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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

As I reach my one-year milestone as president of Durham College and as the campus community prepares to end another successful academic year, I am delighted to have the opportunity to update you on what's been happening on campus and what we are anticipating over the next few months.

As you look through this issue of *Reflections* you will see that both our current students and our alumni continue to shine. During the Colleges Ontario provincial conference in February I was honoured to be present when one of our graduates – Jeffrey Boyce – was awarded one of six annual Premier's Awards for outstanding college graduates. At the same ceremony, one of our graphic design students – Heather Anderson – was honoured with a regional award for her winning design for a new logo for the same Premier's Awards.

To ensure that we continue to excel in all areas, a new five-year Success Matters Strategic Plan was developed following an extensive process of dialogue and consultation on our campus. The plan articulates a new mission statement – the student experience comes first at Durham College – which in many ways says it all! We have also identified specific goals, strategies and priority actions to help us achieve the mission and measure our progress along the way.

The plan has been approved by our Board of Governors and can be viewed and downloaded from our website. As we move forward, I look forward to keeping you apprised of our progress, and helping you become engaged in this next phase of growth and success of Durham College.

The key to a prosperous future is to recognize and build on the successes of the past. Durham College has a remarkable history of success and tradition of excellence in all that we do. We will be celebrating this history in the coming year, as we recognize the 40th anniversary of Durham College. In honour of this milestone, the Alumni office, the Alumni Association Board of Directors, retirees, faculty, staff and students are beginning to plan numerous events that will highlight our achievements and engage the community and our alumni with the campus during this special time.

We look forward to working with many of you in planning this special year, and to welcoming you back to campus to join in the festivities as well celebrate the success of Durham College and our alumni.

Sincerely,

Leah Myers
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Dear fellow alumnus,

This next year will truly be an exciting time for Durham College and our alumni!

From new programming including outreach activities across the province, a new strategic plan for the college, and above all our 40th anniversary, we have much to celebrate and many opportunities for you to continue your engagement with the campus or re-engage with us.

One opportunity for involvement is your participation in our 40th anniversary celebration planning group. For further information, please contact Lori Connor in the Alumni office at 905.721.3035 or lori.connor@durhamcollege.ca.

Another exciting new opportunity to interact with your fellow alumni is Durham College's new online community. With the click of a mouse, you can share your recent career or family news by posting a class note or create your own personal page complete with photographs. More information on how to access the community can be found in this issue of *Reflections* or at <http://alumni.durhamcollege.ca>.

I look forward to working with 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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HITTING A CAREER HOME RUN

by Sara Bondett



PHOTO BY CHASE HADDEN

PICTURED HERE IS JEFFREY S. BOYCE, A 2006 DURHAM COLLEGE ALUMNUS OF DISTINCTION AND THE WINNER OF A 2006 ONTARIO PREMIER'S AWARD FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES.

Jeffrey S. Boyce knows there's more to success than dollars and cents. For him, giving back to the community is as important as excelling in business, which the recent Durham College Alumnus of Distinction recipient has clearly done.

Boyce, who was also awarded a 2006 Ontario Premier's Award for College Graduates, is the co-founder of Vermilion Resources, founder of Clear Energy Inc., and a 2004 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year finalist.

His success in the oil business in France also led to a profile in Canadian Business Magazine. Throughout his many accomplishments, Boyce has always maintained a heartfelt appreciation for Durham College's role in his success and was delighted to be named a 2006 Alumnus of Distinction.

"I am very honoured. When you go out to build these companies you don't do it for the recognition but it is nice when you get it," said Boyce.

He graduated from the Business Administration – Marketing program in

1980. While attending Durham College, he was a top-ranked pitcher and played on the national baseball team. At the time of his graduation, Boyce received a phone call from Dome Petroleum because they were seeking a pitcher for their baseball team and had seen him play.

After being flown out to Calgary, Alberta to pitch for the team, he scored a job working at Dome for the next nine years before leaving to work with Bob Dixon, a legendary oilman who trained some of the top people in the industry.

After that, Boyce was hired to run a small oil production company and in 1994 he got together with former Dome co-workers who were running a private oil company titled Vista Nuova Energy Inc. Together they founded Vermilion Resources, now Vermilion Energy Trust, the largest oil producer in France.

As co-founder of Vermilion Resources, Boyce successfully led the company in Canada and overseas. Now a director with the company, he is also the founder of Clear Energy Inc., a publicly traded

corporation worth \$250 million. In addition, he is the president and chief executive officer of Sure Energy Inc. and the executive chairman of Sound Energy Trust.

"I gain education everyday from doing business and dealing with people because I deal with their jobs and their lives," said Boyce. "I also sit on a number of boards and direct and manage a number of companies."

In addition to the many roles Boyce plays in the oil and gas industry, he is also an active member of his community, coaches minor league sports, and works with the United Way as a board member for a new project to benefit the small community of Bowness, Alberta.

Specifically, Boyce is co-chair of the United Way of Calgary's \$14 million capital campaign.

"You develop strong relationships and getting involved helps you get to know people. Calgary is a small, close-knit group," said Boyce. "You have to give back. It is part of building the community."

BUSINESS IS BREWING

by Chase Hadden



PICTURED HERE IS CHRISTY STONE-CURRY, A 1997 DURHAM COLLEGE HUMAN RESOURCES GRADUATE WHO IS ALSO THE OWNER OF THE PIANO CAFÉ, LOCATED IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN PORT PERRY.

As the owner of the Piano Café in Port Perry, Ontario, Christy Stone-Curry has indeed found a recipe for success in north Durham.

A 1997 graduate of the Human Resources program at Durham College, she has worked diligently over the past four years to keep things fresh and fun while adhering to the strict standards her clients have grown accustomed to.

To that end, the Piano Café offers the finest coffees, lunches, catering, and venue rentals, as well as a rotating art gallery that displays the work of local and regional artists. It is all found in the former Lenard Building, located in the heart of Port Perry, which still looks as it did in the 1800s.

"There is a lot of pride in the building the Piano Café is located in," said Stone-Curry. "My grandfather purchased it over 30 years ago and created a highly successful real estate business next door to where I am now. In the 12 years since my grandfather's death, my grandmother and my dad have worked very hard to

bring the building back to its original splendor. It has won awards including one from Lincoln Alexander, former lieutenant governor, a few years back. It is a huge asset to have the café in the best location in Port Perry."

The Piano Café provides full service catering, party planning and event management to meet any need, from corporate receptions to rehearsal dinners, and from fundraisers to holiday house parties. Stone-Curry is delighted to have an outstanding client list that includes production companies for The West Wing and the Gene Hackman film Welcome to Mooseport, among others.

"The film and television companies are all closely linked," she said. "Our first catering job was for The West Wing while it was filming in Port Perry. We made sure we worked extra hard and made no profit due to the fuss of wanting things to go well. That was a good move as we have a lot of return television and film people. Currently, I am learning to create beautiful celebration cakes, which I may make into

another arm of the Piano Café."

Of course, you don't have to be a TV celebrity or Hollywood star to get the royal treatment. Everyone gets red-carpet service – especially students and alumni of Durham College, to which Stone-Curry credits much of her success.

"The training I received from Durham prepared me for the human resources field but my teachers prepared me for the social aspect," says Stone-Curry. "I remember I really respected one of my teachers, Carolyn Rekar. She was always interested in seeing her students do well both in the classroom and at co-op. She went out on a limb to get me a co-op at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto, Ontario. This is what got me hooked in the hospitality industry and Carolyn helped me propel myself to excel. She was a mentor although she did not know about the mentor part. I continue to pick mentors without them knowing. This system seems to work well for me in business and life in general."

EXPANDING HORIZONS

by Monika Kosecki



PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHARD KOROSCIL

PICTURED HERE IS RICHARD KOROSCIL, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF JOHN C. MUNRO HAMILTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHO KNOWS WHAT PRESSURE IS ALL ABOUT AND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO ALWAYS BE ON TOP.

Think you're busy? Imagine running an entire airport. Logistics, employees, aircrafts, security, passengers, baggage, customs, and dangers all require constant attention around the clock. The mere thought of such responsibilities could easily panic even the most confident person.

Not Richard Koroscil. As president and chief executive officer of John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport, in Mount Hope, Ontario, Koroscil knows what pressure is all about and what it's like to always be on top.

He graduated from the Air Transport program at Durham College in 1975 and says the program, which no longer exists at the college, gave students the ability to be creative and innovative, something that obviously suited him. After graduating from Durham College, Koroscil headed north to work with other graduates at Austin Airways in Timmins, Ontario.

With over 30 years of experience under his wings, Koroscil is the former vice-president of Operations for Vancouver International Airport Authority and Vancouver Airport Services, both in British Columbia.

Vancouver Airport Services builds and operates airports all around the world in places such as the Turks and Caicos in the Caribbean; Bermuda which is located in overseas territory of the United Kingdom; Chile, South America; the Dominican Republic; Jamaica; Cranbrook, Kamloops and Fort St. John, British Columbia; Moncton, New Brunswick; and Hamilton, Ontario.

In 2003, a large investment in the Hamilton airport prompted Koroscil to move back east.

A move he doesn't regret. Koroscil says he enjoys working openly with his team because of the variable and dynamic efforts

of its members. From a management position, he has the opportunity to direct his team and focus on the strategy.

With his previous expertise as an airport manager, terminal services manager, vice-president, president and chief executive officer, he has been able to develop and hone his leadership skills as the Hamilton International Airport soars into the future and toward five million air travellers annually.

Accordingly, the airport is expanding. "It has doubled in building size in the last 10 years and has the potential to be the fifth largest airport in the country in the next five to 10 years, putting it ahead of airports in Ottawa, Ontario, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Edmonton, Alberta and Halifax, Nova Scotia," Koroscil says.

For more about the airport's expansion plans and new daily flights, visit www.flyhi.ca.



PHOTO BY BARRY FRODEN

Working in hockey was his goal, stick handling was his dream. Today, 2000 Durham College Sports Administration graduate Aaron Logan makes sticks instead.

The Heritage Stick Company is one-of-a-kind and has blossomed in the past few years. There is no other stick company like it out there. The company, which has an office in Newmarket, Ontario and a manufacturing plant in Victoriaville, Quebec, has 25 employees and creates both regular sized and mini sticks for souvenirs.

Logan's company creates sticks that are distributed as keepsakes and often signed by current and past NHL hockey players. Some of those players were his idols when he was boy. "I was never the best hockey player on the ice, but I loved it," said Logan. "I always had the dream of being a pro hockey player, but after a while I knew that wasn't going to happen. So I focused on how I could still be involved in the industry on the business end of the game. That's when I came up with the idea for Heritage Stick."

Instead of creating a stick for hockey players to use, Logan thought about the fans first. His company, which started in

January 2005, creates wood sticks that can be cherished by hockey fans. He supplies NHL, AHL, and CHL hockey teams with sticks to hand out to fans or give away as prizes. It's not uncommon for players to sign the sticks, so Logan gets to meet a lot of famous hockey players.

"That's probably one of my favourite parts of my job, if you can call it that," said Logan. "I get to see a lot of great hockey players, from old timers to rookies. I had the chance to meet both Dion Phaneuf and Alexander Ovechkin during some stick signings we did. That was one of the highlights of my career."

That's not the only highlight. Logan's company supplied the Edmonton Oilers with sticks during the 2006 Stanley Cup finals. TSN spent a day documenting the Oilers while they were in the playoffs and that happened to be the day that they were doing a stick signing with the sticks Logan's company made.

"That was unbelievable! You work hard to create a successful business and in a split second you see all your hard work come to reality. That was probably the best exposure I could ask for," he said. But it wasn't instant success for him.

YOUNG GRAD TAKES A SHOT IN A NEW BUSINESS

by Lucas Jackson

AARON LOGAN, OWNER OF THE HERITAGE STICK COMPANY, POSES WITH THE MEMORIAL CUP IN THE LONDON KNIGHTS LOCKER ROOM WHILE CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH THE TEAM.

After providing colour commentary for the London Nights and the Sudbury Wolves for four years, Logan decided to go back to school. It was an easy decision. Sports Administration looked like a good fit for him and it was there he made up his mind that he was going to open a business.

After graduating from the program, Logan worked for the Clublink Corporation as a member consultant where he had the opportunity to implement a program for the NHLPA, which enabled him to keep his hands and name in the game of hockey until he was ready for his venture into the stick business.

"It was a really great experience that was not only a really good time, but also gave me some good contacts in the hockey business that I still speak with today. I think it was something that was good for me to go through," he said.

Logan's company is quickly becoming one of the most successful promotional stick companies in North America, supplying sticks to over half of the NHL's teams and many special events. If you get your hands on one of Logan's sticks, hold on to it. It'll be worth something one day.

LEADING LADY IN A FIELD OF MEN

by Kate Barnard



PICTURED HERE IS ANGELIA KELLY, AN OCTOBER 2004 ELECTRICAL TECHNICIAN GRADUATE.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGELIA KELLY

It can be a little daunting returning to school when you have four kids to raise, but it can be a whole lot scarier entering a program where you're the only woman.

In 1999 Angelia Kelly went back to school at Durham College to become a registered electrician. While being the only woman in her class was a bit of a challenge, she stood her ground.

"Building yourself up from nothing is not easy," said Kelly. "It was a long five years and being the mom of four kids made it hard work, but their dad helped out a lot. It's a long climb back up to the top but when you get there, it's pretty rewarding.

If your story inspires somebody, it was all worth it."

The Electrical Technician program at Durham College's Whitby campus consists of three 10-week blocks of classes. In Kelly's first class, she was the only female. There was one other woman in her intermediate class and one in her advanced class.

Kelly graduated in October 2004 and now works at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers hiring hall where she does contract work. In the hall, there are seven women to 700 men.

Kelly says to be a woman working in

a predominantly male field means she must prove herself every single day. She says that many men in the field try to be chivalrous, but if she's there making the same amount of money, she's going to be doing the same work.

"I was scared to death about starting the program," said Kelly. "Going back to school when you're young is one thing, but going back when you're older is scary. You're trying to make a better life for your family, and you know when your kids are proud of you that you've made it."

Kelly lives in Bowmanville, Ontario with her husband Ben and her four children.



PHOTO BY KILE BLANCHARD

PICTURED HERE IS ANNA RODRIGUES, A NEW DURHAM COLLEGE PROFESSOR, AS SHE BRINGS THE SKILLS SHE LEARNED FROM CITYTV TO THE CLASSROOM.

A few months ago, you would have seen Anna Rodrigues as an associate producer for Silverman Helps on CityTV, but now she is busy producing lesson plans for her students.

Rodrigues, an award-winning producer and writer, and recent Gemini Award nominee, has joined Durham College as a broadcast journalism professor.

A graduate of the Radio, Television and Broadcasting program at Centennial College, Rodrigues spent two years as a volunteer at CityTV before being hired on full-time. After inspiring people through her writing and work on television, the journalist says she was ready for a new challenge.

"I will miss the excitement of the newsroom but I feel what I am doing is worthwhile," says Rodrigues. "If I can inspire someone even a little bit then my job is done. I think teaching is a very

honourable thing to do as you are taking what you have learned and passing on the torch."

And who better to pass it? Throughout her career, Rodrigues has been honoured with numerous awards for her work in television, including the 2005 New York Festival Gold Award for Coverage of an On-Going Story and the 2005 New York Festival Grand Award for Best News Program Insert.

She received both of these awards for her work on Stolen Dreams, a story about two disabled girls living in Toronto and their attempts at getting an elevator installed in their school. The new college professor hopes the expertise she gained with such stories coupled with her boundless enthusiasm, will help her in her newfound career.

"I will try to bring the same passion I have for freelance writing and radio and

FROM PRODUCER TO PROFESSOR

by KILE BLANCHARD

television news to teaching at Durham College," she said. "I hope the students will take my personal experiences and apply them to themselves."

Rodrigues' contributions aren't lost on Durham College's Journalism program co-ordinator, Gerald Rose. He is excited about the school's new three-year Broadcast Journalism program and what Rodrigues will contribute to it.

"Our new program is off to a great start and a lot of the credit for that goes to Anna," said Rose. "She has worked very hard to make sure the students receive the best instruction possible. Anna brings with her a wealth of experience, professionalism, real-world contacts and enthusiasm for teaching. I know the students really appreciate her skills."

This year will see the first students graduate with the new three-year broadcast and magazine writing option under their belts.

DURHAM COLLEGE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

1967 TO 2007

On September 18, 1967 the first classes were held at Durham College.

The Alumni office will kick off the college's 40th anniversary celebrations on that date, with events being planned for staff, retirees, students and alumni. The next issue of *Reflections* will outline the schedule of events and also provide more information on our homecoming weekend which will take place in spring 2008.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lori Connor at 905.721.3035 or lori.connor@durhamcollege.ca.

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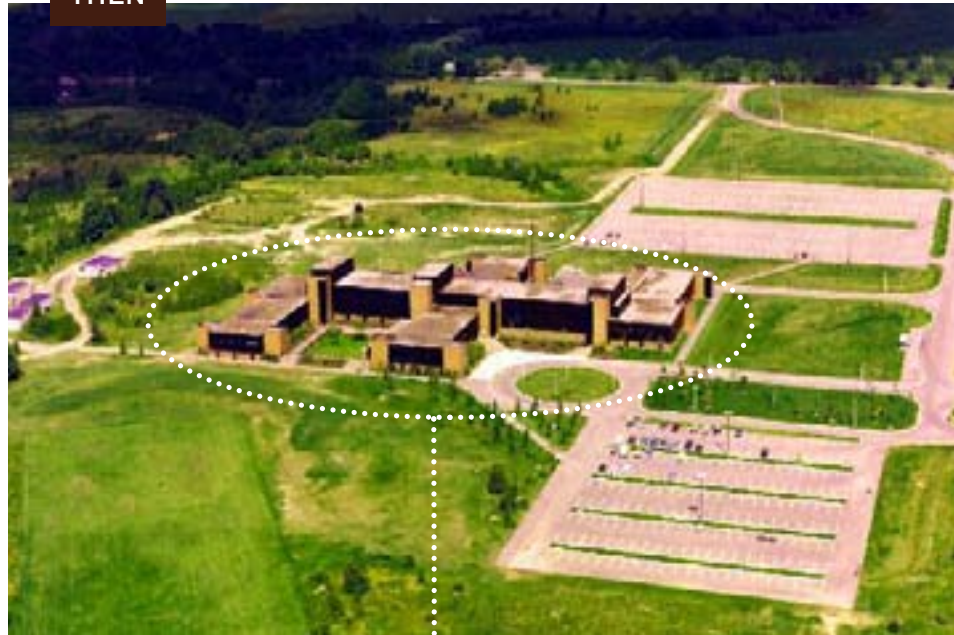
The Alumni office is putting together a comprehensive discount program for alumni but please feel free to visit www.durhamcollege.ca/alumni for a list of our current offerings.

Exciting news about the 40th anniversary celebrations

We are pleased to announce the Durham College Alumni Association is the Platinum Sponsor for the upcoming 40th anniversary celebrations.

Stay tuned to learn more about the upcoming events and opportunities for you to get involved.

THEN



NOW



PHOTO BY BRENDAN OLDMAN

MATT AKLER, A GRADUATE OF THE SPORT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AT DURHAM COLLEGE, NOW TEACHES IN THE PROGRAM.

A graduate of the Sport Business Management program, Matt Akler is back at Durham College, but this time he's the one behind the desk and he's making quite an impact.

No doubt, much of Akler's success stems from his impressive experiences in the field. While the Toronto Raptors and the Toronto Maple Leafs may seem like a big deal to us, for him these professional teams were just part of the job, and a stepping stone to his new career.

Akler volunteered for the Toronto Raptors in 1994 when the team was just starting out. After six months of unpaid hard work, he was told he had been put on the payroll. For the next eight years,

he worked in media and communications, managing the websites for both the Raptors and the Maple Leafs.

Two and a half years before accepting his current position at Durham College, Akler applied his marketing and media relations talents at the Ontario Science Centre.

"Working directly in the industry gives you more credibility as you're teaching what you have already experienced," said Akler. "I am very happy with my position at the college. There is no thought in my mind of doing anything different with my professional career."

His students must be glad. Akler not

FROM THE COURT TO THE CLASSROOM

by Brendan Oldman

only brings a great idea of how the industry works to his classes but has also made a lot of contacts over the years, which makes it easier to track down some truly engaging guest speakers. While his department consists of eight or nine professors, many of whom teach courses in different programs as well, Akler is dedicated solely to the Sport Business Management program. With a degree in chemistry and a diploma in Sport Business Management, Akler is no stranger to hard work.

"Matt is a great guy and a pleasure to work with," says Ernie Rainbow, a fellow professor. "He has done a lot for the program and shaped it well for future students."

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

by Tracey Pounder



PICTURED HERE IS SHERRY BASSIN, A FORMER DURHAM COLLEGE PROFESSOR AND HOCKEY GURU WHO PREACHES THE POWER OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY.

Even though retirement is often synonymous with relaxation, anyone familiar with Sherry Bassin knows they'll never find him lounging on a hammock in his backyard.

A legal administration and management professor for over 26 years, Bassin is best known for distributing copies of his favourite book – *In Search of Excellence* by Thomas J. Peters and Robert H. Waterman Jr. – to his students as well as his end-of-year, students-only Bassin's Bash.

"It was to make up for being so tough on them the rest of the year," said Bassin. "They worked hard." Bassin left Durham College in 1994 to accept a three-year contract to be the assistant manager of the NHL's Quebec Nordiques. Accustomed to hectic schedules and unlikely commutes, working for the team meant giving up his teaching position at the college and

devoting himself to the hockey full-time.

However, two years later the Nordiques became the Colorado Avalanche and Bassin opted to remain behind happy in the knowledge he had helped put together a league-winning team (the Avalanche won the Stanley Cup that first year). He moved to the Niagara Falls Flyers (which became the Erie Otters in 1996), which remains the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) team he owns and manages to this day.

Unmistakably proud of his players, the former Durham College professor speaks in glowing terms about their connection to the Erie community through volunteer work and public appearances as well as their success in their education despite grueling practice schedules, travel and other commitments.

"The program is extremely demanding," he says. "We play a lengthy schedule and

despite being involved in 37 charities last year, we haven't had a player fail a subject in high school or university in seven years. If there's a parade in town, they don't ride. They walk and hand out candies to the kids.

"They become real, and that's why a 19-year-old in our league is much more mature than the average 19-year-old that you'll run into."

Bassin's belief in formal education is also apparent in his personal life. He possesses degrees in Pharmacy, Hospital Administration and Law, while his wife and three children have 12 more degrees between them.

He supports many charities and is a vocal advocate for the fight against child poverty, firm in his belief the government is not doing enough to combat the problem.

PHOTO BY TRACEY POUNDER

HOCKEY, SHMOCKEY!

by Tracey Pounder



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHERRY BASSIN

PICTURED HERE IS MALICH BASSIN, FATHER OF SHERRY BASSIN, WORRIED OVER HIS SON'S PREOCCUPATION WITH HOCKEY.

Bassin's own children are scattered now. His son Darin, is a vice-president at CBS in New York City, New York following a year's leave of absence to be assistant prosecutor at the Rwanda War Crimes Tribunal. His eldest daughter, Zalena, teaches Grade 2 in Houston, Texas while working toward her Doctor of Philosophy and teaching English as a second language in her spare time.

Meanwhile, Alana, Bassin's youngest daughter and mother of his two young grandchildren, practises law in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Even with their many obligations the family remains close, speaking on the phone almost daily and visiting many times a year.

Make no mistake. Oshawa, Ontario is Bassin's home and is likely to remain so despite his frequent travel to and from Erie as well as with the team itself. Chairman of the board of the Oshawa

Durham Symphony for the past five years, owner of two Don Cherry's restaurants in the area and a frequent guest lecturer all over the country, Bassin is firmly rooted in the community.

"My kids grew up in the community, I taught in the community and I live here," he said. "It is still home."

As for his future plans with the OHL, Bassin can't see that ending anytime soon either.

"I've been chairman of the board in the league, I've been president of the league, I've been an interim commissioner, I've been a manager, I've been a coach and I've been an owner," he said, grinning.

"It's part of my life, maybe until I die. Maybe they'll cart me off from centre ice somewhere."

Malich (Mal) Bassin, the Russian-born father of Sherry Bassin, had little tolerance for his son's love for hockey and was often heard to remark hockey, shmockey when the subject was brought up.

The only son of a man persecuted and eventually killed for his belief in Judaism, the elder Bassin worked hard to bring his mother and five sisters to Canada and a better life.

It was this work ethic and the value of a formal education that he wanted his own two sons to embrace, not hockey. While possessing no formal education himself, he was a well-read, self-taught individual who would not be stumped by any world history or geography question.

But in Semans, Saskatchewan, a tiny town 80 miles outside of Regina there was little entertainment other than hockey. The younger Bassin combined his love for the game with his dedication to education, a pattern he would continue to follow long after leaving the town behind.

Even so, he couldn't resist playfully teasing his father whenever the opportunity arose, as in 1983 when he took the juniors to the world championships.

"When I won the gold medal for Canada, I called him and said "Pa, this is your hockey, shmockey son," laughed Bassin.

A dedicated supporter of the drive to bring hockey to Israel in the Middle East, the younger Bassin now sits on the board of the Israel Ice Hockey Federation, which has a very short history in Israel.

The ultimate tribute to the elder Bassin, however, is the family name on a coveted Israeli hockey award in honour of his son. "When the Israeli national team comes to play against Canada and we host it, they play for the Bassin Cup. Every time I think about it I think of my dad," said Bassin. "He suffered a lot of persecution. He lost a lot of family in the concentration camps, and now that hockey, shmockey guy has a cup named after him."

WINNING BY THE BOOK

by Marli Bates



PICTURED HERE IS SUSAN BARCLAY-PEREIRA, FORMER DEAN OF THE CAMPUS LIBRARY, AS SHE VISITS HER FAVOURITE SPACE, THE FIREPLACE READING ROOM.

The Campus Library has many beautiful features including a fireplace reading room and a coffee shop looking out onto a reflecting pool. It has also been awarded an Interior Design Award in the category of Academic Libraries from the American Library Association. The award was presented earlier this year.

With the Campus Library for 30 years, Susan Barclay-Pereira has fond memories of the opening of the new building in October 2004.

As the dean, she and a committee worked closely with architects from Diamond and Schmitt to create its award-winning design. Large and elegant, the library is a

comfortable and inviting place for students to study and is entirely wireless for laptop users. In addition to the fireplace reading room it offers research workstations, electronic classrooms and large study rooms. When students need a break they can slip into the coffee shop near the front entrance.

"The library is so beautiful, and I really hung in there for the fireplace reading room. It is by far my favourite part of the library. I felt it was something that would distinguish the library and make it friendly for the students. I really pushed for that and it's something I am very proud of," said Barclay-Pereira.



PRESIDENTIAL HONOURS

Former Durham College President Dr. Gary Polonsky has received national recognition for his significant contribution to the college system.

The Association of Canadian Community Colleges recently awarded him its 2006 Distinguished Service Award during its annual conference.

During Dr. Polonsky's 18 years at the college, student numbers doubled as it expanded into Pickering, Uxbridge, Beaverton, Port Hope and Port Perry, Ontario.

At the same time, the Oshawa campus saw the construction of the Integrated Manufacturing Centre, three residences, the Student Centre, the Campus Library, the Campus Tennis Centre and the Campus Ice Centre. He also oversaw construction of the Skills Training Centre at the Whitby campus.

Dr. Polonsky also made national headlines as the first college president in Canada to issue a guarantee to employers that the college's grads were job-ready. In addition, he mobilized college staff to work toward the creation of a university on the college campus. The University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) opened in 2003.

"Gary is truly a distinguished leader amongst leaders, someone whose impact will be long-lasting," said MaryLynn West-Moynes, president of Mohawk College and former chief operating officer of Durham College.

DURHAM COLLEGE COACH SCORES BIG

by Linzi Keating



STAN MARCHUT, A VOLLEYBALL COACH AT DURHAM COLLEGE OFFERS HELPFUL HINTS TO AMANDA DORIS DURING A GAME AGAINST SENECA COLLEGE THIS PAST FALL. THE LORDS WON THREE TO ONE.

Stan Marchut, women's volleyball coach achieves most victories in OCAA volleyball history 298, 299, 300! That's the highest number of athletic games won in the OCAA by a volleyball coach. And that coach is Durham College's Stan Marchut of the women's volleyball team.

He reached the mark in September 2006 but he says the players won him the plaque.

Shane Christopher, assistant coach of the volleyball team seems to disagree. "The players are good because Stan is a good coach," said Christopher. As a part of his coaching strategy, Marchut simply searches for good players and builds cohesiveness.

"We don't always win," said Marchut. "We play all the players and make sure they all learn how to play. That is my main

goal." His game plan is to present skillful advice as a coach and create a well-balanced team. Marchut's favourite part of coaching is the players.

As for his coaching advice, Marchut said he only provides that to his team during practices, which are held four times a week. During games, the players are on their own. He helps them make corrections during practices but his main advice to his players is to get good marks.

It's a winning strategy. The women's volleyball teams have qualified for the nationals a total of four times, and qualified for the Ontario league playoffs every year except one, over the past 15 years. These continuous triumphs led Marchut and his team to win a bronze medal in 1986, his second year of coaching.

As a result of his many victories, he received the CCAA Coaching Career Award in 1994.

His career began at Eastdale Collegiate and Vocational Institute in Oshawa, Ontario where he coached male and female teams ranging from football to basketball. He joined Durham College in 1984.

Marchut and his team continued with their winning ways this year, with two victories in the semi-finals against Cambrian College and the Boréal Vipres, for a total of over 310 wins for Marchut at the end of the 2006 season.

Through all the success, he emphasizes one point, "You have to get good players, and teach them."

A MYSTICAL LIFE

by Jennifer Brewer

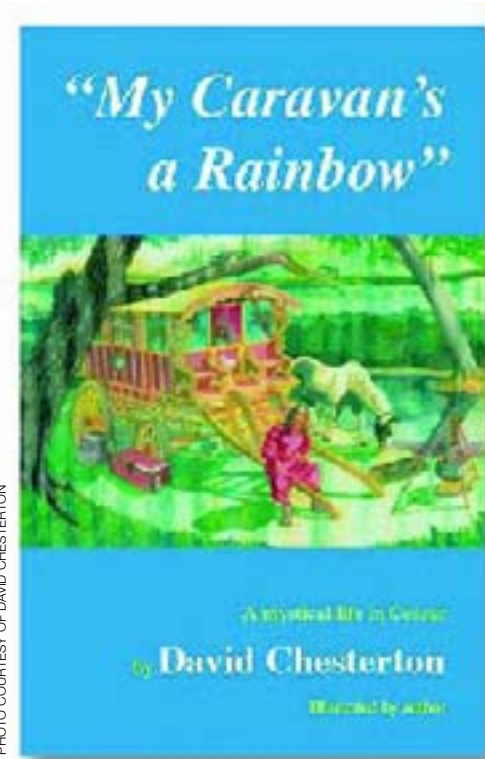


PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID CHESTERTON

David Chesterton, a retired Durham College Graphic Design professor, has a secret. You can't tell by looking at him, speaking to him, or even by asking his former co-workers, but he has been carrying this secret since boyhood. He can see auras.

This ability is part of a family of neurological conditions called synesthesia, in which two or more bodily senses are coupled together. Occurring in fewer than nine per cent of the population, this means that a person can see letters or numbers as inherently coloured. They can also perceive numbers, days of the week, or months of the year

as having personalities.

As a child, Chesterton's gift set him apart from his peers and gave him an abiding love of books. Reading allowed him to hide from the bullies and the disbelievers that tormented him in reality. An artist by profession, Chesterton has turned to writing in his retirement. It is in his blood as he is related to the famous writer G.K. Chesterton, who was his grandfather's cousin.

In January 2006, he published his first serious novel for adults. *My Caravan's a Rainbow*, is a pseudo-biography about childhood contacts with gypsies in

England. Chesterton also illustrates his own books. His latest work is a mystery novel called *St. Vincent Passage*. It is set in the Caribbean where he sailed for many years.

"Writing – putting my thoughts down on paper at the beginning of each day – helps me see things differently and when my writing seems to be in a cul-de-sac I turn to painting. I always have one on my easel and sometimes the painting solves the writer's block and the writing gives me a different insight into what the painting lacks."

He self-published his first book after being unable to find a publisher and hopes to publish another mystery novel



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID CHESTERTON

RETIRED PROFESSOR DAVID CHESTERTON WITH A BOOKSTORE OWNER AT A SIGNING OF MY CARAVAN'S A RAINBOW.

soon, this one set in London, England. He has been researching this new novel by jointly contacting the Bodleian Library in Oxford, England and a detective inspector at Scotland Yard.

Born and raised in Leicester, England, Chesterton lived with his father who suffered from congenital hearing loss. This helped to nurture his love of the written word. "By the time I was born there were more books in our house than the local library. I was surrounded by an eclectic source of reading.

Chesterton immigrated to Canada in 1956 when he was 25. He arrived with

\$25 in his pocket and landed his first job five days later. At the age of 34, he was told he should pursue a career in teaching.

For 13 years, Chesterton taught graphic and package design full-time at Humber College and part-time at Sheridan College, Ryerson University and the Ontario College of Art. He then taught at Durham College for eight years.

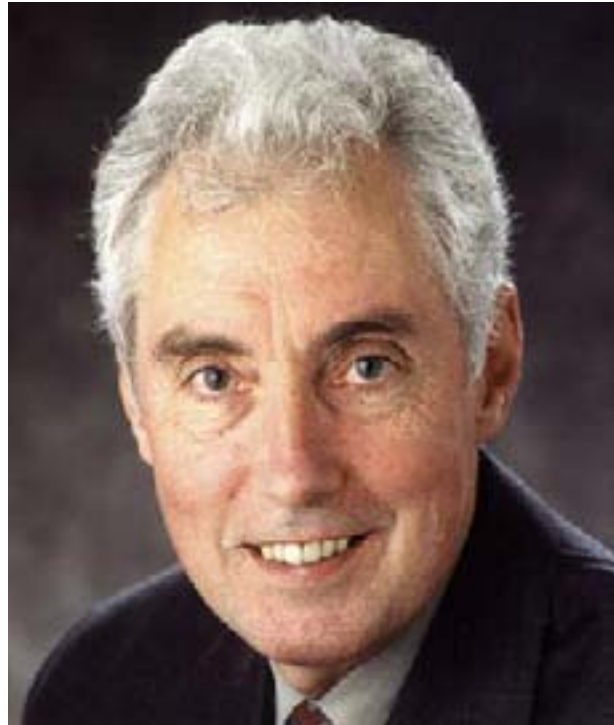
"It was one of those jobs where each day, as I drove to work, I would shake my head and say, wow they're paying me for all this fun."

Now he divides his time between writing, art and reading to his grandchildren. Chesterton has seven complete books already written that are ready for final editing, and 15 or more at various stages of completion. He has written most of them over the last 30 years.

As for the auras, they have only helped him with his design career. Now burdened with the same congenital hearing loss that plagued his father, words have taken on new meaning – one that tells a story that he is sharing with us all.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR UOIT

by Sabina Babayan



PICTURED HERE IS DR. RONALD BORDESSA, PRESIDENT OF UOIT.

It was a typical new school year at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) which shares its campus with Durham College in Oshawa, Ontario.

The first signs of autumn were showing. The trees had started to change colour, the sun was shining, and the chill of the months ahead could be felt. But, while the flowers were losing their bloom and leaves beginning to fall, UOIT was in full blossom – thanks to the arrival of its new president, Dr. Ronald Bordessa.

With over 35 years of post-secondary teaching experience and service as a leader at various institutions around the globe, Dr. Bordessa is the perfect example of a leader. He is also a model learner with a lifelong passion for geography and travel.

“I always wanted to be a geographer, right from when I was fairly young and going to grammar school. We had to buy books of various kinds, one of which was an atlas,” said Dr. Bordessa. “I spent a lot of time leafing through it and imagining what it would be like to go to these places. I always had it in my mind that I wanted to travel.”

Born in Wales, United Kingdom, Dr. Bordessa completed his Bachelor’s degree in Geography at the University of Wales at Swansea. He later earned his Doctor of Philosophy in Liverpool before crossing the Atlantic to begin his post-secondary teaching career at York University in Toronto, Ontario, with the Geography department of Atkinson College. He worked there for more than 30 years including serving as a visiting professor at the University of Western Australia in Perth, Australia and at the Helsinki and Joensuu universities in Finland, Northern Europe. His love of travel was a constant deciding factor in teaching abroad.

“It was important to travel in order to grow as a person and understand how people from around the world cope with the circumstances they are in,” said Dr. Bordessa. “I always find it very enlightening to learn from other parts of the world. I always want to learn from other people. It’s a different perspective in many, many ways.”

Travelling and learning from other cultures has helped shape Dr. Bordessa’s views on how to organize and shape UOIT so that it

provides the utmost opportunity while being an inclusive environment. His experiences have also helped him truly understand what it takes to succeed as a student.

“My personal view is that it is better to have a very wide doorway for people to come in, to make opportunity available for as many people as possible and to have strong educational practices, programs and standards,” said Dr. Bordessa. “The technological basis of the university is a very good way to ensure that its graduates are able to really contribute to the workplace today.”

In terms of an individual student’s success, Dr. Bordessa feels true effort goes hand-in-hand with finding yourself in the right place at the right time.

“It’s not only about whether the most intelligent people do the best,” he said. “There are a huge number of factors that go into determining who finds themselves at the right place at the right time, doing the right thing.” One thing is for sure. Dr. Bordessa himself is such a person.

NEW WATER QUALITY PROGRAM OFF TO RAPID START

by Rachael Wraith



PHOTO COURTESY OF RACHAEL WRAITH

IAN KING, A WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN STUDENT AT DURHAM COLLEGE WORKS CLOSELY WITH SAMPLES IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES LAB.

Durham College’s new Water Quality Technician program has made a splash in its inaugural year. After launching in the fall of 2006, its success is hardly surprising given the continuous growth of communities and the expansion of new waste and fresh water facilities in Ontario.

Following the 2000 incident in Walkerton, Ontario, in which seven people died from E. coli contamination, a survey was conducted of all water treatment facilities across Ontario. It found that 75 per cent of the people employed by these facilities would be retired in the next five to seven years.

It was clear that a post-secondary program specific to water quality was in need – even more so because of new legislation implemented after Walkerton.

As a result, there is a genuine need for technicians who are well prepared and willing to tackle a demanding and highly scrutinized job. That’s where the new program at Durham College comes in.

“We want to service the community with graduates who are highly trained and ready to go to work, but we don’t want to flood it,” said Sue Todd, program co-ordinator and associate dean of the School of Applied Science and Technology.

“We need to have the right student for the job, someone who isn’t afraid to get dirty. Upon completing the two-year program, students will be prepared to work in different sectors of water treatment, from small rural communities to major cities” she added.

The uniquely packaged program is only offered at Durham College and is the only one in Ontario that is specific to water quality. Currently, 30 students are enrolled in the full-time program. Of those, 29 are mature students who, according to Todd, are particularly aware of the great job opportunities and stability that the industry offers.

“Durham College is the only college in Ontario that offers a program specific to water quality. Others have similar courses, but again not specific, so Durham College’s program is unique,” said Todd.

After a successful first year, the program is expected to become the first of its kind actually certified by the Ministry of the Environment. That certification is expected by 2007.

DURHAM COLLEGE ONLINE COMMUNITY



The Alumni office has launched Durham College Online, a password-protected online community that offers networking features and access to classmates. A rich information resource that is managed by you, the community enables you to display information you wish to share with other alumni.

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- Submit class notes; and
- Create a personal web page in six easy steps.

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<http://alumni.durhamcollege.ca>
 e-mail alumni@durhamcollege.ca
 to obtain a username and password

ALUMNI UPDATE

1973

BONNIE HARRIS (nee Merritt) (Interior Design) resides in Kitchener, Ontario with her 26-year-old daughter Candice. Harris is a domestic engineer for Blessed Sacrament Church.

1974

BRIAN SUTER (Communication Arts) resides in Brooklin, Ontario. Suter is a retired city clerk with the City of Oshawa.

1975

THOMAS LANNAN (Sports Administration) resides in Port Colborne, Ontario with his wife Carmen, 25-year-old son Ryan and 22-year-old son Matthew. Lannan is the director of Community Service for the City of Port Colborne.

GISELE PAGEAU (nee Seguin) (Journalism) resides in Ottawa, Ontario with her 29-year-old son Greg and 27-year-old son Steve. Pageau is a human rights director for CEP.

1982

NANCY JOLLEY (nee Ward) (Sports Administration) resides in Strathroy, Ontario with her husband John, 12-year-old son Matthew, nine-year-old daughter Meghan and seven-year-old son Ryan. Jolley is a buyer for Columbia Sportswear.

DONNA MORRIS (Legal Administration) resides in Toronto, Ontario. Morris works in Legislation and Policy for the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

1988

SHEILA CORRIVEAU (Public Relations) resides in Toronto, Ontario with her husband Ian and six-year-old son Ben. Corriveau is a global network director at Porter Novelli.

1989

KRISTA WIERDSMA (nee Herder) (Legal Administration) resides in Keene, Ontario with her husband Lucas, 13-year-old daughter Emmalea, 11-year-old son Aaren and eight-year-old son Matthew. Wierdsma is a research assistant with Trent University.

1992

TABATHA BOWERS (nee Bracken) (Nursing) resides in Ajax, Ontario with her husband Paul, 10-year-old son Timothy and seven-year-old son Alexander. Bowers is a clinical nurse specialist at The Scarborough Hospital.

KAREN MUNGER (nee Davies) (General Arts and Science) resides in Nanaimo, British Columbia with her husband David and five-year-old son Benjamin David. Munger is a stay-at-home mom.

1993

CATHY SEWELL (Business Administration-Marketing) resides in Whitby, Ontario. Sewell is the national media relations co-ordinator for the Canadian Physiotherapy Association.

1994

ERIN SHERIDAN (Sports Administration) resides in Keswick, Ontario. Sheridan is a recruiter for Manpower Staffing.

1995

CHRISTINE HUNKING (nee Bricker) (Advertising) resides in Goderich, Ontario with her husband Larry, four-year-old son Lucas and two-year-old son Jaxon.

PATRICIA KILLORAN (nee Beaulac) (Sports Administration) resides in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

1996

JESSE PASCAL (Sports Administration) resides in Newmarket, Ontario with his wife Muriel, four-year-old son Brycen and one-year-old son Jacob. Pascal works in customer service at Kobe Sportswear.

GINETTE ROWLAND (nee Lemieux) (Advertising) resides in Calgary, Alberta with her husband Bruce, two-and-a-half-year-old daughter Alexis and two-month-old daughter Sarah. Rowland is a commercial underwriter for ING Canada.

KRISTAL SHEPPARD (nee Kellett) (Office Administration-Medical) resides in Courtice, Ontario with her husband Monte, four-year-old daughter Ashley, and one-and-a-half-year-old daughter Brittany. Sheppard is a stay-at-home mom after working as a medical secretary for 10 years.

CATHARINE SPENCE (Business Administration-Operations Management) resides in Whitby, Ontario with her husband Lee. Spence is an office manager for Meadowglen Dental Care.

1997

ADRIENNE BARRON (nee Dragomatz) (Business Administration-Accounting) resides in Oshawa, Ontario with her husband Bernard, three-and-a-half-year-old daughter Emma-Jayne, and one-year-old daughter Alannah. Barron is a general accountant for CN.

GINETTE BEST (nee Stevens) (Environmental Technology) resides in Brooklin, Ontario with her husband and three-year-old daughter Isabella. Best is an environmental co-ordinator for IBM Canada.

CAROLYN DROST (Entertainment Administration) resides in Hamilton, Ontario with her husband Marc. Drost is an education, group sales and website co-ordinator for Theatre Aquarius.

RHONDA LEE (nee Knight) (Public Relations) resides in Courtice, Ontario with her husband Scott and 22-month-old daughter Abigail. Lee is the vice-president of Operations for eVoque Event Management Group.

1999

LEANNE GOSLIN (Public Relations) resides in Port Perry, Ontario with her fiancé Mike. Goslin is a sales co-ordinator for Hyprescon International Inc.

MICHELLE HALFYARD (nee Conroy) (Legal Administration) resides in Ajax, Ontario with her husband Mark, 12-year-old daughter Taylor and three-year-old daughter Kayleigh. Halfyard is a legal assistant for Johnston Montgomery. Her husband also graduated from Legal Administration in 1999 and continued his education at Carlton University followed by law school with the University of Ottawa. He is now a criminal defense lawyer.

WENDY JOHNSTON (Clarke) (Business Administration-Information Systems) resides in Port Perry, Ontario with her 21-year-old son Troy, 20-year-old daughter Krysta-Leigh and 18-year-old son David. Johnston is a professor at Durham College.



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LAUREN BARKER (nee Mars) (Public Relations) resides in Courtice, Ontario with her husband Scott. Barker works at Durham College and UOIT as an event co-ordinator and is currently on maternity leave. Her son Owen Michael was born on December 18, 2006.

TARAS RENCO (Sports Administration) resides in Oshawa, Ontario with his wife Maureen who is expecting their first baby. Renco is a lineman apprentice for AC Powerline Construction.

SCOTT SMITH (Computer Science Technology) resides in Barrie, Ontario with his wife Kelly and two-year-old daughter Maya. Smith is a software developer for Telizon Inc.

2001

JOANNE BELLAMY (Law and Security Administration) resides in Castleton, Ontario with her 16-year-old daughter Brittany and 15-year-old son James. Bellamy is an assembly worker for General Motors of Canada.

LINDSAY GLANVILLE (Entertainment Administration) resides in Port Perry, Ontario. Glanville is a production co-ordinator for Universal Music Canada.

KAREN MCRAE (Financial Planning) resides in Peterborough, Ontario with her husband David and eight-year-old daughters Katelyn and Elizabeth. McRae is an account manager for RBC Royal Bank.

JENNIFER MULLIGAN (Entertainment Administration) resides in Toronto, Ontario. Mulligan is an advertising co-ordinator for the Toronto Sun. Since graduation she also completed a post-graduate diploma in Media Marketing and Sales at Loyalist College.

SYLVIA VYMYSLICKY (nee Letford) (Legal Administration) resides in Burlington, Ontario with her husband Rene. Vymyslicky is a law clerk at Beard Winter LLP.

2002

MELISA HOUGHTON (nee Bradshaw) (Business Administration-Information Systems) resides in Uxbridge, Ontario with her husband Kevin and one-year-old daughter Kaleigh. Houghton is an underwriter for State Farm Insurance.

KATIE JOLICOEUR (General Arts and Science) resides in Whitby, Ontario. Jolicoeur is a residential counsellor at Fernie House Child and Youth Services. She also went to Loyalist College and graduated in 2004 with a diploma in Correctional Work.

CHRISTINE MCKENZIE (nee Cabrerros) (Business Administration-Information Systems) resides in Windsor, Ontario with her husband Ron. McKenzie is a law firm receptionist at Paroian Skipper Hewitt.

2003



PATRICIA DAVIDSON-HORWATH (Office Administration Executive) married her childhood sweetheart Hoss Horwath on New Years Eve in 2006. Their wedding was held in a hockey arena in Hamilton, Ontario. Her two older boys escorted her to centre ice dressed in hockey referee jerseys and her younger son Patrick acted as ring bearer, also wearing a referee jersey. Most weddings have a first dance but they had a first skate, which was very difficult since the bride couldn't skate very well. Davidson-Horwath also graduated from the Durham College Emergency Response program in 2004.

AMANDA KENNEDY (nee Vanderveer) (Legal Administration) resides in Bowmanville, Ontario with her husband Jason. Kennedy is a law clerk for Strike, Salmers and Furlong.

AMANDA REYNOLDS (Entertainment Administration) resides in Toronto, Ontario. Reynolds is a marketing co-ordinator for Universal Music Canada.

JUDY ROCHE (nee Urbanski) (Human Services Counsellor) resides in Bowmanville, Ontario with her husband Jay and two-year-old son Cadell. Her second child was due December 2006. Roche is a placement co-ordinator for WCG International Consultants/Jobs Now.

2004

JASON POLLARD (Marketing) resides in Calgary, Alberta.

SUMINTRA SURJOO (Paralegal/Court and Tribunal) resides in Pickering, Ontario with her 21-year-old son Darren and 19-year-old son Alan. Surjoo is a legal assistant for the Canadian Department of Justice.

2005

SHELLEY-JOY MORLAND (Practical Nursing) resides in Port Hope, Ontario with her husband Lee. Morland is a RPN with the Palliative Care Unit at Northumberland Hills Hospital.

2006

CHERIE CREIGHTON (Medical Administration) resides in Oshawa, Ontario. Creighton is an executive assistant for Ross Memorial Hospital.

CHRIS IRWIN (Power Engineering Technician) resides in Kincardine, Ontario.

LUKAS WIELER (Environmental Technology) resides in Calgary, Alberta. Wieler is a specialist with Schlumberger.

IN MEMORIAM

Gord Oliver, a former employee of the Facilities department at Durham College, passed away April 13, 2007 after a courageous battle with cancer. Gord worked for Durham College from 1988 to 2005 and had managed the men's and women's soccer teams since 1995.

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