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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

First of all, welcome to the over 1,400 graduates who joined the ranks of Durham College alumni on Friday, June 22 at our spring convocation. With the successful completion of your studies, you are among the over 40,000 graduates who chose Durham College for their post-secondary education and are now using their skills

and abilities to make a difference throughout the local community and the world.

Our convocation speaker this year was Ron Backwell, one of our very first students and graduates. We invited an alumnus to speak at convocation because we are on the eve of our 40th anniversary celebrations and Ron is a great example of a graduate who is still connected with and supportive of Durham College.

On September 18, 1967 we welcomed our first students to campus and on September 18, 2007 we hope to welcome many of you back to kick off our year long celebrations. There is much to be proud of when you're a member of the Durham College family.

Durham College boasts an impressive history of success. In my short time here I've concluded that it comes down to three things: partnership, innovation and commitment to values. Partnerships are woven throughout the history of Durham College. Nothing was accomplished solely through the efforts of a single individual. From the very beginning when the Oshawa Hospital donated the first administrative space, through the development of quality programs and curricula on the advice of business and labour partners, through the financial contributions of our many community supporters, and through collaboration between faculties on campus, other educational institutions off campus and of course with the special partner we have in the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT).

Durham College has also consistently been at the forefront of innovation. We were the first college in the province to provide programs in Biomedical Engineering Technology, Sports Administration, Court Support Service, Emergency Management and Child and Youth Worker. Our new, award-winning Water Quality Technician program, developed in partnership with the Region of Durham, was also recently honoured with a Management Innovation award from the Ontario Public Works Association.

Durham College is unequivocally a values-based enterprise. Our commitment to values is demonstrated in the halls and classrooms every day as we:

- Put students first in everything we do and respect that investing in themselves and coming to our college to pursue post-secondary studies is one of the most significant decisions they will make in their lives;
- Offer a student access guarantee which means no qualified student will be denied access to our college for financial reasons; and
- Employ colleagues who work together with mutual respect and integrity.

As the fourth president of Durham College I arrived here with close to 20 years experience in public service, a passion for the mission of colleges and the drive to make a difference. With our 40-year history, our new strategic plan, the support of faculty, staff, students, alumni and our community, I know Durham College will continue to flourish as the premier college in Canada.

Sincerely,

Leah Myers
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Dear fellow alumnus,

It is truly an exciting time for Durham College alumni! Your alumni association has been active in preparing to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Durham College.

To kick off our year of celebrations, we will be hosting a BBQ and Alumni Reception on September 18th. See inside this issue of Reflections for more information.

Secondly, we have another wonderful convocation ceremony planned for our newest alumni. We hope these graduates will become involved with us as they enter the next stage of their lives.

Services for our alumni are expanding all the time, and I encourage you to check the website for the latest news of our office, our campus, and our community.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming months as we celebrate the success of Durham College and our alumni!

Laurie Beaton, '75
President, Durham College Alumni Association

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RACING TO THE CHECKERED FLAG



by Troy Elzner

BRETT WEIR, OF THE DURHAM COLLEGE/UOIT SOLAR VEHICLE TEAM, REMOVES A PATCH OF CARBON FIBRE THAT THE TEAM HAS BEEN TESTING. CARBON FIBRE IS BEING USED TO CONSTRUCT THE BODY OF THE VEHICLE, AS IT IS LIGHTWEIGHT AND VERY STRONG.

The wheels are turning as the Durham College/University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) Solar Vehicle Team nears completion of its sun-powered vehicle and gears up for next summer's solar race season.

The team began planning in the summer of 2005 and expects to snap the last piece into place near the end of 2007. This will give team members time to test and fine-tune the vehicle before entering it in its first race in 2008.

The car's electric motor will collect energy from solar panels placed on top of its body. The sun's rays will provide the vehicle's fuel as they are converted to energy by solar cells that line the car.

"Our vehicle will be powered by about 500 solar cells on the top of the car," said Michael Mior, vice-president of advancement for the solar vehicle team. "In total, the cells provide about 1.5 kilowatts of power.

In comparison, this is about the energy you get out of a hair dryer. This is possible because the motor we are using for the car is approximately 98 per cent efficient."

With a cost of more than \$125,000, construction of the car would not be possible without the help of many generous donors. The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation is the primary sponsor of the project. Sony Canada, the team's first platinum-level sponsor, has given an in-kind donation of more than \$25,000 in batteries. Other sponsors include Agilent Technologies, the City of Oshawa, Master Manufacturing Inc., UOIT and the Integrated Manufacturing Centre.

In addition, the team is running a fundraising effort called Adopt-a-Cell. The project is looking for sponsors to adopt the 500 solar panels on the car, at \$50 per cell. The adoption of all the cells would cover 20 per cent of the total vehicle cost.

Building the solar vehicle is much more than just constructing a car. "The solar vehicle team is made up of an engineering and design team, an advancement team and an education team," says Mior.

The engineering team designed the vehicle and is responsible for its construction, the advancement team secures donations to fund the project and the education team informs school children in Durham Region about clean energy sources. Students from Durham College and UOIT are working together to complete the endeavour.

The team hopes to enter the vehicle in the 2008 North American Solar Challenge next summer. The race was last held in 2005, when it ran from Austin, Texas to Calgary, Alberta. As the race looms on the horizon, Durham College and UOIT students have their eyes fixed on the finish line.

GOING OFF THE GRID

by Rachael Wraith



THIS ENERGY STAR HOME IS COMPLETE WITH SOLAR PANELS AND GEOTHERMAL HEAT, MEANING HOMEOWNERS WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO RELY SOLELY ON AN ELECTRICAL GRID FOR ALL THEIR ENERGY NEEDS.

As commuters pass the intersection of Rossland and Harmony roads in Oshawa they can't help but gaze at the rows of newly built Energy Star-approved homes. Large, sleek black panels integrated into the home are a usual sight, a feature that is becoming a trend in new home construction.

With increases in electrical energy costs and environmental concerns, many homeowners have been turned on to renewable energy in a bid to improve their home's energy-efficiency and cut down on expensive monthly power costs. In 2002, a litre of fuel oil in Ontario cost homeowners 35 cents. Today it costs 77 cents and rates are continuing to rise. This has prompted homeowners to increasingly invest in renewable energy sources for long-term solutions to their energy needs.

The new Renewable Energy course offered at Durham College teaches homeowners about the options available to retrofit their home with a non-centralized source of energy.

"Our interest in the Renewable Energy course is to assist homeowners in reducing their dependency on fossil fuels and help them reduce the cost of heating and cooling their homes," said Phil

Coulter, an engineer who teaches the course.

The most popular and widely adopted renewable energy source for residential use is geothermal. A home's natural gas, oil or forced air heating source can be retrofitted and replaced with a ground-source heat pump at a cost of about \$20,000. The pump draws energy from the earth to heat the home in the winter, while in the summer, the heat from the house is returned to the earth. It takes six to eight years for homeowners to make back their initial investment.

"The ground source heat pump is a fixed science," said Coulter. "The pump is placed about seven feet underground and the temperature only changes about five per cent a year, therefore you can accurately predict your annual costs."

Wind and solar power are other forms of alternative energy, but you can't forecast their financial savings as accurately as geothermal. Wind turbines are an option for rural areas where farm or homeowners have a few acres of land, but there are strict regulations when it comes to using wind power in urban communities. A 10 to 20 kilowatt wind turbine can produce enough energy to supply a farm's

electrical needs. Any excess produced can then be sent back to the electrical grid, meaning not only can farm owners produce their own energy, they can also help contribute to Ontario's power supply.

Many construction companies are also building homes equipped with renewable energy, referred to as an integrated system. "Builders are now eliminating sections of shingles and replacing them with photovoltaic (PV) [the use of solar cells to convert energy from the sun into electricity]," said Coulter. "They are installed into the structure and designed to absorb the sun's heat. This wipes out the necessity of the grid's electrical power."

New homes equipped with PV also come with geothermal heat pumps. These hybrid homes – powered by two types of energy – significantly reduce new homeowner's reliance on the provincial electrical grid for their energy needs.

"Renewable energy is here to stay," said Coulter. "It's doing two things for the nation: saving homeowners money while reducing reliance on fossil fuels, thus reducing environmental pollution."



COACH STRIKES OUT COMPETITION

by Kristjan Puhm



COACH JIM NEMISH KEEPS A CLOSE EYE ON THE DURHAM LORDS WOMEN'S FASTBALL TEAM.

Standing in the hallway of the Campus Athletic Centre, it is easy to see why students feel a quiet sense of awe looking at photos of Durham College's memorable varsity sports teams.

Many reporters have likely stood there waiting to interview Jim Nemish, coach of the Durham Lords women's fastball team, most likely not knowing what he looks like. After asking the man at the centre's desk for a picture of Nemish, they might have even seen him quietly chuckle and then look up at the massive banner of the coach that streams down from the ceiling, a mere two feet above the desk.

Nemish has come a long way from thinking he would only be at Durham College for a year or two. He's now in his 18th season as coach of the team, which

has never been more successful. In the 2005-2006 season, the Lords set an Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) record for longest winning streak when they won their 56th consecutive game.

In addition, under Nemish's leadership the Lords have managed to seize 17 OCAA medals, including 10 gold, and their conference record is an outstanding 176-15 record for a remarkable .921 winning percentage. Nemish's overall record is 265-58, creating a Durham College fastball dynasty that will echo through the ages.

Although he enjoys winning, his greatest satisfaction is seeing the players succeed and evolve. "Winning championships is excellent, but seeing the players enjoy themselves is what's important – the

satisfaction of the ladies progressing, their overall success coming into the program and seeing them leave as different and better people," said Nemish, who coached at the provincial level for 20 years before finding a home at Durham College.

The Lords are always near the top of the division and generally considered the team to beat. Even though Nemish has done an outstanding job with the Durham Lords, coaching requires a lot of skill and ability.

"Keeping harmony on the team can sometimes be a challenge," he said. "There are 15 members with all different types of personalities. Even though it can be a challenge, we always work together as a team which ensures our success and helps us maintain excellent standards."



STUDENT BONDING: AMANDA GILHAM, MARK ROSS AND BRANDON KEEL LEARN ABOUT PROTEIN BONDS IN THE NEW FITNESS AND HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM.

Concerned about Canada's growing obesity problem, Gary Howe, an Oshawa elementary school gym teacher, suggested Durham College create the Fitness and Health Promotion program.

Professor Cheryl Higgs, a Sports Administration graduate, rose to the challenge. She is now the co-ordinator of the two-year program, which aims to produce professionals who will be prepared to work in the fitness community. Ultimately these students will be able to help address Canada's childhood obesity rates, rates that increased by 200 per cent from 1981 to 2001. A 2004 report also showed that approximately 58.8 per cent of Canadian adults were considered overweight or obese.

"Our goal is an emphasis on health," said Higgs. "We want to produce quality people to work in facilities."

Approximately 40 students enrolled in the program last September. Through guest speakers, specialists, and two

co-ops in Semesters 3 and 4, graduates are poised to be well-qualified experts to work in health promotion programs and health and wellness facilities or become personal trainers.

Higgs, who uses a personal trainer, is also very active. She has competed in marathons and triathlons, weight trains and does yoga once a week. Within five years, she hopes to compete in the Canadian Iron Man in Penticton, British Columbia.

Along with her active life, she also has a passion for pursuing education. At Durham College she took the Sports Administration diploma and post-diploma programs and went on to earn her Master's in Adult Education from Central Michigan University. To top it all off, she is the enthusiastic co-ordinator of the new program. Enthusiasm comes from one of her fundamental beliefs. "Make a living out of your passion. I do and I love it," she said.

FIT TO BE TAUGHT

by Andrea Tulloch



CHERYL HIGGS IS CO-ORDINATOR OF THE NEW FITNESS AND HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM.

LIFE IS BASKETBALL

by Jessica Lillie

As a player, Bill Crowdis helped lead the Durham Lords men's basketball team to the school's first-ever national championship. Today he is head coach of the men's basketball team at Fleming College.

A Durham College Sports Administration graduate, Crowdis brings a wealth of skill and experience to his coaching career. During his first year at Durham College, he helped the Lords to their first Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) championship and first Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) title. He was also named an OCAA all-star twice and led the OCAA in scoring in 1998-1999. Crowdis is using these powerful skills as a coach.

"In order for a team to bring a win home everyone needs to be on the same page,"

said Crowdis, whose third season saw his team tied for sixth place. "If everyone works together as a team, follows the game plan and works to their full potential, then we can bring home a victory."

Crowdis teaches his players that hard work and dedication to the game are the keys to success and it was because of his own hard work and dedication that he was inducted into Durham's Sports Hall of Fame in November.

Crowdis first picked up a basketball in Grade 6. He began to play outside during recess with his friends and learned the rules of the game during gym class. During his first year of high school at Martingrove Collegiate Institute in Etobicoke, Ontario, he signed up to play for the varsity boy's



BILL CROWDIS, A GRADUATE OF THE DURHAM COLLEGE SPORTS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM, WAS INDUCTED INTO THE DURHAM COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME LAST NOVEMBER.

basketball team and his love for the sport grew. Crowdis's passion for the game showed when he guided his team to winning the Etobicoke championship.

While basketball remains at the top of Crowdis's list, he works during the day at Swish Maintenance in Peterborough, Ontario. He is responsible for customer service, marketing, inventory and running day-to-day operations. He enjoys having the freedom to be creative and having his input heard.

"For now I will continue to work at Swish Maintenance as my job is really convenient, close to home, flexible and I get to run my own show," said Crowdis. "My plans for the future involve basketball. I see myself still coaching, but hopefully full-time."



ONE OF DURHAM'S GREATEST LORDS

by BRENDAN OLDMAN

LAURENCE BISHOP, A GRADUATE OF THE DURHAM COLLEGE SPORTS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM, WAS INDUCTED INTO THE DURHAM COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME LAST NOVEMBER.

Laurence Bishop is a lord of Lords. A natural athlete and leader, he is one of Durham College's best known volleyball stars, both on the court and the sidelines. Born in 1968, the Brockville, Ontario native was head coach and number-one starter for the Durham College Lords. In November 2006 he was the 28th member to be inducted into the college's Sports Hall of Fame.

An athlete his entire life, Bishop was originally scouted as a basketball player in high school. He started his post-secondary education at Brock University in the Physical Education program and took a great interest in volleyball, soon finding he was skilled at it.

Following graduation he was accepted into the third year of the Sports Administration program at Durham College. He says he jumped at the chance to learn the business side of the sports world.

"I had always wanted to pursue my interest in the business aspect of sport and Durham College gave me the chance and really opened my eyes to it," said Bishop. "There are so many wonderful

people on staff and through the halls of the college. These people are passionate about success and very interested in pursuing it."

While at Durham College, Bishop was first a player and then head coach with the Durham Lords men's volleyball team. Considered one of the best for his overall coaching record, he was named OCAA Coach of the Year in 1995-1996 and was also given the opportunity to coach the East All-Stars at the 1997 OCAA Volleyball All-Star Game.

After completing his years on the court at the college, Bishop was offered the chance to help develop the Intercollegiate Athletic Academic Success Program (IAASP). This program is still the foundation for student-athlete academic success at Durham College and has also been adopted by other Ontario colleges.

"One of the top moments in my sports career would have to be my time at Durham. I was brought in to the Athletic department and began developing a three-year plan with the entire faculty there," said Bishop. "Our plan was fulfilled

after finally winning Durham's first ever provincial gold medal. It was quite an accomplishment."

When the Durham Lords men's volleyball team was at its peak, Bishop was hired on as a program co-ordinator with the Ontario Volleyball Organization. Although he never pursued a professional career in volleyball, he continues to hold endless records at Durham College.

Currently, he owns and runs his own company, St. Lawrence Sport Productions, which works to promote the Thousand Islands region for sports. During the recent Ontario Senior Games Winterfest 2007, Bishop worked busily to ensure its success. Fourteen-hour days are nothing new to him but he does what he loves to do and plans to do it for years to come.

"I learned more in my first year at Durham College than in my three years at my undergraduate," said Bishop. "The practical and hands-on experience with the internship option really prepared me for the real world environment."

AIMING BELOW PAR

by Kile Blanchard



PROFESSIONAL GOLF MANAGEMENT STUDENT AND COLLEGIATE GOLFER WILLIAM MITCHELL, SCORED LOW ENOUGH IN ITALY TO PUT CANADA ON THE MAP.

The golf gods blessed William Mitchell with a smooth swing and lately he's been leaving his competition in the rough. Mitchell, a Professional Golf Management student and member of the Durham Lords varsity golf team, was one of five students chosen to represent Canada in Torino, Italy at the 2006 World University Golf Championships. He placed eighth, the highest a Canadian has ever finished at the event.

"It truly was an honour to be chosen for this team," said Mitchell. "I knew going in that I was the last pick, a wild card, and that everyone expected me not to do very

well. I had confidence in my athletic ability, and with my team behind me, I knew that I wouldn't let them or my country down. I am delighted to have had this experience and, of course, with this outcome."

The road to Torino wasn't an easy one. The Lords won the Ontario College Championship, which earned them an invitation to the 2006 RCGA College/University Golf Championships. Mitchell's performance was outstanding; he placed in the top five in the individual competition and earned a spot on the Canadian team going to Italy.

Once in Italy, Mitchell admits he stunk during the first round, landing in 68th place after a score of 78. His team continued to support him and for the next three rounds he rallied, shooting 69, 66 and 69. Mitchell's hard work paid off. Out of the 22 countries represented, Canada finished fourth, behind Japan, the United States and Great Britain, respectively.

Throughout his brief golf career Mitchell has won numerous tournaments, including the Ontario and Canadian Junior Championships. His golf resumé is similar to another prestigious Canadian golfer, Mike Weir.



After qualifying for the NGA/Hooters Professional Golf Tour in the U.S. in April, Mitchell turned pro.

The accomplished athlete hopes to work his way up through the ranks and play the PGA tour in five years time. The physical skill required doesn't trouble him – it's the mental part of the game. However, he is confident he can compete with anyone.

"I am in awe of some of the players that I compete with," said Mitchell. "In Florida I competed against a couple of pros who looked the part, with the clothes that fit perfectly and the \$500 shoes, and I just

stood there in bewilderment. My caddy had to talk some sense into me. He told me that I could beat these guys and I did. I have the physical talent to play with the best in the world, but it will take more experiences like these to boost my mental game to the right level."

Mitchell's talents aren't lost on Mike Duggan, a Durham College athletic officer and the Lords' golf coach. He is excited about what the young golfer has accomplished and what lies ahead for him.

"Will was given special skills and talent by the golf gods, and that, combined with

his easy-going personality, his work ethic and commitment to the sport, will drive him," said Duggan. "He is going down the middle of the fairway and taking one shot at a time, and it all starts this spring with the Hooters Tour. The college, his teammates, and of course his coach, are pulling for him and we all know that he will make us proud."



FIFTH CLASS MEMBER ROCKS IN CLASS AND OUT

by Kate Barnard

MUSIC BUSINESS MANAGEMENT STUDENT CAMERON MCNAIRN AND BANDMATE JOHNNY HOTTS, PERFORM WITH THEIR BAND, FIFTH CLASS.



Writing assignments, studying, travelling to and from school, working part-time, maintaining a relationship and launching a band. Durham College Music Business Management student Cameron McNairn has taken on a bit more than the average student.

“It can be pretty stressful when you have all that going on,” said the 19-year-old Ajax, Ontario native. He adds that he loves his hectic life though, and wouldn’t change it for anything.

The business side of the Music Business Management program prepares students for careers as entertainment administrators, organizers, managers, marketers and entrepreneurs. The program helps students develop skills in management, marketing, promotions and small business environments.

McNairn is hoping that the skills he learns at Durham College will help him and his band, Fifth Class, shine in the spotlight.

The group plays primarily in Oshawa and Toronto, Ontario. Its most memorable gig to date was at The Docks nightclub, opening for Gob, one of the band’s influences. McNairn’s regular gig of choice remains the E.P. Taylor’s pub on the college campus.

He first picked up a guitar at the age of eight, a daunting task considering that his acoustic guitar was bigger than he was. McNairn and Ryan Verboom created the band in early 2004 with three friends: Johnny Hotts, Vito Diphilipes and McNairn’s brother, Ryan.

The band’s name, Fifth Class, comes from a friend’s father who used to joke

that group members got together after school to practice as if it was their fifth class of the day.

Its many influences include Nirvana, NOFX, Billy Talent, AFI and Metallica. McNairn cites his own personal influences as Kurt Cobain, Dave Grohl, and Neil Peart, the drummer from the Ontario band, Rush. In the future, band members hope to play at the Toronto club Kool Haus. Formerly known as the Warehouse, the club has headlined everybody from Alice in Chains to Coldplay. McNairn also hopes to some day produce the next big band in music history. Fan appreciation and his own goals are his driving forces.

“Reaching your own creative and artistic goals makes it all worth it,” he said.



TAMBOURINE MAN PLAYS A NEW TUNE

MARK MARTIRE, A SECOND-YEAR MUSIC BUSINESS MANAGEMENT STUDENT, BRINGS A FRESH PERSPECTIVE TO MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS WITH HIS NEW MAGAZINE, TAMBOURINE.

by Kira Haden

It conjures up memories of the Lemon Pipers asking us to “Drop your silver in my tambourine. Help a poor man fill his pretty dream. Give me pennies, I’ll take anything.”

In fact, that could be the motto for Mark Martire as he tries to make a go of his new magazine, affectionately titled Tambourine.

The idea for the magazine crystallized in September 2006, when Martire was thinking of a way he could introduce urban rock bands and talk about his greatest passion, music.

The Durham College Music Business Management student and his team of music enthusiasts released Tambourine’s first issue in January. The four-page magazine is funded by Martire and includes a variety of articles ranging from album reviews to profiles of up-and-coming artists. He distributed the first issues out of his backpack and through Vendors’ Alley at Durham College, but hopes to eventually gain a more

consistent audience and create a permanent distribution list.

“The audience we are trying to reach is just people who want to learn about music and independent views that haven’t been commercialized,” said Martire. “People that go to see bands at local clubs and shows on campus, they like their cousin’s friend’s band. In other words they enjoy a local perspective.”

Martire said his new magazine introduces a raw edge to critical music opinion that is otherwise lost in typically sanitized corporate press releases and other publicity filters. Having a local perspective makes it more meaningful to readers. So far, the magazine has been well-received by students.

“I can appreciate the fact that students and music enthusiasts write the magazine,” said Krystle Gillard, a Biomedical Engineering Technology student. “I like how they seem to be writing about topics and bands that they are passionate about. It’s neither corporate or advertiser driven.

It’s simply about the music and that’s what is great about it.”

Martire admits that the time spent organizing, preparing and distributing the magazine is difficult, and sometimes tedious, but in the end it’s all worth it.

He and his team hope to expand their audience after graduation next year. In the meantime they’re spreading the word through their new website at www.myspace.com/tambourinemagazine and their show, Tambourine Radio, which ran on the Durham College campus station The Riot every Thursday at 6 p.m. during the school year.

“Our magazine and our website are just trying to give more exposure to the urban bands that people don’t know about and I think people will enjoy that,” said Martire.

As for why he chose the name Tambourine, the answer is that it simply had a ring to it. A catchy name, a fresh approach, and a local perspective on music – now that’s something to talk about.

DRUM ROLL PLEASE

by Rosanne Cannella



PHOTO COURTESY OF PIPES AND DRUMS BAND

THE ROBERT ANDERSON MEMORIAL CAMPUS PIPES AND DRUMS BAND HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A SOUND TO BE RECKONED WITH.

If it weren't for their mutual love of golf, Robert 'Speeder' Anderson and Tim Montgomery may have never founded a pipes and drums band at Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT).

As their friendship blossomed, so did their interest in creating a band to showcase the talent of staff and students. Anderson, a former Durham College professor, was part of the schools of Justice and Integrated Studies, and Montgomery, a purchasing agent for both the college and UOIT, believed the time had come to introduce the campus to a new genre of music.

"Speeder had been playing pipes for four years," said Montgomery, who had been playing drums for two. "And being from musical families, we felt it was the right time to bring a pipes and drums band to Durham College and UOIT so that both the staff and students could be exposed to the culture of a street band and Scottish music."

In March 2005, the pipes and drums band held its first meeting. Despite their modest advertising in the local newspaper, to the surprise of both Anderson and Montgomery, eager students of all ages

signed up to be part of the teaching street band. Currently, the band includes 15 students of varying ages, with plans to grow.

Like most bands, a dress code is crucial for uniformity. While following the Scottish tradition of the kilt, Anderson thought it was essential for the band to incorporate something related to the college. With that, he chose the family tartan of Dr. Gordon Willey, the first president of Durham College, as the band's tartan. Sporting Dr. Willey tartan kilts, the band made its debut at the Civic Auditorium in June 2005 at Durham College's convocation.

"We progressed a lot faster than we had envisioned," said Montgomery. "We never anticipated being ready so soon to have our first performance but I couldn't be more proud of our group. Each musician brings something different to the band. We are being represented by so many places, including Scarborough, Pickering, Whitby, Port Perry and Oshawa, Ontario. We represent the family of Durham College, the university and the region of Durham."

Since the 2005 graduation, the band has performed for staff appreciation night, opening processions of athletic events and the Police Foundations

dodgeball tournament. In the future, band members would like to perform at off-campus events such as the Santa Claus Parade, Fiesta Week and the Highlands of Durham Games in Uxbridge, Ontario.

"It's a group of people who have come together to perform what they love to do," said Andrew Gibson, a fourth-year Nuclear Engineering student at UOIT and current pipes instructor for the band. "It is nice to have something the students and faculty can become involved with and have a place where there is an endless possibility for learning."

Unfortunately, Anderson could not be a part of the growth in progress. In July 2006 he passed away due to a serious illness. But his memory lives on. Though his presence is greatly missed, he is still recognized as the original driving force behind the band, which is now known as the Robert Anderson Memorial Campus Pipes and Drums band.

"I think Speeder would be very proud of all the accomplishments we've made in only two years," said Montgomery. "The dedication of our members is incredible."

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EDUCATING THE MASSES – LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

by Sabina Babayan



CRYSTAL CRIMI, A GRADUATE OF THE DURHAM COLLEGE JOURNALISM PROGRAM, SPENT TWO WEEKS IN ZAMBIA WHERE SHE TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY TO LEARN ABOUT THE IMPACT OF CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CIDA) AID AND ITS PROGRAMS.

With her notebook in hand, Crystal Crimi has ventured to the poverty-stricken, rural towns of Zambia and then graciously delivered her findings to the community.

The 2001 Durham College Journalism graduate works as an education reporter for the Metroland Durham Region Media Group and recently won third place as Journalist of the Year for Weekly Newspapers in the Suburban Newspapers of America's 2006 editorial contest.

The reporter has covered other beats, including entertainment, but her true passion is education-related stories. She gets personal satisfaction from knowing she is helping give a voice to the children of the community. "The best part of my job is working and dealing with all the different people and stories," said Crimi. "When the kids see themselves in the paper it can be very positive because it gives them a sense of pride. And especially in education, that's so important for the kids."

The journalist of the year award is not

the only honour Crimi has won. One of her most valued accomplishments was placing second in a 2005 Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) writing contest for her feature article, *Harvest Time*. Winners of the CIDA awards were taken on a 14-day trip across a developing nation, where they wrote stories related to CIDA programs. Crimi, alongside another CIDA award-winner and journalist, Susan O'Neill, travelled to Zambia in February 2006. Among many personal lessons learned from the experience, she learned how to define herself as a Canadian.

"Going to Zambia and seeing all that I did definitely helped develop my identity as a Canadian," said Crimi. "When you see other Canadians doing great things, it makes you appreciate being Canadian and helps give you an identity as one. It made me very proud to be Canadian."

While in Zambia, Crimi covered a wide variety of topics, including school resources and farming initiatives. As an education

reporter here at home, she felt that covering education in Zambia was also important. Crimi saw first-hand the poverty gap between the schools of Zambia and Canada.

"Having access to schooling is something that the people want for themselves and their children, and in some cases schools are just a single room with one or two untrained teachers," she said. "Comparing the schools in Zambia to the schools and resources here makes you appreciate the education opportunities we have. The quality of our lives is very different."

Crimi continues to write for Durham Region readers and believes her experiences travelling abroad and writing from a different perspective have helped her grow as a journalist.

"In journalism you're always learning and developing your own style," she added. "As you develop your own style, you become more comfortable. But you have to be open to learning. It's a constant learning process."



KEEP IN TOUCH

by Michelle Spanidis

is excited about the new community.

“Durham College has always placed a high value on engaging our alumni, providing opportunities for them to stay in touch and offering them chances to reconnect at fun events,” said Connor. “Our new online community is an exciting new initiative that we believe will further strengthen the strong bond that already exists among Durham College alumni.”

The new online community is available at <http://alumni.durhamcollege.ca/home/index.asp>. Grads can use it to search for classmates, keep informed on the latest news, send e-mails to other grads in the alumni database, register for events online, view photo galleries, and create personal web pages in six easy steps (complete with photo galleries). Durham College's alumni ranks at 40,000 members strong.

There are many benefits to becoming part of the online community, including

sharing as much or as little information as desired.

“They control the outgoing flow of information,” said Connor. “We want to be sure all members feel comfortable about the details, news and contact information they are sharing.”

She notes there has already been significant traffic to the site and that feedback has been positive. Using the online community is free and Connor encourages graduates to log on to take advantage of the many resources and services it offers. She also notes that the Alumni office would like to see current and past faculty and staff members also register, even if they are not Durham College graduates.

to register and receive a username and password, email lori.connor@durhamcollege.ca

Ever wonder what the class clown from college is up to today? Do you know what your best friends from college are doing in their careers? Finding the answers to these questions is now easier than ever, thanks to the new Durham College online community website. It provides alumni with a chance to connect with former classmates, share career and family information and post class notes.

The website went live in January 2007 with 100 people registered and by spring membership had increased to 450. According to Lori Connor, the Alumni office

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY HOSTED BY DURHAM COLLEGE

by Michelle Spanidis

Durham is reaching the big 4-0. Alumni, students, staff and retirees are all invited to join the year-long anniversary festivities that start in September and end in June 2008. The main focus for the 40th anniversary will be to tell the story of the college and celebrate its successes.

“Our goal is to put a committee together to help organize the events,” said Lori Connor, Durham College's alumni officer. Celebrations will kick off in September when students, staff, alumni and retirees are invited for a barbecue and live

entertainment. The new Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre will also be open for tours. In the evening, alumni and retirees will be welcomed back for a meet and greet at the college.

In October, a special issue of Reflections magazine will be printed to celebrate the 40th anniversary, featuring photographs that commemorate grads. In October, the college will unveil its alumni wall of distinction, showcasing alumni success through pictures and profiles.

In addition, college staff will also visit

graduates working in the area and bring them lunch to promote the anniversary celebrations throughout the fall and spring.

A homecoming weekend will be held in spring 2008. Grads can help by planning their own weekend activities. These events will be open to the public, students, alumni and faculty. “With the help of our alumni, our events will be a big celebration and a huge success,” said Connor.

To volunteer, e-mail lori.connor@durhamcollege.ca.



A NEW JOB IS ONLY A CLICK AWAY

by Scott Farrell

On a bright Monday afternoon, a recent Durham College graduate begins searching for his first full-time job. Clicking through the massive amount of information on the Internet is frustrating as it seems there are no websites designed to help Canadian college graduates. All of a sudden, a glimpse of hope appears on the screen – the Hired Career Services website.

Many students have relied on the employment services website to find co-op placements, internships and jobs. This year, it will undergo a major structural change to benefit the students and the employers who use it.

“We are trying to update the system so there is more control for employers,” said Tara Blackburn, director of Hired Career Services “Our main goal is to get grads

and students jobs.”

Developed five years ago, the site is used by students with a MyCampus account and is also free for employers looking to post job openings. These two features will remain intact with the new structure while almost everything else will change.

With the changes, employers will be able to post their listings for as long as they like through an online renewal option. Under the current setup, employers cannot see what their postings look like to students and don't receive confirmation that their postings have been activated. The new design will enable employers to see their postings and track the number of hits to them.

Students will be able to read job postings and activate a Job Watch feature that will

automatically e-mail them when a job comes up that matches their criteria and preferences. They will also be able to post their resumés and e-portfolios online so employers can view them, a huge benefit over mailing a resumé which can get lost in a bottomless pile.

Booking appointments with career services staff will also be done online, instead of having to contact them via phone or in person during office hours – currently the only way to make an appointment.

“This system will make it easier for alumni to bring grads and new Durham College talent to their workplaces,” said Blackburn. “You graduated from the best, now you can hire the best.”

Look for the new website this summer.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

by **Monika Kosecki**

As a boy cheering for his favourite team, the Montreal Expos, Mark Sluban dreamt of playing professional baseball. That dream would not become a reality, but the dream of being part of a professional team would come true. Sluban landed a co-op placement, and later a full-time job, with the Expos after graduating from the Sports Administration program at Durham College in 1994.

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,” Sluban said, quoting Charles Dickens.

The Expos were in first place, but the possibility of winning the World Series was wiped out by the season-ending baseball strike. Once the strike was over, the team dismantled because they couldn't keep up with the payrolls of so many outstanding players.

Sluban packed up his major league skills and took them to the minor leagues. Marketing was pretty much the same, but on a smaller scale. It opened his eyes and gave him the opportunity for a great experience. Because minor baseball had a smaller marketing team, Sluban had more chances to learn about merchandising,



PHOTO COURTESY MARK SLUBAN

DURHAM COLLEGE SPORTS ADMINISTRATION GRADUATE MARK SLUBAN, SHOWN HERE IN AN OTTAWA LYNX JERSEY, RUNS A PRE-GAME PROMO FEATURING MEMBERS OF THE OTTAWA SENATORS DURING HIS DAYS WITH THE MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL CLUB.

advertising and bringing in fans and sponsors. He set a team record of the most dollars brought in by a first-year staff member.

From there, he joined another minor league team, this time in Clinton, Iowa. Moving from the Canadian demographic to small town U.S.A., Sluban received an increase in responsibility, creating promotions and events to attract fans and fill the stadium. Instead of catching baseballs, he was capturing crowds through special events. Events such as bring your dog to the park and games that saw a mass of women digging up the field in an attempt to find a buried \$5,000 diamond ring. Crazy as it sounds, they worked.

These games and events were such a success that he brought them back to Canada when he joined the Ottawa Lynx baseball club and worked his way up to the position of assistant general manager. But because ball teams are on the verge of moving south, the baseball fanatic decided to change career direction slightly last year. He now trains professional athletes to become motivational speakers who travel to schools across the country, giving seminars

to kids. These seminars are a great tool to show children that they can reach their goals, overcoming any obstacles.

A new, fun, and exciting way to get the message across, seminars delivered by an Olympic gold medalist, former National Hockey League (NHL) and Canadian Football League (CFL) players, or even a world champion tap dancer are by far more interesting than reading out of a textbook. Sluban uses his previous expertise to his advantage in order to help many kids across the country.

“We use SMART goals, which represent specific, measurable, attainable, reachable, and timely, to inspire and motivate tomorrow's future to reach their aspirations, not only in sports, but also in life,” he said.

His new company, Esteem Team, has been in the motivation business for 10 years. Sluban and his team give specific, real and in-your-face examples of how people – no matter their circumstances – can achieve anything they set their minds to. It's not one, two, three strikes you're out, it's try, try again, because the sky's the limit.

RUNNING TO THE FINISH

by Marli Bates



RECENTLY RETIRED SPORTS MANAGEMENT PROFESSOR ROMONA WORDEN, FAR RIGHT, REGULARLY JOINED TEAMS OF STUDENTS ON THE LONG WALK.

Although Romona Worden recently retired from teaching with the Durham College Sports Management program, she's still running at full speed.

Soon after retiring in June 2006, Worden combined her interest in sports with her knowledge of communications and volunteered to handle publicity for last October's Canadian Cancer Society's Run for the Cure.

Since then, she has flown to Calgary, Alberta and California to visit her sons, Craig and Brad. She also recently spent a few weeks in Mexico, proving she just never seems to slow down.

But Worden's exploring began long before retirement. While teaching Sports Management she had the opportunity to help structure and open a sports management program at a Trinidadian university in the Caribbean.

"I was able to go to Trinidad to the University of West Indies and teach Sport Management down there for a few months," she said.

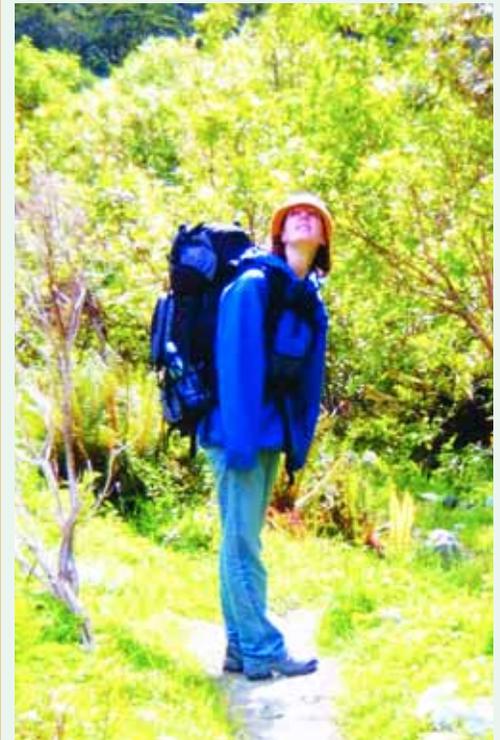
While at Durham, she took on many roles. Teaching Sports Management most of the time, she was also dean for the

School of Business and worked on special projects. Though she worked in several different departments she was drawn back to the classroom and students.

"I keep in touch with a lot of my students," said Worden. "It's always great when you run into them somewhere and they tell you what they have been up to for the past 10 years. Or they send you e-mails to let you know how they are doing and say 'thanks so much Romona, for everything.' That is a rewarding feeling and that is why I liked teaching so much."

Over the 25 years Worden was teaching she saw many changes. One of the biggest was restructuring the Long Walk, a camp for Sports Management students to work on their team-building skills. Many students have fond memories of sports camp with Worden.

Sports have always played a fundamental role in her life. As a child she loved to play all sports, and as a young teacher taught physical education at the high school level. These days she regularly visits her local gym to train for a race that she and her son Craig plan on entering together.



LONG WALK

The Long Walk was introduced to the Sports Management program in approximately 1975 as a team-building exercise for students. Teams of students were dropped in the bush, given a compass and then encouraged to work together to find their way to camp where they would stay four to five days.

When the Long Walk property was sold in 2002, Romona Worden helped replace the event with a Leadership Camp. Students are still dropped off in the bush and have to work as a team to get to their destination. Now referred to as Sports Management Leadership Camp, students go for one night. As soon as they wake up, they have a full day of activities and exercise. Canoeing, mountain biking and rock climbing are just some of the tasks.

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Durham College Upcoming Events

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THE WAY WE WERE

In the last issue of Reflections, on page ten, we had a picture of the college from the early 1970s.

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1987

DAVE LLOYD (Sports Administration) resides in Markham, Ontario with his wife Lisa, nine-year-old daughter Emily and seven-year-old son Zachary. Lloyd is a corporate sales manager for TaylorMade Adidas Golf.

1994

MELANIE FLOOD (nee Duchene) (Registered Nursing) resides in Haliburton, Ontario with her husband Brent. Flood is the manager of clinical support for Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

1999

JIM MATTICE (Sports Administration) resides in Toronto, Ontario with his wife Kristin. Mattice is an account co-ordinator for ICOM Information & Communications.

2000

ANDREW KOKKO (Fire and Emergency Services) resides in Sudbury, Ontario. Kokko is a firefighter for Sudbury Fire Services.

2002

PATRICK LYVER (Graphic Design) resides in Port Perry, Ontario with his wife Alison. Lyver is vice-president and director of Product Development for Blindfive Inc. and runs his own graphic design studio.

2004

ANNE CALLENDER (Court and Tribunal Agent) resides in Pickering, Ontario with her husband Chris and 24-year-old daughter Holly. Callender is a legal assistant for Ernst & Young LLP.

ANDREW MCNAMARA (Business Administration – Accounting) resides in Toronto, Ontario. McNamara is a staffing manager for Robert Half Canada and the sports broadcasting voice of the Durham Lords (basketball and volleyball) at the RIOT. He also does freelance writing for the SLAM sports website.

JESSICA SMITH (Journalism – Print) resides in Atikokan, Ontario. Smith is a part-time reporter for Atikokan Progress and is obtaining her BA in English from Lakehead University.

LINDSAY ORSER (Journalism – Print) resides in Brighton, Ontario with her boyfriend Mark and seven-month-old son Austin. Orser is an assistant manager for Black's Photography.

2005

ANDREW STEWART (Journalism – Print) resides in Oshawa, Ontario. Stewart is an assistant manager with J&M Tire.

LINDSAY KNIGHT (nee Chanasyk) (Communicative Disorders Assistant) resides in London, Ontario with her husband Terry. Knight is a communicative disorders assistant for the London Speech and Language Centre.

JENNIFER WILSON (Office Administration – Legal) resides in Bowmanville, Ontario. She is a legal assistant for Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP in Toronto, Ontario.

2006

LEANNA PENNINGTON (nee Dawson) (Personal Support Worker) resides in Bowmanville, Ontario. Pennington is a personal support worker for Personal Attendant Care.

DONNA PRUST (Mechtronics) resides in Oshawa, Ontario with her husband Eric, 12-year-old daughter Taylor, two-year-old daughter Katherine and one-year-old son Michael. Prust is employed with General Motors in Oshawa.

IN MEMORIAM

Melanie Carter, a 2006 ECE graduate passed away May 27, 2007.

Durham College Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, September 18 at 7 p.m.
Gordon Willey building, Dining Room, G213

The Alumni Association will be holding its annual general meeting and elections for directors this September. All alumni are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to alumni@durhamcollege.ca.

To express interest in becoming a director, please contact Lori Connor at 905.721.3035 or lori.connor@durhamcollege.ca.

ALUMNI RECORD

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PROGRAM YEAR GRADUATED

NUMBER AND STREET NAME CITY/PROVINCE/COUNTRY

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COMPANY NAME POSITION/TITLE

OTHER POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY DATE OF GRADUATION

PROGRAM/DEGREE OTHER INFORMATION

SPOUSE'S NAME (INCLUDE MAIDEN NAME IF RELEVANT)

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