary, Alberta; Timmons, Ontario and Montreal, Quebec to reminisce and celebrate. They dined together and enjoyed a social evening filled with great conversation.

## 1982 NURSING GRADUATES, CREDIT VALLEY CAMPUS



Top from left to right: Class of '82 nursing grads Judy, Geri, Karen, Mimi and Lee. Bottom row from left to right: Barb, Judy, Michelle and Audrey.

Members of the Nursing graduating class of 1982 were finally able to get together on September 27, 28 and 29, 2002 in Penetang, Ontario for their 20th Anniversary Reunion. The weather was warm and balmy and grads traveled from a far away as British Columbia and the United States. On Saturday afternoon, in brilliant sunshine, the nurses went on a boat cruise on Georgian Bay. That

was followed by an evening dinner and brunch on Sunday morning.

Organized by Judy Garbutt, the group had a wonderful time and celebrated their tremendous professional and personal accomplishments. They agreed to get together again in 2007 for their 25th Anniversary. Members of the 1982 Nursing class who were not able to attend can contact the Sheridan Alumni Office at 905-845-9430 or by e-mail at reunions@sheridanc.on.ca to register their interest for their 25th reunion.



The reunion of Nursing, class of '77 at the Ramada Inn, Oakville, Ontario.

## 1977 CANADIAN NANNY GRADUATES, TRAFALGAR ROAD CAMPUS

Homecoming weekend brought together four of the five graduates of the '77 Canadian Nanny graduating class. The three day reunion was a great success, particularly because Professor Colleen Malek was able to attend for part of the event.

The reunion promoted discussions about families, careers, future aspirations and memories. "As we went down memory lane, our first stop was to Sheridan, followed by a stroll along the lakeshore in downtown Oakville," writes Beverlie Dietz (Arthurs). "Throughout the weekend, we walked many familiar paths and visited new territory. We all agreed that our time at Sheridan had a positive impact on each of our lives."

Each of the graduates attending the reunion have gone on to enjoy happy and productive lives. Barbara Booth (McDougall) said her studies in the Canadian Nanny and Early Childhood Education programs provided her with the theoretical background and application skills necessary to raise two healthy and happy children. She has

worked in an educational toy store and more recently with children who have special needs.

Beverlie Dietz pursued additional studies in the Early Childhood Education program. Beverlie has designed a variety of childhood related programs both nationally and internationally. She has co-authored a number of articles and books, produced educational videos and delivered workshops and keynote addresses at venues around the world. She is currently with Loyalist College and is the Interim Chair for the new Bachelor of Applied Arts in Human Services Management program.

Jane Dykstra (Timberman) used her knowledge and skills gained from her studies in her position as a Nanny. She and her husband, Steve have raised four active children. More recently, Jane has combined her creativity and love of gardening to develop exquisite perennial gardens. These gardens have been highlighted in Canadian gardening magazines.

Sharon Snider began her career working with children. After being a stay-at-home mom with her three daughters for several years, Sharon embarked on a new career at a credit union.



*The Canadian Nanny Class of 77, with Colleen Malek (centre).*

## ATTENTION THEATRE ALUMNI... ARE YOU LOST?

Did you know that Rod Maxwell, Sheridan's ageless and venerable artistic director is retiring? If you didn't, it is probably because we lost track of you. Please check the Lost Alumni List that follows, if you find your name on it, please give the Sheridan Alumni Association a telephone call at 905-845-9430, ext. 2560 and update your records, or you can e-mail us at [alumni@sheridanc.on.ca](mailto:alumni@sheridanc.on.ca) and we will make sure your information is up-to-date. A special celebration of the contributions of Rod Maxwell to Theatre Sheridan is in the works and we would like to be able to get in touch with you to tell you all about our plans for Rod's retirement!

### THEATRE LOST ALUMNI

|                            |                           |                             |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Monique Douek, Jun-86      | Anne Speare, Jun-90       | Vincent Staltari, Jun-94    |
| Timothy Alex, Jun-86       | Tanya Abulnar, Jun-90     | Christine Manderson, Jun-94 |
| Jane Boswell-Purdy, Jun-86 | Liam Mc Donald, Jun-90    | Julie Cutler, Jun-95        |
| Michelle Anglin, Jun-86    | Philip Wallace, Jun-91    | Michael Moore, Jun-94       |
| Mary-Anne Taylor, Jun-86   | Shawna Lance, Jun-91      | Janet Pelletier, Jun-94     |
| Karen Wallace, Jun-86      | Geoffrey Tyler, Jun-91    | Jason Brooks, Jun-94        |
| Marlene Handrahan, Jun-87  | Jennifer Magee, Jun-91    | Ray McKenna, Jun-95         |
| Alanna Cavanagh, Jun-87    | Ann Hunter, Jun-91        | Hank Verhoeven, Jun-95      |
| Katharine Julian, Jun-87   | Brent Wees, Jun-91        | Jessica Morton, Jun-95      |
| Phillip Hughes, Jun-87     | Arlene Turner, Jun-91     | Michelle Jackett, Jun-95    |
| Kathy Hall, Jun-87         | Meredith Palmer, Jun-91   | Susan Dunstan, Jun-95       |
| Geoffrey Whynot, Jun-87    | Shawn Daudlin, Jun-91     | Kelly Green, Jun-95         |
| Joseanne Vint, Jun-88      | Dwayne Adams, Jun-92      | Reginald Ibay, Jun-96       |
| Kim Marshall, Jun-88       | Alexandra Burns, Jun-92   | Elizabeth Kurtz, Jun-96     |
| Lisa Mac Neil, Jun-91      | Suzanna Read, Jun-92      | Megan Hill, Jun-96          |
| Bruce Baggett, Jun-88      | Lorna Hazen, Jun-92       | Mark Umphrey, Jun-96        |
| Robert Corbett, Jun-88     | Peter Yu, Jun-93          | Howard Jackson, Jun-96      |
| Lynn Bourque, Jun-88       | Janet Chong, Jun-93       | Krista Konkin, Jun-97       |
| Jemmie Phillips, Jun-89    | Paul Hamilton, Jun-93     | Samantha Collard, Jun-97    |
| Jamie Oksman, Jun-89       | Tracy Francis, Jun-93     | Kim Jamieson, Jun-97        |
| Sherry Chandler, Jun-89    | Traci Bulger, Jun-94      | Jason Chesworth, Jun-97     |
| Gary Mitchell, Jun-90      | Stephen Patterson, Jun-94 | Danny Boucher, Jun-97       |
| Donna Greenidge, Jun-89    | James Anderson, Jun-95    | Andrew Pike, Jun-97         |
| Karen Le Blanc, Jun-89     | Joanna McDermott, Jun-94  | Anthony Rauchberger, Jun-97 |
| Sharron Matthews, Jun-89   | Liann Middlehurst, Jun-95 |                             |

# QUESTIONNAIRE

Now you can fax us!! Our number is: (905) 815-4017

To keep in touch with you, our records must be accurate. Please complete the following and return it to: Alumni Development Office, Sheridan College, 1430 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario L6H 2L1. When forwarding this to the Alumni Development Office, why not include a recent photo, both head and shoulders and environment shots are welcome.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Program at Sheridan: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Student No.: \_\_\_\_\_

## We Would Like To Know More About Your Career:

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Your position: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years? \_\_\_\_\_ Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: Business: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: Personal: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we publish your e-mail address in our web directory?  Yes  No If so, which address would you prefer?  Business  Personal

Would you be interested in hearing more from us on peer mentoring or other volunteer roles at Sheridan?  Yes  No

## Other Information:

Wedding Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Middle

Children's Names and Dates of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to know more about your career accomplishments (Professional, educational, other): \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about your volunteer activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities involved in at Sheridan (i.e. Student Government, Peer Tutoring, Clubs, Varsity or Intramural Sports, Awards Received, etc.)

Would you like to be kept informed of group discount plans offered through Sheridan Alumni Association?  Yes  No

I am willing to have this information published on the web and in future issues of TRADITIONS.  Yes  No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## THE LAST WORD

# Coming Home – A Sheridan Reunion

by Cathy Collins



I had a letter in the mail about four years ago. It was an invitation to my high school graduating class 20 year reunion. Now for some strange reason, I didn't think twice about the 5th and 10th reunions of my university graduating classes but the 20th from high school was a different story. Perhaps it was because they had known me at a different stage of life (to be honest... I don't think I really "found my feet" until I was about 25!) I thought a lot harder about going, and I'm glad I did. I had a great time!

So what makes a successful reunion? Some of the answers depend on whether you are on the "organizing" side or the "attending" side! But overall, successful reunions have a group of volunteers and a solid organizer who can delegate tasks, provide expertise and keep organized. The good news is that the Sheridan Alumni Association provides that very important second piece.

Ideally, you should start planning your reunion at least a year in advance. Don't panic though if you get to it later than that. Whatever the time line, be sure to enlist the help of other classmates. Contact Faeye at the Alumni Association, (phone 905-845-9430 ext 2560 or by email at reunions@sheridanc.on.ca), form a committee of about five to six people and arrange a first meeting.

It is important to the success of any venture that each person takes on only what they are comfortable with, and tackles what they can really do. Don't underestimate the value of volunteer helpers who may only be able to do one hour of work (e.g. attaching labels and closing envelopes). They are can make a huge difference to the success of the reunion.

The Sheridan Alumni Association is encouraging classes or groups interested in holding a reunion to consider hosting it during Homecoming scheduled for October 18, 2003 at the Trafalgar Road Campus .. particularly those classes that end in an 8 or a 3 (i.e. '73, '78, '83 etc.). We'd also love to hear from those who might want to organize a "9" or "4" reunion for 2004. Of special focus would be those who graduated in 1978 or 1979, and will be celebrating 25 years. A special ceremony during the weekend will honour those who are in attendance. You may also wish to organize a reunion around a club that you belonged to, or a varsity team that you played on.

If you live far away, and know other grads in your area, you may wish to help organize a Sheridan reunion where you live. We would be happy to assist you with that as well.

Sheridan offers a variety of rooms perfect for reunions and the large number of local hotels and restaurants offer attractive alternative venues.

Of real importance is your class or group list. While there are a number of conditions surrounding use and distribution of those lists, Faeye is happy to work with you to make sure you have all necessary information.

At the first committee meeting, the first step is to update any addresses and e-mail addresses of classmates, or identify any who have died as letters to their homes could be difficult for the families. The Alumni Association's "Find a Friend" program offers free tracking to locate lost alumni. Be sure to let the Alumni Association know of any lost alumni you are able to track down, that way we can update our information database.

If you can, process invitations by e-mail or by computer. All correspondence about the reunion should carry basic information: date/time, location, contact details. The Alumni Association can help you with these details and keep track of returns. The invitations should also indicate the cost. It can be useful to have a reduced fee for those who apply by a certain deadline. Actual personal invitations can be sent 6-8 weeks before the event.

In the weeks leading up to the reunion, contact the leading players so that nobody forgets something important. At least an hour before the scheduled start, place any necessary direction notices in the venue.

About 45 minutes before the starting time arrange your reception desk. Have someone to collect tickets or otherwise register the arrivals. This desk will require staffing for some time after the advertised starting time.

After the event there will be bills to be paid, people to thank, maybe photographs to circulate or publish. Most committees benefit from a wrap-up meeting to tidy up loose ends and, just as important, to enjoy the memories of what they have achieved on the reunion date. Once again, the Alumni office is happy to help coordinate these important tasks.

So don't worry about that receding hairline, the little roll around the middle, or about sharing the fact that your teenage daughter has blue hair. Come as you are, but please, come. Here's to a great Homecoming! Hope to see you there.

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# GRAD GAB GRAD GAB

## ADVERTISING

### Chris Pollock

'94 and his wife Anne Marie live in Brampton, Ontario. The couple were married on August 25, 2001 and recently purchased their first home. Chris is the web coordinator for PC Outlet and runs his own computer consulting business.

## ANIMAL CARE

### Susan Young

'80 and her husband Axel Koch live in Courtenay, British Columbia. Susan is the owner and operator of Axis Media Systems, a company which offers web development services. Susan is also attending Excel College (located in Courtenay) where she is a student in the Digital Design for Print and Web program. Susan invites her classmates to visit her web site at [www.axismedia.ca](http://www.axismedia.ca).

## ART FUNDAMENTALS

### Isabelle Devos

'86 is a visual artist based in Sackville, New Brunswick. She is the mother of two children, Cole (8 years-old) and Emma (13 years-old). She is the founder of the Insecurities Project, a multimedia site devoted to documenting the photographs taken by travelers who were being asked by airport security personnel to take a photograph with their cameras to prove that their camera was not a security risk. Recognizing the unique art value of these photographs, she has collected together 19 of these photographs which can be viewed on her web site [www.insecuritiesproject.com](http://www.insecuritiesproject.com). Ms. Devos is also a community activist and a volunteer with the Red Cross. Her work is in the

collection of the New Brunswick Art Bank and in private collections throughout Canada, the United States and Europe.

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### Adele Cave (nee Taylor)

'93 Business (Co-op) and '86 Media Writing is a special needs educational assistant with the Halton Board of Education. She is the mother of four adult children: Emma (34 years-old); Stephen (28 years-old); Kate (23 years-old) and Louise (21 years-old). She is also working towards a Masters in Alternative Healing and is in the process of completing several manuscripts.

### Kelly Murphy

'87 lives in Orillia, Ontario. He writes: "I was most recently in Northern Ireland representing Canada at the 2002 World Masters Judo Tournament and returned home ranked third in the world. I am unfortunately not able to qualify for Canadian Sport Sponsorship as at 36 years of age, I am not an Olympic hopeful. I am actively seeking corporate sponsors for the 2003 World Championships being held in Tokyo, Japan." When not competing, Kelly is a purchaser for Northern Business Equipment located in Orillia, Ontario.

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - ACCOUNTING

### Violet Legato (nee Byrne)

'02 is employed by Newcastle Logistics Corporation in Hamilton, Ontario. Amanda works as an Accounts Receivable Accountant. Violet and her husband Domenic were married on April 29, 2000. The couple lives in Hamilton, Ontario.

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - FINANCE

### Mary Arnold (nee Duchon)

'99 married Kevin Arnold on June 9, 2001. Mary and Kevin reside in Mississauga, Ontario. Mary is employed by New Era Cap Co., a manufacturing company for apparel. Mary is an inventory co-ordinator.

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

### Michael Bennett

'90 was married in June 2001 to Susan Capani. Mike, a former Sheridan Alumni Association President, was transferred with the Toronto Dominion Bank to Chicago to head up the Human Resources Department for TD Options, a new venture for the bank in Equity Options in the United States. Mike and Susan live in Chicago, Illinois.

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - MARKETING

### Cameron Graham

'97 and his wife Maureen Meints live in Calgary, Alberta. Cam is employed by Petro Canada as a Field Support/IT Specialist. Cam and Maureen are the proud parents of Jenna Leigh Graham (6-months old).

### Jason Hawksworth

'88 and his wife Natalie Breese ('88 Graphic Design) are living in England with their two children: Alexa (8 years-old) and Ethan (5 years-old). Jason is the Managing Director of Freeway Washer Limited located in West Yorkshire, England.

### Karen Taylor (nee Halsey)

'91 married her husband Darren in July 2000. Karen has recently undergone seven months of extreme chemotherapy from

August 2000 to March 2001 for breast cancer. She has received a clean bill of health and is hoping to start a family soon. Karen and Darren live in Burlington, Ontario.

## COMMUNITY PLANNING

### Bill Danylchuk

'80 is an executive with CKWR-FM 98.5, a radio station in Waterloo, Ontario. Bill and his wife Lori are parents to four children. The couple resides in Kitchener, Ontario. Bill volunteers with the Waterloo Mennonite Church.

### Peter Siemons

'75 is an Ontario Building Code Plan Examiner for the Planning and Building Department of the City of Mississauga. After graduating from Sheridan, Peter attended Ryerson University and studied Architectural Technology. He graduated from Ryerson in 1993. He is a Certified Building Code Official (CBCO) and a member of the Association of Architectural Technologists of Ontario (ATTO). Peter and his wife Beth live in Mississauga.

## COMPUTER PROGRAMMER

### Gary Benedetti

'93 and his wife Sue have been married for 12 years. They are the proud parents of three children. Gary and his family live in Waterdown, Ontario. In 1996, Gary started Cygnet Software, a software development company. He writes, "life is grand!"

## COMPUTER PROGRAMMER - SYSTEMS ANALYST

### Jason Wiens

'95 is a category manager for GlaxoSmithKline Pharma. He writes: "Lots of things have happened since my graduation from Sheridan, both good and bad. I started out on a promising

career with a start-up company called Intactix in programming and consulting. During a trip to Boca Raton, Florida in my fourth year with Intactix, I fractured my C7 vertebrae and was out of work for over a year. I have since recovered and now work for GlaxoSmithKline, a wonderful company. I have been happily married for more than six years. I would love to hear from my classmates.”

## COMPUTER SCIENCE

### Fred Sallah

'02 is an Information Technology Analyst with Canada Customs and Revenue in Mississauga. Fred lives in Mississauga, Ontario. While at Sheridan he was active in intramural sports (football).

## COMPUTER SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY CO-OP

### Michael Glue

'01 and his wife Jennifer live in Brampton, Ontario. Michael is a developer with Bredet Services Inc., a software consulting company.

## CORRECTIONAL WORKER

### Denis Christo

'83 is married with four great children. He is an avid golfer and a member of Clublink. Denis is employed as a Correctional Officer 2 at the Maplehurst Correctional Complex in Milton, Ontario.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

### John (Jack) Stephen Hellewell

'81 and Canadian Nanny ('79) is the owner/operator of "It's About Wine" located in Oakville, Ontario. Jack writes: "I have owned and operated It's About Wine for four years. It is a shop where people come to make their own wine. My oldest daughter is attending Brock University and her two younger sisters are still in high school."

### Anisa Scott

'98 is self-employed as a childcare provider in Kitchener, Ontario. Anisa lives in Kitchener.

### Sarah Partridge (nee Dailey)

'00 owns and operates Little Miracles Home Daycare in Burlington, Ontario. Sarah and her husband Mark were married on September 29, 2001. She graduated with honours. She belongs to the Halton Childcare Registry and the Halton Childcare Providers Association. Sarah and Mark live in Burlington, Ontario.

## ESTHETICIAN

### Cassie Wood

'01 is employed as an esthetician at the Essence of Nature Spa in Burlington, Ontario. Cassie lives in Burlington, Ontario. She writes: "I love the work, big thanks to Barbara and Betty."

## FASHION TECHNIQUE AND DESIGN

### Elena Conte

'92 is self-employed as the head designer, creating and manufacturing for a wholesale women's wear collection in Toronto, Ontario. She writes: "I've worked in the fashion and graphic design industry before starting my own design business. I am now wholesaling my collection across Canada and have experienced a steady growth and increase in sales for the past 3 years." Elena lives in Toronto, Ontario. While at Sheridan, she was involved in Peer Tutoring.

### Lisa Prosser

'91 is a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT). Married since 1994 to Stephen Watson, Lisa graduated from the West Coast College of Massage Therapy with top honours. She successfully completed her medical board exams in February. She is self-employed and operates Nanoose Bay Massage Therapy. Lisa and Stephen live in Nanoose, British Columbia.

## GENERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE

### Scott Wigner

'98 is a merchandiser with Shoppers Drug Mart in Oakville, Ontario. Scott writes that he was the youngest person in Canada to win the employee of the month award for Kelly Temporary Service in 1998. Scott lives in Oakville, Ontario.

## GRAPHIC DESIGN

### Peter and Diane Keerma

'77 were married in 1981. They are both graduates of Sheridan's Graphic Design program. Parents of 10 year-old twins, Alex and Lauren, the Keermas live in Aurora, Ontario. Peter works as the Creative Director of RBC Investments. Diane is a stay-at-home mother with the twins.



### Desiree Lyttle (nee Steffen)

'88 is employed as the Senior Graphic Designer for Presentation Plus, a Mississauga based packaging and graphic design firm. Desiree and her husband Michael were married on May 27, 1995. The couple are proud parents of three children. The Lyttles live in Brampton, Ontario.

## HEAVY EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

### Denis Gravel

'81 is employed by Tembec as a mechanic. Tembec is a pulp mill located in Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario. Denis and his wife Alie were married on September 4, 1993 and are the parents of two children: Kevin (8 years-old) and Martin (6 years-old). The Gravel

live in Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario.

## HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

### Nicole Lumbers (nee Rens)

'88 is the Human Resources Manager for EXFO Photonic Solutions Inc., a manufacturer of fiber optic light sources. She writes: "I am married now and have two beautiful little girls. They are amazing. After graduation, I worked for over three years as a manager in a grocery store. From there I moved into the accounts payable department with my current employer. I was already taking HR courses and I am now the HR resource for this company. I hope the years have been good to you! We should organize a get-together!"

### Steve Wemyss

'76 and his wife Judy Fyke (Medical Secretarial and Animal Care '77) live in Mississauga, Ontario. Steve is a food processing manager with A. J. Lanzarotta Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable. Steve writes: "I would love to hear from others in the Hotel and Restaurant program who graduated in '76. I have been married to Judy for over 25 years. Remember us as the 'beav' and the 'little green sprout'. We have two kids, one is at McMaster University and the other has one more year of high school. Hope to hear from other grads."

## INTENSIVE SECRETARIAL

### Lynn Woods (nee Coskery)

'80 is the Director of Marketing Communications for Trillium Health Centre in Mississauga, Ontario. Lynn and her husband Terry live in Oakville, Ontario. Lynn also owns and operates her own public relations company, Lynn Wood Communications. In 1987, she received a Bachelor of Public Relations degree from Mount Saint Vincent University.

## INTERIOR DESIGN

### Shauntelle Duguay

'97 is employed as an Intermediate Designer with Designum Design, a commercial interior design consulting firm based in Toronto, Ontario. In 2001, Shauntelle was awarded a Silver ARIDO retail design award for her work on The Body Shop store located in the Toronto Eaton Centre. Shauntelle lives in Toronto, Ontario.

## JOURNALISM-PRINT

### Thomas Hansen

'94 is a Senior Copywriter with The Hudson's Bay Company. Thomas lives in Oakville, Ontario.

## LAW AND SECURITY

### Franca Collia

'91 has been self-employed as a jeweler, diamond wholesaler and distributor for the past 8 years. In 1993, Franca married Domenico Migliazzo, they are the proud parents of Umberto (3 years-old).

## LAW AND SECURITY-LOSS PREVENTION

### Monica Mitchell

'95 is a newlywed. She married Angelo Mellas on March 8, 2003. Monica is the Security Superintendent for Johnson Matthey Ltd., a specialty metals company. Monica is a member of the American Society for Industrial Security and volunteers as the Society's communications chair.

## LAW AND SECURITY-POLICE FOUNDATIONS

### Darrell Beck

'01 graduated from the Ontario Police College on December 5, 2002. Darrell officially became a Constable with the Peel Regional Police in a Recruit Inauguration Ceremony and Badge Presentation on December 12, 2002. Congratulations Darrell!

### Brian Cassidy

'98 is a Firefighter with the Toronto Fire Service. After graduating from Sheridan, Brian attended Texas A&M University to study Basic Structure Firefighting. Brian graduated with honours. While at Sheridan, Brian was active on Sheridan's Ski Team and was a security staff member at the CAGE.

## LEGAL SECRETARIAL

### Tracey Coleiro (Gramas)

'84 is a Senior Administrative Assistant with Roche Vitamins Canada Inc. Tracey and her husband Ron, sons Jordan and Nathan are proud to announce the birth of Jacob Christopher on September 12, 2001 at 7:56 a.m. weighing 8 lbs., 6oz. The Coleiro family lives in Cambridge, Ontario.

## LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNICIAN

### Debi Grant

'98 and her husband Bill Franklin were married on September 21, 2002. Debi is a Library Technician for the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board. Debi and Bill live in Belleville, Ontario.

### Lindsay Winfield (nee Kidd)

'94 is a CAW Computer Trainer with Daimler Chrysler Canada Inc., Lindsay lives in Waterdown, Ontario.

## MARKETING

### Jacqueline Mota

'02 is working in a sales position for Promotional Products, a promotions products company based in Oakville, Ontario. Jackie lives in Oakville, Ontario.

## MEDIA ARTS

### Lorraine Quirke

'01 is a Junior Graphic Artist with CFMT/Omni Television in Toronto, Ontario. She writes: "I create graphic titles on a Chyron Infinit for a live news program and for pre-taped magazine programs. I also create over-the-shoulder graphics for news."

## MUSIC THEATRE-PERFORMANCE

### Jennifer Stewart

'00 plays the character "Lisa" in the smash hit *Mamma Mia!* produced in Canada by Mirvish Productions. Jennifer lives in Toronto, Ontario and prior to her current role she worked at the Charlottetown Festival, Holland America Cruise Lines, Drayton Entertainment and Stage West. While at Sheridan, Jennifer received the Spirit Award from the Music Theatre program.

## NURSING

### Carolyn Ciardelli (nee Sebesta)

'86 is a Registered Nurse in the Operating Room for a Hamilton hospital. Carolyn is married to Giuliano and they are proud parents of two children: Matthew (10 years-old) and Jessica (7 years-old). Carolyn was the secretary for the student government at Sheridan's Credit Valley Nursing Campus.

### Helen Hession

'78 graduated in May 2002 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Masters Degree in Nursing. She is currently employed as a Nurse Practitioner with Clayton Medical Associates in Raleigh, North Carolina.

### Andrea Rutherford (nee Redford)

'96 is married to Jamie Rutherford. They are the proud parents of Ethan James Edward, born August 15, 2002. Andrea worked in Research at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health from 1996 to 1997. She is currently working on completing her Nursing Degree with Humber College/University of New Brunswick initiative. She was an active volunteer with the Children's Aid Society from 2000 to 2001. Andrea works at the Trillium Health Centre in Mississauga, Ontario as a Mental Health Case Manager. The Rutherfords live in Mississauga, Ontario.

## OFFICE ADMINISTRATION-LEGAL

### Julie Dunaikis (nee Emmerson)

'88 is a Sales Administrative Assistant with a major food manufacturer based in Mississauga, Ontario. Prior to her present position, Julie worked for a Brampton, Ontario based law firm from 1988 to 1991. On June 1, 2002, Julie married Phillip Dunaikis, the couple reside in Brampton, Ontario. Julie earned a Sales and Marketing Certificate through Continuing Education at Sheridan. She is currently working on her Business Administration-Marketing Diploma through Continuing Education.

### Suzanne Van Sligtenhorst (nee Steunenberg)

'93 married Darcy Van Sligtenhorst on May 11, 2002. She writes: "Prior to joining IMAX Corporation on September 30, 2002, I spent over five years at the law firm of Goodmans LLP (previously Goodman Phillips & Vineberg LLP) in Toronto, Ontario. During my tenure at Goodmans, I worked as a legal assistant and as a law clerk in the banking and financial services area. At IMAX Corporation, I work for two lawyers as part of IMAX's in-house legal department. My husband and I met at the Meeting House





Church in Oakville, Ontario almost four years ago. We still attend the same church.” Suzanne and Darcy live in Mississauga, Ontario.

#### OFFICE ADMINISTRATION-WORD PROCESSING

##### **Erika McMillan (nee Heptner)**

'77 is an Administrative Assistant in the School of Environmental Design and Rural Development at the University of Guelph. Erika is currently working toward earning a degree through part-time studies from the University of Guelph. Her major is Criminal Justice and Public Policy. She hopes to complete her studies by 2008. Erika and her husband Rob are the proud parents of Bryan (20 years-old) and Shannon (18 years-old). The McMillans live in Guelph, Ontario.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

##### **Rob Durston**

'88 is the owner and operator of s q u a r e, an advertising and design service agency based in Santa Barbara, California. Rob lives in Carpinteria, California.

##### **Rick Langford**

'76 is a Territory Manager for Wasteco, a waste management company based in Guelph, Ontario. Rick writes: “I was in the Photography business for 14 years following graduation. I have lived in Calgary, Los Angeles, San Diego, Denver, Dallas and Montreal. I have been back in Ontario for a

number of years. Last year, I met my high school sweetheart Debbie again after 28 years. We are engaged and plan to marry this spring. I have two children, a son Kris (24 years-old) who is in the Navy and a daughter Bailey (19 years-old) who is in University and the Naval Reserves. I still cottage near my home town of Magnetawan, north of Huntsville, Ontario. The life skills I learned at college have been invaluable to me throughout my career. Sheridan is an institution to be proud of.” Rick lives in Cambridge, Ontario. He looks forward to hearing from other classmates.

#### PROFESSIONAL MODELING AND RELATED CAREERS

##### **Stacey Causier (nee Veer)**

'88 and her husband Jerry Causier (Nursing '90) live in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. She writes: “I have been married to Jerry since 1991. We have three children and now reside in my hometown. I am a consultant for The Body Shop at Home and am a very busy mother. Jerry is the Director of Regional Acute Care for the Cypress Health Region and is currently planning a cross Canada bike ride to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.” More information about his bike ride can be found at [www.crosscanadabike.com](http://www.crosscanadabike.com).

#### SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

##### **Romi Donegan (nee Paveling)**

'94 and her husband Kip live in Grimsby, Ontario. The couple are the proud parents of Trevor (3 years-old) and Carter (1 year-old). Romi works for the Niagara District School Board as an educational interpreter.

#### SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER

##### **Jennifer Atkinson (nee Peacock)**

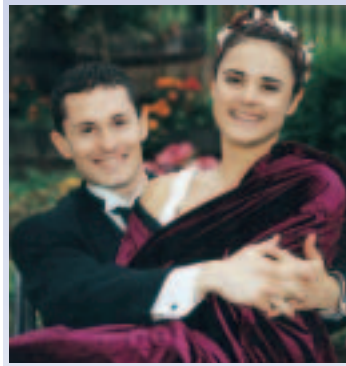
'98 is a Behavioural Teaching Assistant with the Peel District

School Board. She married Peter Atkinson on October 27, 2001. The couple live in Georgetown, Ontario. Prior to her current position, Jennifer worked with DFK Residential Services, an operator of group homes from July 1998 to September 2001. Jennifer's husband Peter is a '01 graduate of the Business Marketing program. He ran the Safeguard program at Davis Campus.

#### SPORTS INJURY MANAGEMENT

##### **Pauline Becker (nee Simac)**

'02 is an Athletic Therapist/Massage Therapist for Competitive Edge Performance Therapy based in Toronto, Ontario. Pauline married Peter Becker on October 12, 2002. The couple live in Toronto, Ontario.



##### **Tracey Bosch (nee Fraser)**

'98 has changed careers. She became a Constable with the Ontario Provincial Police (Nottawasaga Detachment) on January 10, 2003. Tracey and her husband Doug were married on October 21, 2002 and live in Barrie, Ontario. Doug is a Constable with the Barrie City Police Service. Tracey would love to hear from old friends and classmates, her e-mail address can be found on the Sheridan Alumni E-mail web listing.

##### **Brian Empey**

'96 is a Physiotherapist and Athletic Therapist with Physical

Edge Physiotherapy, a sports medicine clinic located in Oakville, Ontario. Brian married Catharine Ann Murphy on December 30, 1995. The couple are the proud parents of Julia Elizabeth, born April 10, 2002. Brian and his family live in Oakville, Ontario.

##### **Lorna Henderson (nee Mason)**

'90 is a Rehabilitation Sales Coordinator for Shoppers Drug Mart Home Health Care. Lorna married James Henderson on August 26, 1991. They are the parents of Mason James Henderson (2 years-old). Lorna and James live in Oakville, Ontario.

##### **William Herriot**

'98 is the Manager of Toronto Operations for Accounts Recovery Corporation, a credit collections agency based in Burlington, Ontario. He is also the co-owner of H.E.A.T.S. (Happily Ever Active Therapy Services). William married Brenda Whalen on September 7, 2002 and has a step-son, Alexander Borsos (6 years-old). William and Brenda live in Brantford, Ontario.

#### TRAVEL AND TOURISM

##### **Paula Brown (nee Bidson)**

'89 is a Travel Management Consultant for Navigant International, a travel agency based in Calgary, Alberta. She writes: “After graduating in 1989, I spent most of my time in Toronto working in the travel industry until 1997 when I moved to Calgary, Alberta. I met my husband David in 1999 and we were married in Las Vegas in 2001! I have a step-son named Corey (8 years-old) who keeps Dave and I young at heart. We may be relocating to Ontario next year to get better connected with family and friends again.”

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# SHERIDAN ALUMNI CRUISE A FABULOUS EXPERIENCE!

**O**n February 22, 2003, a group of Sheridan alumni and staff embarked on the first ever Alumni Cruise to the Eastern Carribean. Leaving from Miami, Fla., they set sail on the Golden Princess on what was to become a most memorable and enjoyable cruise.



“It was a just wonderful, a lovely cruise and it was quite good value,” said Kim. Sporting a fabulous tan, she described the amenities, “The quality was first class all the way. The food was fresh and beautifully made and it was wonderful knowing I did not have to cook dinner. I felt like a queen.”

Cruise participants boarded the ship bound for St. Martin, St. Thomas and the Princess Cays. In addition to dancing the night away and enjoying some excellent musical theatre; other activities included swimming, on board activities and games, sightseeing, dressing up (or down) for dinner and fine dining and shopping on the island paradises known as the Carribean.



Kim McGillivray

Sheridan employee Kim McGillivray, her husband, Paul and their two children Joel, 15 and Stephanie, 10 decided to take advantage of the excellent value the Sheridan Alumni Cruise package offered. Together with their best friends from Waterdown, Gayla and Don Rawle, and their children Stephanie, 17; Jessica, 14 and Natalie, 9; the families embarked on a trip of a lifetime.

“There was something for everyone in our group. The private islands were the best because they were clean and the service was excellent. The evening entertainment on board was first class as well. The comedy and music theatre shows were really well done. I even got to tour the galley and see how they made the food.”

The trip included a wonderful selection of activities including sightseeing, duty free shopping and exploring the various ports of call. The hands-down favourite destination was the Princess Cays or private island. Alumni and staff enjoyed snorkeling and swimming at the exclusive private island owned by the Princess Cruise Lines.



St. Martin



On board the Golden Princess.

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## EXPERIENCE THE ULTIMATE 2004 SHERIDAN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

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Departing February 22, 2004 and returning February 29th, the 2nd Annual Sheridan Alumni Association Cruise on board the magnificent Grand Princess will provide an unparalleled shipboard experience as well as one idyllic island after another.

Total cost including return air from Toronto (other gateways are available) to Ft. Lauderdale plus the seven day cruise on the Grand Princess including taxes, port charges, transfers, meals and entertainment is \$1756.00 pp for an inside stateroom.

The Alumni Association sees this as a wonderful opportunity to bring the Sheridan community together for what will be one of the best holidays of your life. Sharon Stroh and her staff at Oakville CruiseShipCentres look forward to hearing from you with any questions you have regarding the Cruise.



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905-338-8083 (800-267-3188 toll free).

\*Full trip details and descriptions of all amenities can be obtained by visiting the Sheridan Alumni Association web site at [www.sheridanc.on.ca/alumni](http://www.sheridanc.on.ca/alumni).

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