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## CLARKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL - A BRIEF HISTORY -

*(Fred Hilditch ('63) has gathered historical data on three public schools which were feeders to LPSS in the early 60's—Hillcrest, Clarkson and Lorne Park. In this issue of LPSS Matters Clarkson PS is featured. This is taken from an article written in the 1950's )*

eight dollars and eighty cents (\$28.80). Mrs. J. Pengilley was caretaker with annual salary of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00). Mr. Galbraith was inspector.

In 1910 Miss Rysborough, now Mrs. E. A. Orr, taught here.

In 1915 the school was overcrowded, so a tent was used as an annex during the spring term and a room was opened in Lorne Park. In Sept. the Sunday school and hall were both rented by the school board till a new school could be erected.

In 1916 the present four-roomed brick building was erected. Ellis and Ellis of Toronto were the architects. Trustees were: Mr. G. D. Pattinson, Mr. G. Adamson and Mr. J. Harris. Miss Hartlieb was principal, on a salary of \$840.00 annually. Mr. Wm. Downing was caretaker. Three rooms were opened. The Red Cross Society met in the extra room. Later it was used by the Women's Institute.



In 1920 Mr. & Mrs. Gudgeon taught here. Miss Zaida Lawrence taught the primary class. In 1922, Mr. Hammett and Miss Hammett taught here.

In 1924 one and one-half acres were bought from Mr. James. Trustees were Messrs. H. Pattinson, G. Pattinson, F. Orr, Mr. G. Pattinson being secretary. These three continued in office till 1935 when Mr. H. Pattinson resigned to take another civic position. Mr. E. Slacer took his place and with no other changes they continued on in office till 1938.

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The original roughcast school, built between 1830 and 1838, was on a small part of the present site. The school section took in not only its present area, but also a large part of what is now Lorne Park section.

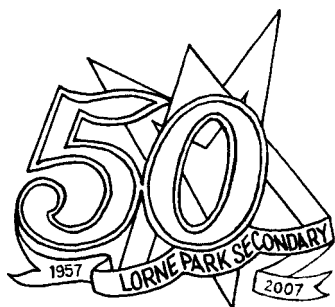
In 1900, Miss Jean Smith, was the teacher with an annual salary of four hundred dollars, paid quarterly. Mrs. Johnson was caretaker. The entire expenditure that year was four hundred and ninety-three dollars and fifty cents (\$493.50). Fees for non-resident pupils were eight dollars and eighty cents. Trustees were Messrs. Miller, T. Oliphant, and E. A. Orr. Inspector was Mr. Embery.

In 1904 the little roughcast school was sold to Messrs. R. Shook, J. Manley, J. Stephens and J. Pengilley. They had it moved to Mr. J. Pengilley's property, just south of the present church, on the School Road. It was used as a hall. These men rented it to organizations wishing to hold meetings or concerts. A few years later it was burnt.

In 1904 a new one-roomed solid brick school was built on the same site. Miss Cline was the teacher and Mr. T. Oliphant was secretary.

From 1905 to 1907 Mr. W. Adamson was teacher. In 1905 twenty feet of frontage was bought from Mr. A. Cox for twenty-

We have had many instances where alumni have changed their e-mail addresses and not let us know. If you or anyone you know have changed or are changing your e-mail, LET US KNOW!!!



## VALEDICTORIAN SPEECHES

*(LPSS opened its doors in 1957-58 for grades 9-12. There was not a grade 13 class in the first year. Yet in the fall of 1958 there was a commencement and Valedictory speech. Curious? So were we. Jim Dickson ('62) sheds a bit of light on this.)*

This is getting rather convoluted. Here's how I read it. The Commencement was held in the fall of 1958, the 2nd year of the school. That year, 58/59, there was a Gr. 13 class, and Mary Whatmough was one of them. She began her address thusly:

*"It is a great honour to be chosen to speak on behalf of the students of Lorne Park Secondary School at the first commencement. Since I am not yet a graduate, this address is only an introduction to the valedictories of the years to come, as a preface is the introduction to the chapters of a book."*

She goes on from there with the usual homilies. In June of '59, she and all the others would

graduate Gr. 13. Why this is the formula used is a mystery. The actual graduating class to be feted should have been the Gr. 12 class from the previous year. Right? The only one with the answer is Lloyd Mumford and he's tending school 'upstairs', presumably.

Is that any clearer? What I'd like to see was who the valedictorian was the following year, supposedly chosen from the grads of 1958. Don't have that book. Thought I did but I can't find it. It may still be in the archives from the school loaners of the 25th anniversary.

*(Ed. note—in the fall of 1959 the valedictory speech was made on behalf of the 1958-59 graduating class. The 1959 valedictorian was Virginia Reed.)*



## TROUBLE OPENING LPSS MATTERS?

*(Jim Dickson ('62) makes the following excellent suggestion.)*

One thing everyone can try is to download the file first before attempting to open it.

For those using Netscape the way to do it is to hold down the shift key before clicking on the icon. A window pops up looking for a download location. Choose one and begin the download.

For those using Internet Explorer you have to right-click on the icon. From the window that pops up, click on 'Save Target As..'



## MORE COMPUTER STUFF

*(The following is taken from the April 21st edition of Macleans Magazine)*

Do you know who's watching you? If you've ever downloaded a free file-sharing program like Kazaa or BearShare, you might have inadvertently installed spyware, small programs hidden within the applications that can track your surfing habits, change your home page or alter system files on your computer. Using Ad-aware, downloaded for free at [www.lavasoftusa.com](http://www.lavasoftusa.com), you can scan your disc drives and remove the spyware. Ad-aware also zaps cookies from ad companies like DoubleClick.

(Steve Stirling ('67) is an LPSS alumni. The following is taken from the New York Islanders website—[www.newyorkislanders.com](http://www.newyorkislanders.com). Many thanks to Tom Edward ('67) for forwarding this article to LPSS Matters.)

## Stirling: "I Won't Let You Down"



**(June 4)** The Islanders introduced Steve Stirling as the franchise's new head coach to the media during a luncheon at the Nassau Coliseum this afternoon. Stirling, who spent the last two seasons as the coach of the Islanders' top minor-league affiliate in Bridgeport, has spent six seasons in various roles throughout the organization and was The Hockey News' Minor Pro Coach of the Year in 2001-02.

"Steve has been an extremely successful coach on the collegiate level," said Milbury in his introduction of Stirling. "For the last five years he's been involved with our minor league operations and the development of players both as an assistant coach and the last two years as the head coach of the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, where he did for an

outstanding job. He assumes the responsibility of a team that has a good deal of talent. We're hoping he can push us to the next level."

"There are not many who get the chance to coach in the National Hockey League and fewer who get to coach the New York Islanders," Stirling said in his first words as Islanders head coach. "With that said, it is an honor and a privilege to be here. I thank Charles and Mike for this opportunity. I won't let you down."

Stirling, who spent time behind the Islanders' bench during Lorne Henning's tenure at the end of the 2000-01 season as an assistant, is excited and ready for the challenges that await him. He will try to duplicate the success he had with the Sound Tigers as he took Bridgeport to the Calder Cup Playoffs in both years he coached, including a trip to the Final in 2002.

When asked if he thought the Islanders had the right group of personnel to be successful, the new head coach's face lit up with excitement.

"I like the team from A to Z," said Stirling. "I've seen enough games over the course of the last two years, between training camp and what I've seen on TV, and I like a lot about what we have.

"I certainly know the personnel. It's a nice mix of veterans, young guys and up-and-coming guys and we're excited about the progress that we're making. If we work hard we will continue to develop. I'm looking forward to be working with everyone."

Garth Snow and Steve Webb were in attendance at today's press conference, as were several players from Stirling's Bridgeport team, including Rick DiPietro, Justin Mapletoft, Eric Godard and Trent Hunter. Said DiPietro, "It's an excellent choice. People might not know a lot about him right now, but Steve Stirling is a fantastic coach."



## “Into the Unknown”—Lynn Jenkins (Stevenson) ('71)

*A friend of mine who used to live in Nashville, sent the following e-mail a few years ago. I thought it was fun and most certainly a lesson in perspective.*

“It has become obvious to us Southerners that our present astrological signs have served their purpose and that we should get rid of them. When I’m out driving around I’ll see bulls, and once in a great while I suppose I’ll even see a ram. Up the street from me there’s some twins, but I don’t see them much. The rest of these things are just too obscure. You only see a crab on vacation. There are no lions or scorpions, not many archers and no water bearers. Virgins???? The neighbourhood’s not crawling with them either! SO, what we need here is some relevance. We need things we can recognize in the night sky.

*Okra: December 22 - January 20*

Although you appear crude, you are actually very slick on the inside. Okras have tremendous influence. An older Okra can look back over his life and see the seeds of his influence everywhere. Stay away from Moon Pies.

*Chitlin: January 21 - February 19*

Chitlins often come from humble backgrounds. Many times they’re uncomfortable talking about where they’ve come from. A Chitlin, however, can make something of himself if he’s motivated and has plenty of seasoning. When it comes to dealing with Chitlins be very careful. Chitlins can burn and then erupt like Vesuvius, and this can make for a really terrible mess. Chitlins are best with Catfish and Okras.

*Boll Weevil: February 20 - March 20*

You have an overwhelming curiosity. You’re unsatisfied with the surface of things, and you feel the need to bore deep into the interior of everything. Needless to say, you are very intense and driven by an inner hunger. Nobody in

their right mind is going to marry you, so don’t worry about it.

*Moon Pie: March 21 - April 20*

You’re the type that spends a lot of time on the front porch. It’s a cinch to recognize the physical appearance of Moon Pies. Big and round are the key words here. You should marry anybody you can get remotely interested in the idea. It’s not going to be easy. This might be the year to think about aerobics. Maybe not.

*Possum: April 21 - May 21*

When confronted with life’s difficulties, Possums have a marked tendency to withdraw and develop a don’t-bother-me-about-it attitude. Sometimes you become so withdrawn, people actually think you’re dead. This strategy is probably not psychologically healthy, but seems to work and you may find your problems actually running you over.

*Crawfish: May 22 - June 21*

Crawfish is a water sign. If you work in an office, you’re always hanging around the water cooler. Crawfish prefer the beach to the mountains, the pool to the golf course, the bathtub to the living room. You tend not to be particularly attractive physically, but you have very, very good heads.

*Collards: June 22 - July 23*

Collards have a genius for communication. They love to get in the “melting pot” of life and share their essence with the essence of those around them. Collards make good social workers, psychologists and baseball managers. As far as your personal life goes, if you are a Collard stay away from Moon Pies. It just won’t work. Save yourself a lot of heartache.



*Catfish: July 24 - August 23*

Catfish are traditionalists in matters of the heart, with one exception: Whiskers may cause problems for loved ones. You catfish are never easy people to understand. You prefer the muddy bottoms to the clear surface of life. Above all else, Catfish should stay away from Moon Pies.

*Grits: August 24 - September 23*

Your highest aim is to be with others like yourself. You like to huddle together with a big crowd of other Grits. You love to travel, so maybe you should think about joining a club. Where do you like to go? Anywhere they have cheese, gravy, bacon, butter or eggs. If you can go somewhere they have all of these things, that serves you well.



*Boiled Peanuts: September 24 - October 23*

You have a passionate desire to help your fellow man. Unfortunately, those who know you best, your friends and loves ones, may find that your personality is much too salty. Their criticism will probably affect you deeply because you are really much softer than you appear. You should go right ahead and marry anybody you want because in a certain way, yours is a charmed life. On the road of life, you can be sure that people will always pull over and stop for you.

*Butter Bean: October 24 - November 22*

Always invite a Butter Bean because Butter Beans get along well with everybody. You, as a Butter Bean, should

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be proud. You've grown on the vine of life and you feel at home no matter what the setting. You can sit next to anybody. However, you too should have nothing to do with Moon Pies.

*Armadillo: November 23 - December 21*

*You have a tendency to develop a tough exterior, but, you are actually quite gentle. A good evening for you? Old friends, a fire, some roots, fruit, worms and insects. You are a throw-*

*back. You are a throwback. You're not concerned with today's fashions and trends. You're not concerned with anything about today. You're really almost prehistoric in your interests and behaviour patterns. You probably want to marry another Armadillo.*

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In 1924 Miss A. Hall became principal at a salary of fourteen hundred dollars (\$1400) and Miss A. Lambier took the intermediate class at a salary of eleven hundred dollars (\$1100).

In 1928 Mr. M. R. Fydell became inspector.

In 1923 Lorne Park section was formed and part of our section was taken away for that.

From 1921 to 1928 the children were brought to school by a truck driven by Mr. A. Lever.

In 1937 Mr. Kidd was appointed as music teacher

In 1938 Mr. W. F. Smith became inspector.

In 1939 Miss Marion Fox was appointed as music teacher.

In 1940 Mr. Fred Orr retired as trustee and Mr. Lloyd Herridge became trustee.

In 1941 Mrs. Farrington was appointed as music teacher.

In 1942 the British American Oil Co. came into the section buying the farm of Mr. Hugh Orr and the Marigold Survey was laid out on the Ryrie Farm.

In 1943 Mrs. Coutts was appointed as music teacher.

In 1944 Mr. E. R. Underhill became inspector.

In 1944 the Port Credit water was brought up by the B. A. Co. for Marigold Survey and the school board received permission to tap the pipe. In that year the new plumbing with flush toilets was installed.

In 1945 the new indirect lighting was put in and the school all re-decorated.

In 1945 the school caretaker, Mr. Downing, died and for a time Miss A. Bell, his niece, carried on. Then in 1946 Mr. Weller was appointed caretaker.

In 1946 the fourth class room was opened with Mrs. Warren as teacher at a salary of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1600).

In 1946 the school was insulated, a

new roof was put on and oil burning hot water heating was installed.

In 1947 a new piano was placed in the primary room and a new piano and radio and two new built-in bookcases were placed in the senior room.

In 1947 Mrs. Sharp was appointed as music teacher.

In 1948 nine built-in cupboards and bookcases were put in the four rooms and one built-in cupboard was put in the teachers' room. Mr. Caswell of Cooksville was the carpenter.

In 1948 a large oak tree was taken down, because it darkened the school too much.

*(Thanks to Sandra Lindsay and Jim Dickson)*

1955 Grade 7 Class – Allie dancing on the front step of the school.



## Spartan Stuff

**1957—1964**—Fred Hilditch ('63) - fred@businessdata.on.ca

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**1970—1974**—Dana-Leigh Tisdale ('71) - dltisdale@shaw.ca

**1975—1979**—Michelle Nolan (Oliphant) ('77) - mnolan42@cogeco.ca

**1980—1984**—Clarissa Stevens-Guille ('83) - clarissa\_sg@hotmail.com

**1985—1989**—Rob Boyce ('88) - rob.boyko@maketechnologies.com

**1990—1994**—Natasha Blair (Lemire-Blair) ('92) - tash@abstrakt.org  
(assisted by Nanda Lwin ('89))

**1995—1999**—Correspondent needed

**2000—2004**—Correspondent needed

Most LPSS Correspondents are taking the summer off. Spartan Stuff will be back in the Fall Issue of *LPSS Matters*. Please contact the correspondent covering your graduating year, updating him or her on where you live, what you do, and has happened to you since high school graduation.

**1980—1984**—Clarissa Stevens-Guille ('83) clarissa\_sg@hotmail.com

(Our 1980-84 correspondent, dedicated as ever, refused to take summer holidays.)

*Sandy Veress (Price) ('81)*

I attended U of T, qualifying as a Physiotherapist. For those who remember me wanting to be a Marine Biologist, that idea very quickly went out the window when I realized I couldn't stand fish swimming around me!! I worked at Wellesley Hospital for 8 years specializing during the last few in Respiratory Physio, specifically working with the Adult Cystic Fibrosis patients. During those 8 years, I enjoyed traveling, going out with friends and I continued to play the flute once a week with an evening band. I lived at Yonge and St Clair for 5 years and really enjoyed the city life! Bars, restaurants, baseball games! Great!!

In 1992, went on a trip to Barbados with a friend where I met an Englishman (Peter) who was there with a cricket team. We kept in touch after our return home and I went on to marry him in August 1994 back in Barbados! Peter is a teacher and after we got married I moved to England to a village in the middle of the country where Peter taught Geography at the local boarding school for 7 years. In 2001, we moved 'down south' to another village called Bradfield (about 40 minutes west of London) where Peter is now the Head of Geography at Bradfield College, another boarding school.

I continue to work as a Physiotherapist, concentrating now on post surgical patients and Intensive Care. A great career that has allowed me to travel, emigrate and have a family and still practice! Pete and I have 2 beautiful children, Melissa who is 7 in July and Ben who is 4. Although I have many homesick moments for Canada and family and friends (and the warm Canadian summers), I have been here for 9 1/2 years now and have learned to appreciate where I am and what it has to offer.

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## Spartan Stuff

### 1980—1984 (cont.)

*Brian Blenkarn, ('84)*

I graduated from McMaster University with a Bachelor of Commerce. I then obtained my Chartered Accountants designation in 1991. I have been married since 1989 to Lisa, also a Chartered Accountant, and we are raising four children ages 8 through 4. Our home is in Freelon, Ontario (between Hamilton and Guelph). I have worked in several industries but am currently employed as Director of Finance with GES Canada, the countries largest trade show producer, with our head office in Mississauga.

*Ray Stockermans, ('84)*

After graduating from LPSS in 1984 I joined the military and went to RMC, where I graduated in 1988 with a B.Eng in Engineering Physics. I completed my military flying training in Dec 1989, and went to fly the Twin Huey helicopter in Goose Bay, Labrador, in a Search and Rescue role. In 1992 I was transferred to Trenton, ON to fly the Labrador Helicopter, providing Search and Rescue services across all of Ontario, and western Quebec. In 1996 I returned to RMC as a student and completed my Masters degree in 1998. I taught at RMC with the Physics Department for 4 years until 2002, when I returned to Trenton as a Search And Rescue Air Controller at the Joint Rescue Coordination Center. I married Martha Cole in 1989 and we have 4 daughters: Adhele, Alida, Amy and Alora ranging in ages from 13 to 4 years old.

## Letters

*(Following is a letter sent to Fred Hilditch ('63), who has put together historical summaries of several public schools that fed LPSS in the early 60's (see pg. 1)):*

Dear Fred:

I have more to thank you for than you could possibly believe with this little story of Clarkson Public School. I have to apologize about not getting the spreadsheets done but my mother went into hospital on April 16 and died on May 1. I am now having to worry about my dad because she looked after him. I am not looking for sympathy - just wanted to tell you about how the story of Clarkson P.S. came at such an appropriate time. I printed it out and took it with me to visit my mother on my lunch hour two days before she died. I read the story to her even though she seemed to be asleep. Then she woke up, wanted to know where I got it and said it was very interesting. She went on to correct my pronunciation of Lambier (the teacher) and tell me she was French and pretty. This story just triggered something in her by bringing back good memories so I have you to thank for your good timing in giving this to me.

Sandra Lindsay ('64)

*(Lynn writes the column "Into The Unknown" for LPSS Matters (see pg. 4))*

Paul,

Just to let you know, my first book signing is set up for July 19th in Kincardine. I also have 2 book signings set up for August.

Lynn Jenkins (Stevenson) ('71)

My new book...

Mary Lynn, Articles, Stories, Letters

<http://www.firstlightproductions.ca/marylynn.html>



An American decided to write a book about famous churches around the world. For his first chapter he decided to write about American churches. So he bought a plane ticket and took a trip to Orlando, thinking that he would work his way across the country from South to North. On his first day he was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read "\$10,000 per call".

The American, being intrigued, asked a priest who was strolling by what the telephone was used for. The priest replied that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God. The American thanked the priest and went along his way. Next stop was in Atlanta. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same golden telephone with the same sign under it. He wondered if this was the same kind of tele-

phone he saw in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was. She told him that it was a direct line to heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God. "O.K., thank you," said the American. He then traveled to Indianapolis, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Boston, and New York. In every church



he saw the same golden telephone with the same "\$10,000 per call" sign under it.

The American, upon leaving Vermont saw a sign for Canada and decided to see if Canadians had the same phone.

He arrived in Edmonton, and again, there was the same golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read "10 cents per call." The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign. "Father, I've traveled all over America and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in every state the price was \$10,000 per call. Why is it so cheap here?" The priest smiled and answered, "You're in Canada now, son; it's a local call".

(contributed by  
Dana-Leigh Tisdale('70))



## and finally...



*(Back by popular demand, from our Sept. '01 issue of LPSS Matters, is a re-print of our scrumptious B.C. Salmon Marinade. Try it—and let us know how it turned out.)*

### B.C. Salmon Marinade

- In a container with lid blend:
- ½ cup oil (Mazola, corn, etc.)
- 2 tablespoons soya sauce
- tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon pepper
- ¼-½ cup rye whiskey
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar



Skake well, refrigerate overnight (at least 5-6 hours). Place boneless filets (fresh, not previously frozen) flesh side down (skin side up) in container. Pour sauce over it, marinate 2-6 hours (the better the fish, like Coho or Sockeye or Red, the longer). Barbeque high heat, skin side down, lid down, for 10 minutes. No need to flip. You can cut in pieces right on the barbeque. Serve without the skin.

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