



# LPSS Matters

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## We're back!

Welcome to the second edition of *LPSS Matters*. This is our on-line quarterly newsletter, written by LPSS alumni for LPSS alumni. Please note the e-mail address: LPSSMatters@aol.com

There are close to 700 alumni on the distribution list of *LPSS Matters*. As stated in the first issue, our goal is to get as many graduates as possible receiving *LPSS Matters*. Two grade 12 students at the high school are

trying to find out how many students have graduated from LPSS since 1957.

The current list of alumni receiving the newsletter is attached to the e-mail that delivered *LPSS Matters* to your computer's doorstep. We have LPSS graduates from 4 continents, 11 countries, 5 provinces and 14 states. See page two for more on this.

LPSS alumni can be found in all sorts of careers, including programmers, consultants, engineers, teachers, chartered accountants, lawyers, doctors, nurses, journalists, ministers and athletes. More about this in the Autumn issue.



## Message from the Principal—Cathy Patterson

I have been the principal of Lorne Park Secondary School since February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001 and from the moment I walked through the door, I knew I had landed in a wonderful place. The students and staff at Lorne Park continue to strive for excellence in academics, athletics and the performing arts. In my short time as principal, we have celebrated ROPSSAA championships in Nordic and downhill skiing, swimming and girls' hockey. Our Alpine junior boys level 1 downhill skiers won OFSAA Gold in the Giant Slalom and our Girls' Ice Hockey team headed off to OFSAA at the end of March. Our senior concert band won gold at the Regionals of Musicfest Canada and our student-directed play 'Honalee' was showcased in the Sears Ontario Drama Festival on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. We have a full compliment of teams for the spring season as well and a

new larger trophy case is planned for the front entrance hallway.

As you will no doubt remember, Lorne Park is also full of traditions which form the basis of the school's unique culture. As the new principal, I am constantly being reminded about the school's traditions lest I try to change things too quickly. As alumni, you can rest assured that the essence of Lorne Park will forever remain in tact. Having said that however, we all know that change is inevitable.

One of the exciting changes coming to Lorne Park Secondary School is the much needed attention to our physical plant. Like us all, the building is getting older and will finally be getting some much needed attention. I will keep you informed of the changes as our various projects are approved.

As the former principal, Stella Voisin, wrote in the first issue, we hope that this newsletter will promote a relationship between the school and its alumni that will be productive for our current students. If there is any way you could share a personal career experience, be a mentor or provide a work experience placement, your support would be greatly appreciated.



## Alumni Advice—Life as a Professional Athlete (by Steve Alek ('85))

There are many sacrifices one makes to pursue a career as an athlete, including leaving family behind. I have heard so many times from so many people that it must have been great with all the money and fame surrounding my choice of work. I will be honest with you—it's not all it's cracked up to be.

There are the long trips, and all the miles on workout equipment or the never-ending miles we had to put in skating. Looking back I would do it again as it is a life experience that only a handful of us ever to get to feel. I had the chance to play against the best players the game had

to offer in the Gretzky's and the Lemieux's, and those are the best memories of the game itself.

Now that I am older, married and have children I have gone on to coaching in an assistant coaching capacity with the Dallas Stars. These are the best days of my life as I am no longer the one having to sacrifice my body on a nightly basis. I still feel the pains after having several injuries as a player which still persist today.

For all of you that went onto successful careers as doctors, lawyers or any other professional, I have a lot of respect for you as you went on to become educated.

We that play or played the game chose our life's dream and sacrificed our bodies.

So many times I hear about the money. Let me tell you, the money isn't what it appears. If you make \$1 million a season, we as players don't ever see that amount of money. What we end up with depends on who we have as a trusted accountant/agent. Taxes alone eat 50-58% off the top, and we pay an agent 10% off the top, so what we actually see is about 32-40% of that money. So when I say that choosing a career as a professional athlete isn't all that it's cracked up to be, now you know why.

*Steve Alek left LPSS in 1983 to pursue a hockey career. He played with the Ottawa 67's for two seasons, then was drafted by the Detroit Red Wings in the 3rd round, 45th overall*

## Where In The World Are You?

In the Winter issue of *LPSS Matters* readers were asked where they live. Here are the results:

Australia		2%
Bosnia & Herzegovina		1%
Canada		77%
Alberta	2%	
B.C.	5%	
Manitoba	1%	
Ontario	69%	
Mississauga	17%	
Toronto	21%	
Nova Scotia	2%	
Denmark		1%
England		2%
South Africa		1%
Sweden		1%
Switzerland		1%
United Arab Emirates		1%
U.S.A.		13%
		100%



## Help/Corrections/Mistakes

With some 700 alumni on the distribution list so far, there are bound to be some mistakes, errors or omissions. Please take a look at the files attached to the e-mail that sent you the newsletter—distribution list, geographical summary and career summary. Make sure your name and year of graduation are correct, as well as career and geographical information. Please e-mail any corrections that are required and they will be corrected for the next edition of *LPSS Matters*. E-mail address—[LPSSMatters@aol.com](mailto:LPSSMatters@aol.com). Please provide name (maiden name) & graduation yr. when e-mailing *LPSS Matters*.

## Alumni Websites

There are several websites where LPSS alumni are registered:

- [www.lorneparkhigh.ca](http://www.lorneparkhigh.ca)
- [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com)
- [artsweb.uwaterloo.ca/~terobert/lpss.html](http://artsweb.uwaterloo.ca/~terobert/lpss.html)
- [www.gradfinder.com/login.asp](http://www.gradfinder.com/login.asp)
- [www.planetalumni.com/](http://www.planetalumni.com/)

If anybody knows of more sites, please send an e-mail to [LPSSMatters@aol.com](mailto:LPSSMatters@aol.com) and we'll be sure to let the readers know.

## ***We Remember...***

Thanks to Chris Kup ('85) and Bill Rogers ('82) for spending many hours at the library putting together the information on this page.



## ***We Remember ...*** **Our Forgotten students**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year died</u>
Peyton Rosslyn	1968
Peter Brown	1968
James Helstrom	1975
Peter Weir	1975
Barbara Pearson	1976
Steve McDonald	1976
David Ward	1980
Heather Robertson	1981
Glenn Clarkson	1981
Gordon Crawford	1983
Shami Kapoor	1984
Jon Lantz	1985
Craig Harrick	1985
Robert MacFarland	1987
David Armour	1987
Scott Williams	1987
Karyl Ann Dumigan	1987
Niki Fasken	1989
Jimmy Gardner	1990
Aleksander Simich	1990
Paul Nelson	1992
Kyle Nemecek	1996
Lori Wellwood	1996
Neil Dickson	19??
Rick Miller	19??
Andrew Day	198?
Tom Meyer-Erlach	19??
Phil Ruddell	19??

## ***We Remember...*** **Our Former Graduates**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Died</u>	<u>Grad Year</u>
Pamela Margaret Chapman	1971	1969
Janet Vernon Ralph	1979	1974
Douglas Grant West	1980	1974
Cory Jackson	1984	1983
Stephen Scott Sumsion	1987	1982
Geoffrey G. Schlichter	1989	1988
Rick Williamson	1990	1972
Rick Jones	1992	1973
Jonathon David Baxte	1993	1988
Noel Sandusky	1994	1990
Peter Robert Musselman	1998	1983
Steve Addison	2000	1982
Ben Temple	?	1972

## ***We Remember ...*** **Our Teachers**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Year Died</u>
Mrs. Wendy McKee	Science	1982
Mr. Edward Tunney	English	1996
Mr. Paul Karihtala	Business	1996
Mr. Russ Van Lusden	Science	1998
Mr. Don McDonald	Business	1974
Mrs. Nancy Owens	Nurse	1977
Mr. Tom Dugelby	Drafting	1998
Mr. William Harrison	Science	1991
Mrs. Bente Frier-Hanson	Librarian	1999
Mrs. Cynthia Smith	Family Studies	1982
Mr. H.C. Tanner	Science	1970
Mr. Bernie Lyons	Music	1974
Mr. Savage	History	

### **Capt. Peter Robert Musselman** (1983 LPSS Graduate)



Age 33, of Kentville, N.S. died suddenly on October 2, 1998 in a helicopter accident while flying for the Canadian Air Force S.A.R. Unit out of Greenwood, N.S.

## Reunions

The third Tuesday of each month LPSS alumni get together at the Clarkson Pump & Patio in Mississauga.

This tradition was started in 1997 by Doug Greer, Dean MacDonald, Randy McGill, Paul Davis, John Duke, John Lediard, George MacPherson, Paul Haney, John Bray and Wayne Loew

The address is 1744 Lakeshore Blvd. West, near Clarkson Road and Lakeshore Blvd. Phone number is (905) 855-9354. Next get together is June 19th.

On behalf of LPSS alumni members of the *LPSS Matters* editorial staff have attended the last couple of Pump get-togethers. They are pleased to report an enjoyable time was had by all (except

of course, for the May get-together when Dean MacDonald spilled several beverages on innocent LPSS bystanders).

Come on out to the next get-together (June 19th), get reacquainted and share some LPSS stories.



## Letters

I just stumbled on the LPSS site and was most intrigued by the Alumni section. I've read the alumni newsletter and thought I'd throw this in for good measure. Sorry there's no date on these two articles, but they're pasted in the back of my 1960/61 yearbook and they came from the Toronto Telegram.

I hope you can use them for a little fun and history of the old days when LPSS was half the size it is now.

Jim Dickson ('62), Mississauga, Ont.

### **500 BOYCOTT HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA (1st article)**

#### ***No Rival For The Ritz But At 57 Cents.....***

*Every Thursday, Ron Evans, The Telegram's drama critic, reports of food in his TABLE TALK column. Usually (although not invariably) he reports on a meal in a fashionable restaurant and he discusses such goodies as beef Chateaubriand and a good red Bordeaux wine. Today's column is about the cafeteria in a school where the students are on strike because they don't like the chow.*

Well, it doesn't rival the Ritz, but for 57 cents....

That was the tab yesterday in the pleasant little student cafeteria at Lorne Park Secondary School.

The renown of this modest dining room among the pines of Port Credit (just 40 minutes by car from downtown Toronto) has been spreading rapidly—thanks to the efforts of its patrons.

For two days this week the cafeteria's 300 or more regular diners flatly refused to touch so much as a forkful of the fare claiming the food was

poor, paltry and sometimes sprinkled with hardware and insects. Instead they showed up bearing bags of sandwiches.

It was shortly after noon when I pulled into the school lot (parking is no problem here since most of the patrons arrive on foot) and joined 100 diners at the first of three daily sittings between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Several of my fellow eaters happily reported the boycott was now over, their point having been made and a letter of complaint from the Stu-

ent's Council delivered to Principal L. R. Mumford.

But I noticed only one customer toying with a plate of French fried potatoes in the crowded dining room. The rest were still stoically chewing home-made sandwiches.

#### **NICE DÉCOR**

The décor of the room is reasonably attractive, with pale green walls, large room-length windows and plain-but-unscarred, wooden tables and chairs.

Food is served from stainless-steel steam tables at one end of the room and Friday's menu comprised two soups (split pea and vegetable), hot meat pies and hamburgers, fried white fish, French fried potatoes, various beverages (fruit juices, plain and chocolate milk) Desserts (jelly, chocolate cake, cherry pie and doughnuts).

I loaded my tray with vegetable soup, fish and French fries, pie and milk.

The soup I found thick

and hot, superior to that found in many other restaurants of equal size. The fish was somewhat greasy but not unpleasant, the chips crisp and the cole slaw fresh and finely chopped.

The milk was chilled and the pie above average, the filling tangy and the crust fairly light.

Some of the other patrons, tagging a heavy spender, gathered about to inspect my purchases. They volunteered observations that the portions seemed considerably larger than usual and more attractive.

#### **STARTLES STAFF**

The service was generally efficient, although the staff seemed startled when I ordered a complete meal. I was dismayed to find neither salt, pepper or napkins provided on the tables.

My complete bill, as noted, came to 57 cents. Beers, wines or liquors are not available.

*"A friend is one who sees through you and still enjoys the view."*

Wilma Askinas

(courtesy Kerstin Baker ('99))

## **500 BOYCOTT HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA** (2nd article)

### **Lorne Park Students Charge Food “Awful”**

The 500 students of Lorne Park Secondary School Wednesday at noon boycotted the school’s cafeteria, carried placards labeling to food as “tasteless” and charged it had been “poor” for the past three years.

Purpose of the boycott, said an unidentified member of the Student Council, was to “bring to the attention of proper officials just how bad the food being served at the cafeteria is”.

The cafeteria, which is open from about 11:30 a.m. to 1:25 p.m. to serve students during the three lunch-hour periods, had to close its doors after a demonstration by grade nine students, who are the first to eat lunch.

Principal L. R. Mumford termed the incident “an internal matter, not a public one”. He told newspaper reporters that he would prefer no pictures taken of the demonstrations. He added this was the opinion expressed by H. J. A. Brown, business administrator and secretary-treasurer of the South Peel Board of Education.

The boycott began at 11:30 a.m. when grade nine students were starting their lunch-hour. Several of the students who actively demonstrated were given detentions for “insolent behaviour”. However, it was not learned what that behaviour was.

#### **Tried for Years**

One student said “all we want is decent food”. He added that the Student Council has been trying for three years to have something done about the food served at the cafeteria, operated by Associated Caterers, but nothing has been done. A letter was sent to the South Peel Board of Education but no response was ever received by the council.

The Board of Education was recently asked by the Teachers Federation to take action regarding the food served, but at a recent meeting the board accepted a new application from Associated Caterers, which includes price increases at the cafeterias it operates in South Peel schools.

Students said the demonstration was sparked by the fact food prices are going up next term, but nothing is being done to impr-

ove the quality of the food.

Mr. Mumford said no complaints have been received by his office about the food. “Final examinations are due to begin in two days and we don’t want this upsetting the students” he added. He said the students are normally good.

#### **Brought Own Food**

Only two or three of the 180 grade nine students purchased anything at the cafeteria before it was closed. The rest brought milk and soft drinks to school. Although they ate in the cafeteria students yelled and booed anyone making a purchase from the lunch counter.

Students from senior grades were less demonstrative, but were not reluctant to admit support of the boycott. Several seniors agreed it is time something was done about the food sold by the caterers.

#### **No Comments**

Official of the Associated Caterers could not be reached for comment regarding the charges by students. Staff working in the cafeteria would say nothing.

School officials also refused to make any statement about the food, but one source said some teachers are backing the students and agree the food is “poor”.

The South Peel Board of Education could not be contacted because its members were at a special meeting.

Dear God, be good to me;  
The sea is so wide,  
And my boat is so small.

- Breton fisher's prayer

(courtesy Jessica McCrae ('91))

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# ALUMNI INPUT

Many alumni have asked for updates on fellow students. There have been a lot of requests for information, and many offers to help.

*LPSS Matters* is written by LPSS alumni for LPSS alumni. We need volunteers to help with the information gathered for each issue of *LPSS Matters*. Each volunteer would take a block of years from which he or she would provide highlights of graduates from that era.

We need volunteers who graduated during the following blocks of years, and would communicate with and report back on graduates of those years:

1957–1964  
 1965–1969  
 1970–1974  
 1975–1979  
 1980–1984  
 1985–1989  
 1990–1994  
 1995–1999  
 2000–2004

Please contact *LPSS Matters* at [LPSSMatters@aol.com](mailto:LPSSMatters@aol.com). The pay is below minimum wage, but the satisfaction is well worth it.

Another area that alumni can help out is providing input to *LPSS Matters*. Similar to Jim Dickson's letter of page 4 providing copies of Toronto Telegram articles from the early 1960's, there are probably a lot of other similarly interesting facts and trivia around.

Old newspaper clippings, scrapbook articles and photos would provide an excellent source of LPSS history for our newsletter. And there are most likely numerous other sources for long-forgotten trivia.

Please forward articles, scanned photos, etc. to [LPSSMatters@aol.com](mailto:LPSSMatters@aol.com).

Finally, as stated earlier, *LPSS Matters* is written by LPSS alumni for LPSS alumni. That means YOU! Your input or submissions would be most appreciated. We'd be interested in any number of items, including such things as career information (so far we've heard about selecting a colour scheme for your home, strategic RRSP investing and life as a professional athlete), interesting facts about the country or city where you live, plus any other items you think fellow graduates might be interested in hearing about. Please send to [LPSSMatters@aol.com](mailto:LPSSMatters@aol.com)

