



50TH REUNION

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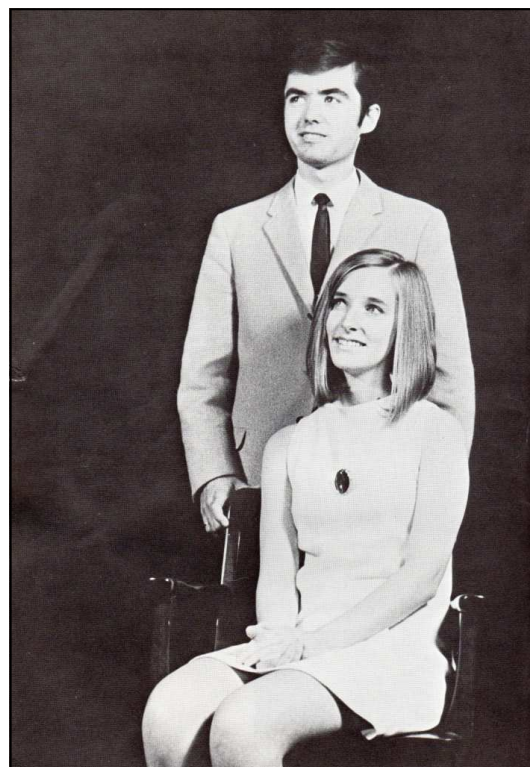
WOW!!! Only two weeks to go and many of us will be walking in the front doors of Hillcrest High School nearly 50 years after we first did on Tuesday, September 5, 1961.

So, perhaps, some purists will recreate the 50th Anniversary entrance and accompany the 2011-2012 students on Tuesday, September 6, but for many of us going back 116 days short of half a century isn’t going to bother us.

It’s just going back that counts! And we hope to see as many of the 1960s graduates as possible, particularly those of you from Hillcrest’s first year and the seniors—members of classes 11A and 11B.

We’ve said it before, and we’ll say it again: This is a once in a lifetime experience and it would be a shame to miss it. There’s lots for you to do—See Pages 2 and 3; helpful hints on Pages 4 and 5; a portrait gallery of fellow grads from 1964 and 65 whom you might see there and answers to the quiz from April’s edition for 11A students.

See you on May 13-14-15!!!



**1968-69 Head Boy Ken Little
and Head Girl Sharon O'Brien**

Head Boy and Head Girl 68-69

In our last edition we had hoped to have stories on the Head Boy and Head Girl for 1969; however, ‘IMPACT ‘69’ did not include write-ups on graduates so we were not able to find anything about Ken Little and Sharon O’Brien even by asking fellow grads. So, what we do have can be found on Pages 13, 14 and 15. If you know them, please get them to contact us.

Graham

EVENT DETAILS

Remember To participate in this weekend-long celebration you must purchase your Campus Pass!

Please Note:

Your GOLD PASS provides access to ALL these Campus Events and Activities (except Golf)

Friday May 13th, 2011 - Daytime:

All Weekend in School from Friday 4:00 pm to Sunday 2:00 pm:

Activity	Tickets Required
Registration and Shirt & DVD Sales in Front Lobby	General Admission Pass
FLASHBACKS Memorabilia Room in Cafeteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Decades plus Outdoor Education Display Student Displays Contest Board Fri: 4:00-10:00 pm, Sat. Noon to 10:00 pm Cash Bar Friday evening only	
'Common Grounds Café' in Room 136 Friday: 4:00-10:00 pm, Sat. 1:00 to 9:00 pm	

Friday May 13th, 2011—Evening:

Activity	Tickets Required
Registration 4:00 P.M. To 9:00 P.M. "BLB's Opening Ceremonies Assembly" & Alumni/Student Band Performance in Auditorium - 7:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. (Band at 6:30 P.M.)	General Admission Pass
Alumni - Faculty Meet and Greet in school - 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.	
Reception for Faculty & Staff only in Library 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.	Faculty and Staff Only
"Back to the Future" Pub Night—7:30 P.M.—Midnight—live music: The Mick Armitage Band; Cash Bar, Cocktail hot and cold buffet 8:00—10:00 P.M., 50-50 Draw & Toonie Raffle, Open Mic Time—in "Hawks Nest" Big Tent	General Admission + Pub Night Pass
Class of 1986 - 25th Anniversary "FlashParty" 4:00 P.M.—Midnight—Lower Gym	General Admission + Pub Night Pass



50th Anniversary Reunion
Where:
 Hillcrest High School Ottawa
 1900 Dauphin Rd
 Ottawa, ON
 Canada
 K1G 2L7

EVENT DETAILS

Saturday May 14th, 2011—Daytime:

Activity	Tickets Required
<p>Registration: Noon to 9:00 P.M.</p> <p>Special Activities: Details & Sign-up at the Registration Table</p> <p>Car/Bike Show—Classic old and new cars/bikes— Noon to 5:00 P.M.—Outdoors in front of school</p> <p>Talent Stage in Hawk's Nest Big Tent— - 12:00—4:00 P.M.</p> <p>Cash Bar—2:30—4:30 P.M.</p> <p>BBQ—Hillcrest Students Athletic Association Fundraiser</p> <p>Sporting Events 1:00 to 2:30 P.M.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball Tournament—Vincent Massey PS • Volleyball & Basketball Games—Upper Gym • Zumba—Lower Gym <p>Sports Contests 2:30 to 3:30—Upper Gym and Outdoors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball Free Throw Competition • Soccer Penalty Shots • Football Goal Kicks 	<p>General Admission Pass</p>

Saturday May 14th, 2011—Evening:

Activity	Tickets Required
<p>FLASHDANCE DINNER-DANCE: Dressy Evening</p> <p>David Smith BBQ Buffet Dinner—Cocktails at 5:30 P.M.</p> <p>In the Hawk's Nest Big Tent...you can no longer get dinner at Nates but you can enjoy David's famous steak BBQ Buffet and stay for the dance—6:30 P.M.</p> <p>Cash Ticket Bar with signature cocktail</p> <p>Must be 19 years of age or older</p>	<p>General Admission Pas + Dinner/Dance Pass</p>
<p>Dance at 8:30 P.M. to Midnight — Live Music:</p> <p>The Mick Armitage Band: Cash Bar, Raffles, 50-50 Draw</p> <p>And Live Auction with David Smith</p>	<p>General Admission Pass + Dance Pass or Dinner/Dance Pass</p>

Sunday May 15th, 2011—Daytime:

Activity	Tickets Required
<p>Pancake Brunch and Kids Zone</p> <p>—11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in Hawk's Big Tent</p> <p>Closing Ceremonies from 1:00 to 2:00 in Hawk's Nest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial • Dedication • Time Capsule 	<p>General Admission Pass + Brunch Pass</p>

**ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME—
HILLCREST'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY / REUNION!!!**

WEEKEND NOTES

SMOKING—THERE IS NO SMOKING ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

PARKING - There will be no regular parking on site. Parking is available at Vincent Massey Public School - 745 Smythe Road and École Secondaire catholique Franco-Cité.

ACCESSIBILITY - Please advise us if you have special mobility requirements. Handicap Parking is available on site. Please notify us if you require a spot to ensure one is available. There is an outdoor Barrier Free washroom available adjacent to the Big Tent.

EMERGENCY COMMAND POST Located on Main Floor, adjacent to Lobby - Class Room 101. If you need assistance, please contact a security guard onsite.

TAXIS: Blueline Taxis will be available in front of HHS on Friday May 13 and Saturday May 14 from mid evening onwards to take people home - standard charges apply. Just walk out and cars will be waiting!



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GENERAL ADMISSION - entitles you to all the Daytime Events & Special Activities at the School: BLB's Opening Ceremonies, Meet the Teachers, "Flashbacks" Decades Memory Room, Student Displays, "Common Grounds Café", the Car/Bike Show, HHA BBQ, Displays & All Sports (except Golf), Sport Contests, Sales and Saturday afternoon in the HAWK'S NEST Tent: Talent Stage & Beer Tent.

PLEASE NOTE: Additional Passes are required for entry to the Golf Tournament, Fri. Pub, Sat Dinner Dance and Sun. Brunch).

SIGN-UP SPECIAL ACTIVITIES & CONTESTS

Please sign up for all Special Activities and Contests

Activities Sign-Up at Registration Table

Contest Board Sign Up in Cafeteria - "Flashbacks"

Please let us know on registration if you plan to attend the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday

COMMON GROUNDS CAFE - Café in Drama Room 136 (across from the Upper Gym)

Friday, May 13th, 4:00 - 10:00 PM; Saturday May 14th, 1:00 pm - 9:00 PM

A quiet place to enjoy specialty coffees & teas, hot chocolate and bottled water for a Loonie or Toonie, all proceeds to the Art Dept.

SALES - Located in Main Floor Front Lobby During Registration Hours

Brymark Web Sales pick-ups and orders

T Shirts and promo items

Year Books CDs available

Ron Cogan DVD of Reunion Weekend available to purchase

Terry West Book Sales

WEEKEND NOTES

"FLASHBACKS" DECADES MEMORY ROOM - In the CAFETERIA

Friday May 13th, 4:00 PM to 10:30, Sat Noon to 10:00 PM, Sunday May 15th, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. On Friday early evening there will be a cash ticket bar open in the Cafeteria. Former Faculty are encouraged to meet up with student alumni in the Decade Room in the Cafeteria from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

BLB's OPENING CEREMONIES ASSEMBLY - Friday May 13th, 7:00 - 7:30 PM Mr. Frank Allan, a retired principal will be holding an assembly that will showcase the school band with both current and past members performing. Welcomes from our first and current Principals and first Head Girl/Boy and current Co-Presidents, introduction of former faculty and some history of the school with Dave 50,000 Watts.

PUB NIGHT IN THE HAWK'S NEST - Friday May 13th, 7:30 PM till Midnight
Must be 19 years or older- proof of age required. Dress is Casual.

Friday Pub night - early evening "cocktail style" hot and cold buffet - hors d'oeuvres, cheeses, dips, escargot, butter chicken, pasta. Party and dance the night away to live music & tunes from 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's. There will be cash ticket bar service (soft drinks \$2.50; beer, wine, mixed drinks & our signature cocktail \$5.00), tea/coffee incl. an Open Mic "Memory Lane" session - tell us your about your favourite teachers, band trips, car rallies, football games. Have fun with our 'Toonie' Raffle tickets, and a 50-50 Draw to benefit the school and future generations.

Come prepared for some great prizes and a good time !!! Capacity is limited so purchase your ticket soon to avoid disappointment.

DINNER & DANCE - Saturday, May 14th in the HAWK'S NEST Tent Must be 19 years or older - proof of age required. Come early for cocktails at 5:30 PM, For those who are asking, most will be dressed up - Party dresses and jackets.

Come early for Cocktails at 5:30 PM,

Dinner at 6:30 PM - enjoy famous BBQ buffet dinner and alternates & vegetarian and lots of other goodies

Dance at 8:30 PM till Midnight - to live music with top hits, classics and R&B.

There will be cash ticket bar service - (bottle of wine is \$20.00), tea/coffee,

Another Raffle draw, 50-50 Draw and a lively Live Auction

Capacity is limited so purchase your ticket soon to avoid disappointment.

SUNDAY BRUNCH - Sunday 15th May, 2011 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the HAWK'S NEST Tent in the Hillcrest High School Parking Lot. Special prices for children under 11 who do not need to purchase a General Admission for Sunday. Brunch is breakfast food, eggs, pancakes & salads.

The Event will conclude with a Closing Ceremony and Memorial Dedication 1:00-2:00 PM.

OUR CATERER - David Smith - remember Nates & The Place Next Door?

David will be serving our meals & beverages in the HAWK'S NEST Tent all weekend.

David will also entertain us with a Live Auction on Saturday night.

OUR LIVE MUSIC BAND - Mick Armitage Band. They play great music from ALL the decades; lots of fun & dancing but you can still hear yourself talk!

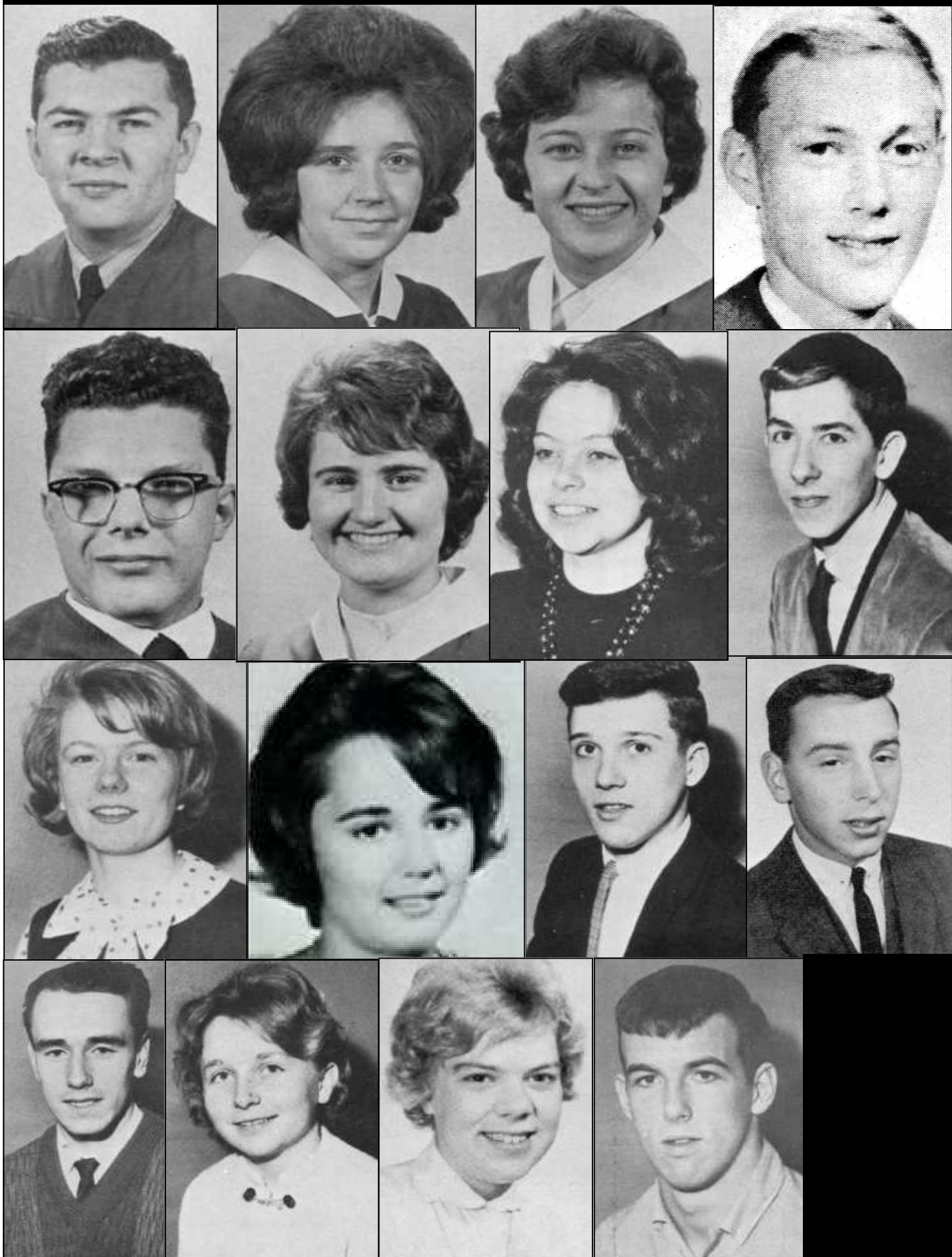
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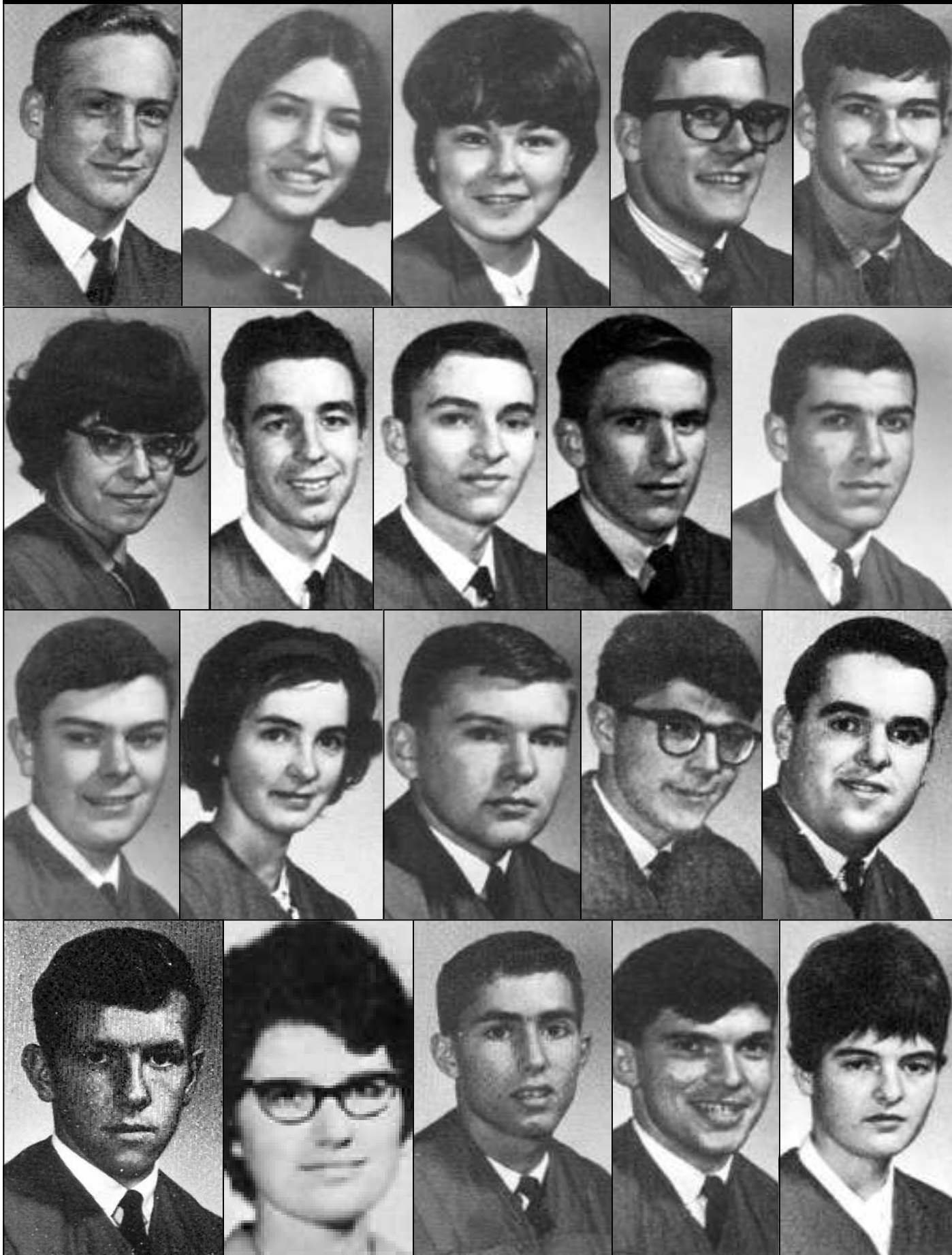
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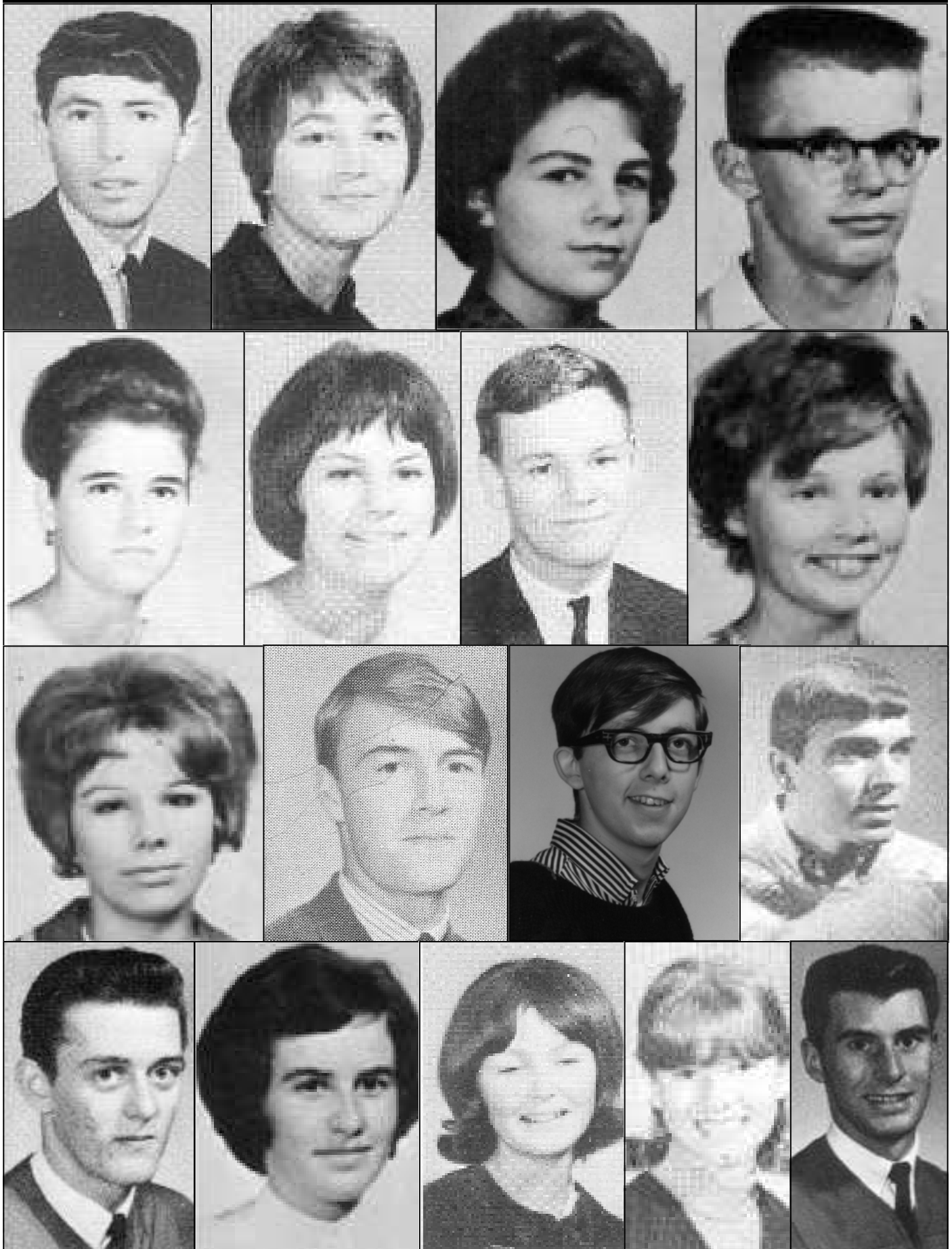
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Faces from the Class of 1965 that may bring back memories....



Faces from 1962, 1964, 1965 and 1966 that may bring back memories....



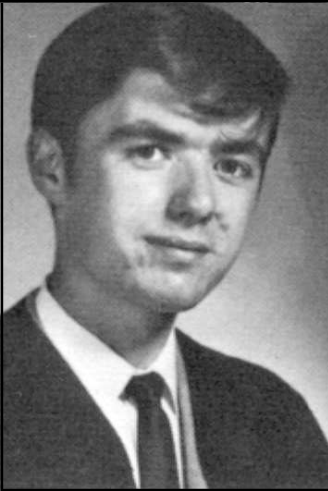
ARE YOU GOING TO THE REUNION?

As the Hillcrest High School 50th Anniversary / Reunion is now only two weeks away, we hope that you have bought your tickets for this 'once-in-a-lifetime' event.

If you haven't, then go on-line at: <http://www.hillcrestottawa50th.ca> and click on "Purchase-Reserve" (fourth linkage down on the left side menu) and read the instructions carefully, then go through the "On-line Golf, Campus Passes and Yearbook Sales" three-step process. Remember, you have until May 11 to buy your 'tickets'!

During the decade from 1958 to 1967, nine other high schools besides Hillcrest were built in Ottawa as the baby boom (That's us!) graduated from elementary school. Among the other high schools built around the same time were: Rideau, (1958), Ridgemont (1958), Laurentian (1958), Woodroffe (1960), Bell (1962), Brookfield (1962), Gloucester (1963), Merivale (1964) and Confederation. Rideau, Ridgemont and Woodroffe have celebrated their 50th anniversaries and have held well attended reunions. (Laurentian was closed after 47 years of operation; Canterbury, 32.) So, let's show Hillcrest's older rivals that we, too, can tell the world: "We're from Hillcrest and we couldn't be prouder!" And have a resounding turnout of grads—especially from the 60's—at this historic anniversary!

Head Boy Ken Little — 1968-69



Head Boy for 1968-69 was Ken Little, (at left) who was active with the Student's Council and Board of Control as well as a member of the school's Band in 1967-68. (Above and insert at left and far left.)

Head Girl Sharon O'Brien — 1968-69

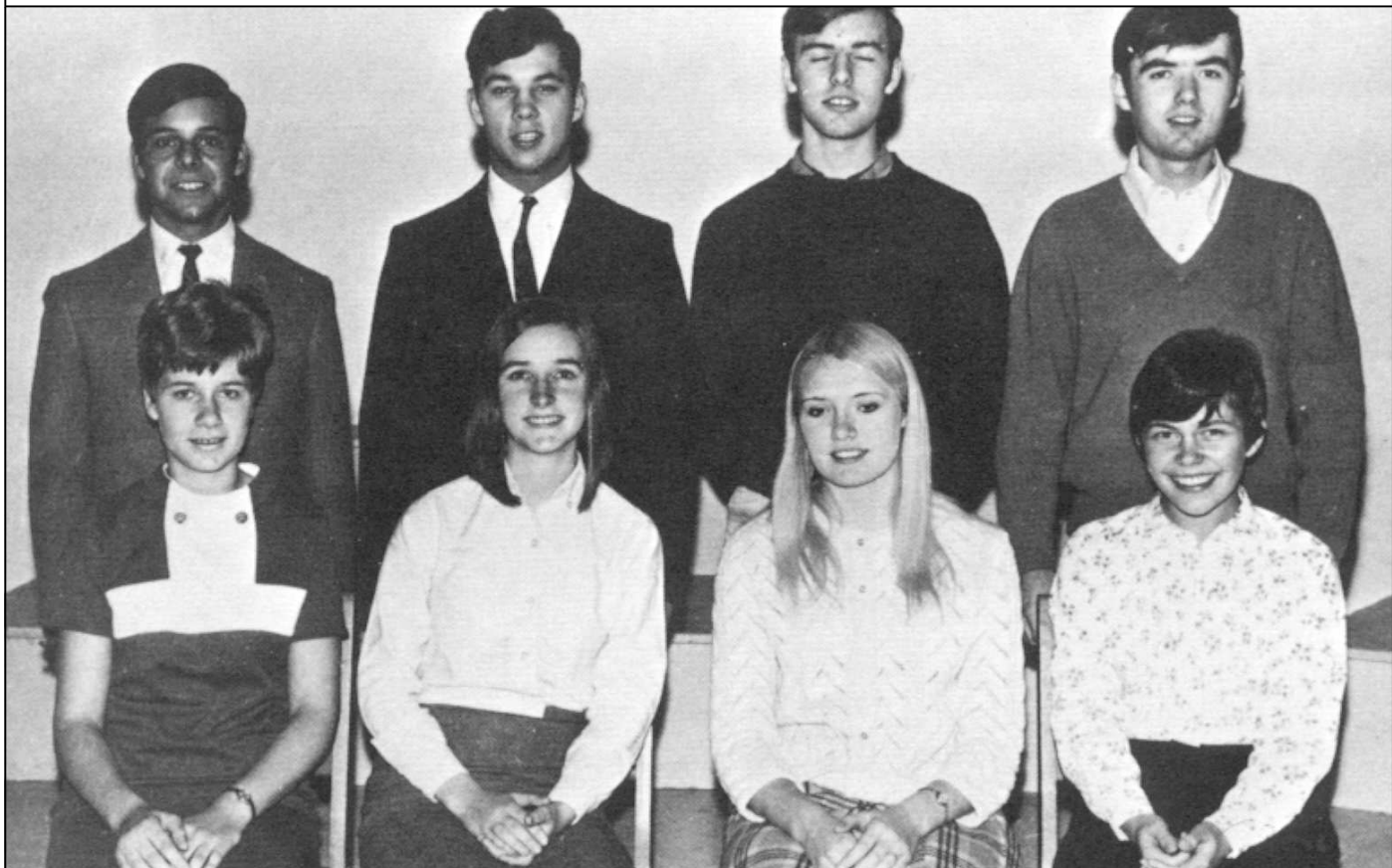


Like Ken, Sharon was on the Students' Council as well as the Board of Control and a member of the 1969 Hillcrest Choir and a Prefect in 1967-68.

Students' Council and Board of Control



Hillcrest's 1968-69 Students' Council—all 37 members: First row: Nancy Barriault, Peter Domms, Wayne Mannion, Ken Little, Sharon O'Brien, Jocelyne DePuyjalon, Gail Halikas and Howie Goldfarb. Second row: Tom Lawson, Thomas Street, Lee Ann Kenward, S. Managhan, G. Melnick, Karen Warren, M. Schwartz, Joanne Lamere, Dale Zentner, Betty Sloan, Catharin Keeler, C. Findlay, Ardith Nelson, Deborah Rooke, Paul Ritchie and Stanley Farber. Third row: Carol McEwen, Sandra Semenchuk, Alexa Norris, Richard Neilson, Brian Patrick, Christopher Brown, Debbie Davidson, Deborah Spooner, Linda Bower-Binns, Bonnie Gray, Betty Ann McCartney, D. Tresidder, Bob Whitley, M. Odette, Anne Hillmer, Jennifer McMahon, Donnie Chapman and Brenda Baker. Fourth row: Doug Ford, Ken Clutter, J. Neills, Paul Bonner, Phil Taylor, John Thompson, Mal Vant, Ivan Tanner, Danny Rae, J. Napper, G. Nelson, Stuart Briscoe, Barry Marshall, Robert Horton, Gerald Austin and Greg Rogers. Fifth row: Graeme Green, Ron Burnette, Jim Avent, Mike Mosley, Ralph Coram, Ross Baylin and Marc Deslaurier. Below, the Board of control for that year: Front row: Jocelyne DePuyjalon, Sharon O'Brien, Nancy Barriault and Gail Halikas; Back row: Howie Goldfarb, Wayne Mannion, Peter Domms and Ken Little.



1969 VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Dr. Field, Honoured Guests, Mr. Bradley, Graduates, Parents, Teachers:

There are few gifts that one may give another as rich as understanding. We would like to thank our parents and teachers for their understanding and patience, especially during the last five years.

We would like to thank Mr. Bradley for his pride and faith in us, through "thick and thin", whether we deserved it or not.

I hesitate to refer to the honour of being valedictorian as solely an opportunity, but rather a responsibility.

My feeling is expressed in the words of Martin Luther - 'It is neither right nor safe to go against conscience'.

Therefore, I must say what I feel!

Youth is the time of idealism. If not in youth, when?? Doesn't idealism imply goals? Is it wrong to have goals?

Society scoffs at idealism and deters youth's creative function.

"Face reality", it says, but the sight of reality is in itself initiating the need for idealism—new goals.

The challenge of youth is to work for and to implement our goals. Their realization is our hope for the future. If you reject idealism altogether, what will you accept? Cynicism? Pessimism?

It is youth's obligation to identify with idealistic goals.

There is nothing wrong with idealism as long as you work towards its realization. It is in everyone's interests to work with youth to fulfil them.

Hasn't youth the right to be puzzled at adults who seem satisfied with reality - but perhaps they are not at fault - but have simply lost hope and have become resigned to the fact.

There are basically two groups which make up reality—the "haves" and the "have nots".

We in North America, fortunately, are among the "haves". Who else would spend \$50 BILLION on a moon project to collect rocks? Is it not more important to alleviate poverty on our own planet instead of placing priority on the space race? Don't lull yourself into a sense of false security just because you are a member of the affluent society. If you don't take a position now to safeguard your interests, there are people who will take them away.

It is both my responsibility and yours to work towards a better reality. If you do not make it better; others will make it worse.

The essential motivation and direction must come from a learning experience - a "meaningful" EXCHANGE of ideas between students and teachers. If education does not provide this necessary motivation then there must be CHANGE.

Criticism isn't change!

In order to initiate change you must be INVOLVED. Where apathy reigns, all people are slaves.

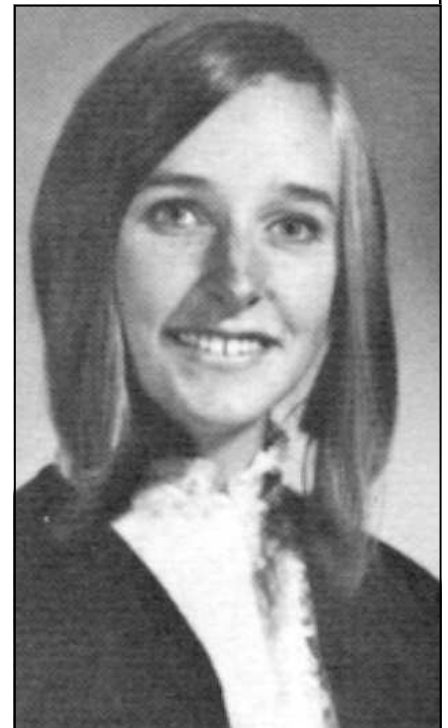
You must be INFORMED.

So - Don't just look - SEE! Don't just listen - HEAR!

Ask questions - but remember - does age imply wisdom? Or an obligation to answer?

Questioning lends itself to more forceful thinking. But from this thinking and resulting dialogue must come ACTION.

As we leave Hillcrest. many for the last time, let us hope that we have the courage to make our ideals a reality.



Sharon O'Brien

Sharon O'Brien



Pam Desjardins Meunier

Occupation: Retired
Marital Status: Married
No. of Children: 2
Graduation Year: 1964
Your role at Hillcrest: student
Do you plan to attend?: YES
People attending (including you): 2

From Pamela:

Johnny and I are looking forward to a nostalgic weekend and reconnecting with the people we knew during our high school days. I feel young again just thinking about it.



The reunion is making Pam feel young again!

After successfully completing Grades 9 and 10 at Immaculata High, myself and three girlfriends (who will remain anonymous) could not resist the exciting opportunities that Hillcrest offered. The larger range of courses, no uniforms, closer to home, cheerleading tryouts, football players, proms, track and field meets and all the fringe benefits that we weren't even aware of — like physics taught by Mr. Crouch. No wonder I failed physics! I switched to the Commercial Course, met and fell in love and eventually married the "12T track enthusiast" mentioned in the yearbook.

After graduating, I started my civil service career at the National Library of Canada. During my 32-plus years at N.L., as well as performing the clerical tasks required for processing and organizing and researching the collection, I was drawn to organizing the staff in recreational activities, starting with the first ladies' softball team for the combined Public Archives and National Library, aptly named 'P.A.N.L. Pals'. That

evolved into serving on the executive for the Recreation Association and, subsequently, Local 70101 for P.S.A.C.



Over the years we have kept in touch with a few of our friends from Hillcrest but are looking forward to a nostalgic journey at Hillcrest's 50th Reunion when we hope to reconnect with all of you...

I volunteered to take an early retirement at 50 and have been thoroughly enjoying that phase of my life: volunteering at the Diefenbunker; day-care at home but now at the GoodLife Gym, where I try to fit in exercise classes; yoga here in Carp; golfing; and, most recently aquafit, but, most importantly, taking care of Johnny, who is still doing his best to 'LIGHT' up our lives.

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Pam and Johnny— still lighting up each other's life!

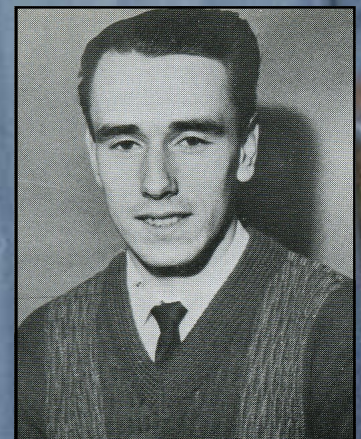
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He is into his 46th year as an electrician with IBEW 586. He just finished the new cancer wing at the General (Hospital) just down the road from Hillcrest and recollected that his first job was the Dept. Of Agriculture, while some of the others were the Congress and Rideau Centre, Lansdowne Park and my favourite, the Palladium home of the Senators, which was just down the road from where we have lived since 1971 and brought up our two daughters, Sheryl and Natalie, who Johnny and I consider these two smart, articulate, generous and beautiful women to be our greatest accomplishments.

We enjoy every time we can spend time with them here at home but we especially enjoy when we reminisce about our travelling adventures together: Alaska land and cruise; The Grand Canyon; and, most recently Christmas and New Years Eve in the Dominican Republic.

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Pam Desjardins and John Meunier at the Hillcrest Prom in 1965 (at right); from the 'Impact '65' yearbook, opposite page, top left; and from a trip to the Dominican Republic at Christmas, 2010, where they had a novelty photograph taken in the form of a liquor bottle label. Pam was in Mr. Meloche's Grade 11D in 1962-63 (insert at right) while John was in 12T, one of the Technical classes (insert at far right) with a career ambition as an electrician.



Hillcrest was Vic Peterson's 'Starting Point!'

Being the 'Senior Class' at a newly-built Hillcrest High for three straight years (or was it four) was somewhat of a unique experience that brings back many fond memories.

As Dance Chairman, I had the responsibility to hire groups and make-up the play lists for many of our dances. Through the collaborative effort of a number of people, Hillcrest dances were known among the best in the city. I was amazed at the talent of people like Lynne or Donna Mundy, Angela Smiley, Marsha Moss, Linda McDonald and many others that created such elaborate themes and decorations for all of our dances.

Do you remember the hits of '61-62? (Runaway, Let There Be Drums, Let's Twist Again, Locomotion, Breaking Up Is Hard To Do) Or 62-63? (All My Loving, Blue Velvet, See You In September, Pipeline) And 63-64? (Loop de Loop, Out of Limits, I Want To Hold Your Hand, I Get Around, Glad All Over) Did you dance to many of the famous Ottawa groups? Remember the Regals, Staccatos, Esquires, Darnells, Townsman, Scoundrels, Scaliwags, Eyes of Dawn, Five D, and 3's A Crowd. Over the years, I have collected over 6000 tunes in memory of music of past decades and the 60s easily tops the list. Ironically, my play list today, as I jump on a bike or take part in a Spin Class, includes (Don't Get Me Wrong by Pretenders, So Alive by Love & Rockets, Turn Up The Radio by Autograph, Hold Me Back by AC/DC).

I loved playing basketball, baseball, and hockey during the 60s. At Hillcrest, it was an opportunity playing for the Hawks basketball team that inspired another goal in life. Being vertically challenged, I turned to coaching rather than playing basketball. I had the good fortune to coach Senior High Boys' and Girls' Basketball for over twenty memorable years.

Looking back, I appreciated Grades 11 and 12, but had somewhat negative memories of Grade 13. A year that would change my life and provide the catalyst that would later inspire research into a love for teaching and learning. A year of coping with nine subject areas and the thought of cramming much needless information into final department exams (100% of your grade) from Toronto.

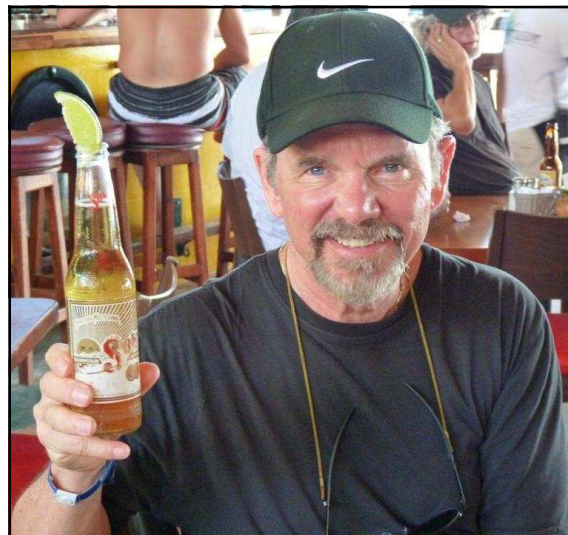
Do you remember spending over two months researching past exams and readings from either Coles or Toten notes? My nemesis was French, and it cost me early entrance to University. However, through the inspiration of Hillcrest teachers, Gerry Manale, Ruth Coe, Dave Hunter and especially Principal B. L. Bradley, I re-focused attention on becoming a teacher.

Initially, I taught with Lynne Mundy at an elementary/intermediate Canadian Force Base School. After four years, transferred to the Ottawa Board of Education and taught Geography at high school. I married an amazing woman, teacher and graduate from Woodroffe High School. I helped raise two wonderful children. Both graduated with degrees in marketing, information systems, and finance from Calgary and Lethbridge Universities.

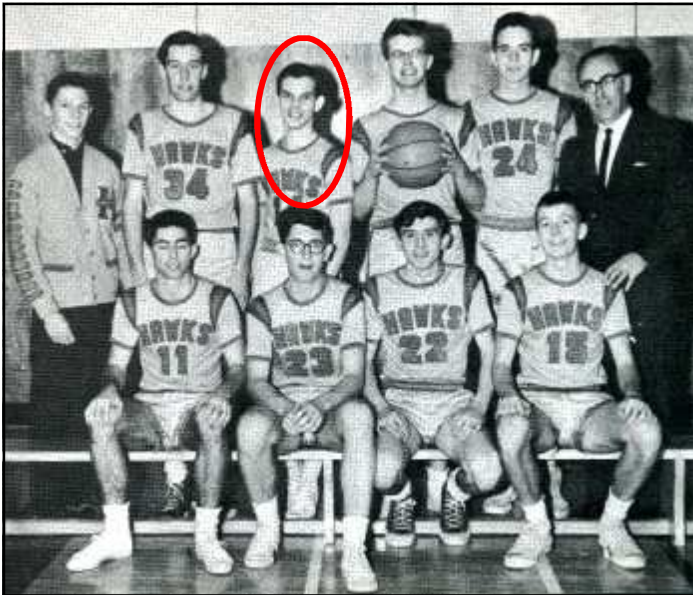
Unfortunately, declining enrolment and few career opportunities motivated a move out West during the early 80s. I continued teaching senior high school and worked in administration for the Calgary Board of Education. For the past eleven years, I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching grad students and support staff in Education at the University of Calgary. Looking back, I count forty-four years of teaching. I plan to officially retire next year.

Hillcrest was a starting point that I will never forget. It was a time when many students, other teachers, and close friends (to numerous to name for fear I would leave someone out) would impact on my life. I look forward to renewing old acquaintances at the upcoming reunion.

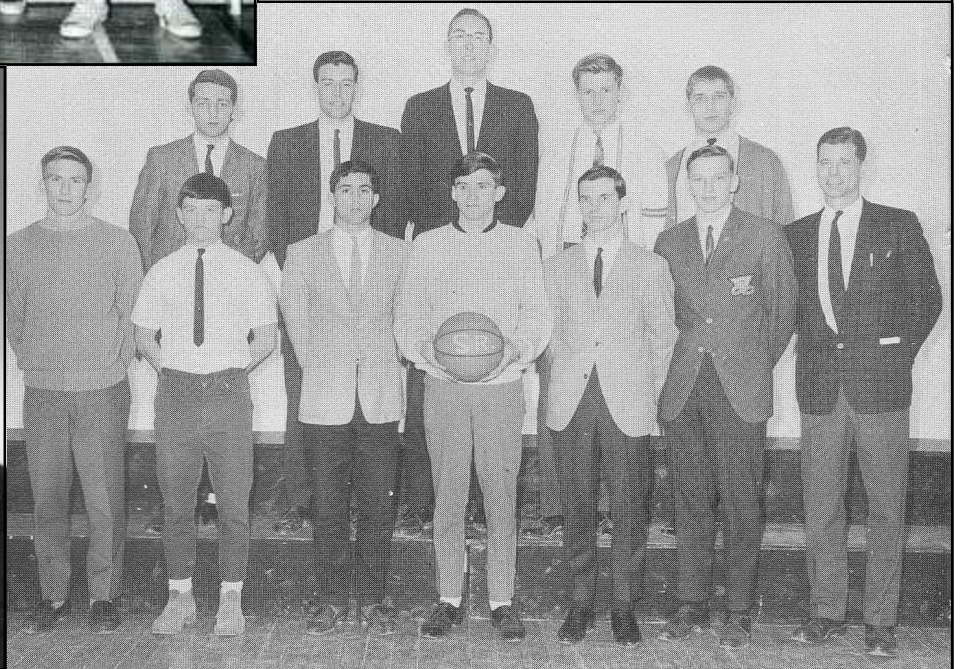
Cheers from Playa del Carmen, Mexico
March 2011



Vic Peterson



Vic Peterson was a member of the 1963 Senior Boys' Basketball team—despite being 'vertically challenged' (at left)—along with: Back row—Manager Roy Irons, David Bennett, Vic, Tom Schultz, David Cameron, and Coach Lou Labrosse. Front row—Bill Livingstone, Bill Kenwood, Garry Wellstead and Don McKnight. He played until his final year as seen below with the 1965 Senior Boys' Basketball Team. A 1965 Grad (middle, at left), Vic was active with the Students' Council on the Board of Control. His IMPACT '65 notation read: "I do the hardest work before breakfast; getting up." Ambition: Phys. Ed & Science. Destination: Scientific strong man in a circus.



Vic was best know for his contribution to the Dance Committee, which included: Back row—Robert Currie, Peter Birtwistle, Robert McGrath, Marsha Moss, Doreen Andrews, Linda McDonald, Mary Moore, Ben Schulman, Hugh Graham and Don Gunn. Front row: Anne McDonald, Donna Mundy, Lynn Fairweather, Vic, Angela Smiley, Enid Taller, Pam Ritchie and Elaine Barr.

Denton Pendergast's "Three Lessons"

Recently, while processing the great whack of pictures supplied by the hard-working committee responsible for the programme accompanying our upcoming reunion, I was taken on a lovely journey back in time. As I worked, enhancing colour spaces and balancing contrasts hour after hour, I was gently drawn into the spirit of each delicate image upon which I worked. The innocence, optimism, self-confidence and wholesome pride on so many young faces from so many years is a wonderful statement of the formative influence Hillcrest has had on so many lives!

The experience called me back over all the decades to my own days on Dauphin Road. They were not happy days for me but on reflection, Hillcrest laid solid groundwork for three significant life lessons that have served me well. Unlike many of my fellow students, my lessons involved neither the scholastic nor the opportunities for exploration and social integration offered through clubs and teams.

Hillcrest lesson one was learned under the expectant, if not demanding eye of various members of the school's faculty. It was there I began to hone wit and imagination. I learned to think on my feet, creating duplicitous, though seldom successful, variations on "the dog ate my homework" theme. Eventually, and fortunately, those exercises in wit and imagination evolved into a more acceptable and profitable set of problem solving capacities that allowed me to contribute some rather clever creative ideas to national, regional, and local communication campaigns.

Hillcrest lesson two was bestowed upon me by Mr. "Pendergast!!! Get that hair off your forehead!" Berry, and members of the faculty cohort whose instructional style dictated a distinctly disciplinarian element. Though I was unaware at the time, they helped me develop the capacity to stand my ground in the face of authority when I believed I was right. Not that, in retrospect, I always was! They instilled in me a strong foundation in fortitude that would be tested and tempered over the years. That lesson has given me the courage to stand up for what I believe in the face of, at times, significant odds.

Then there is lesson three, from Mr. Bradley himself. He planted the wonderful idea that I could both like and respect someone whose ideas I didn't hold. That lesson has blossomed into a grateful scholar's appreciation of the wide world. The dynamic between yesterday's authoritarian and tomorrow's rebel without a clue developed into a curious trans-generational friendship of sorts. There was a part of each of us that recognized where the other was coming from. Still, as my transgressions against his system, if not really escalated, they did accumulate and eventually he took the extreme measure of expelling me. I've sometimes wondered if I my respect and warm feelings for Mr. Bradley were some aberration of Stockholm syndrome, but in maturity I think not. I remember Mr. Bradley as a good and honourable man.

There were other lessons learned at Hillcrest but it was those three, the development of creativity, of courage in the face of opposition, and the capacity to appreciate that which I might not like, that have served me best over all these years. Back then I would have been amazed to find myself saying "Thank you, Hillcrest." but... thank you Hillcrest!

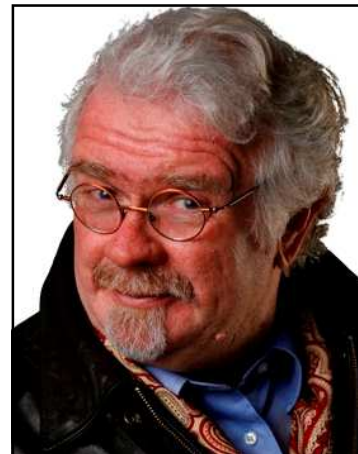
After distinguishing myself at Hillcrest as the first student to be expelled, I continued to stumble along the rocky road to formal education at Woodroffe, where I learned there was little hope of my reaching any of the destinations the adults in my life envisioned for me.



Denton in 1963

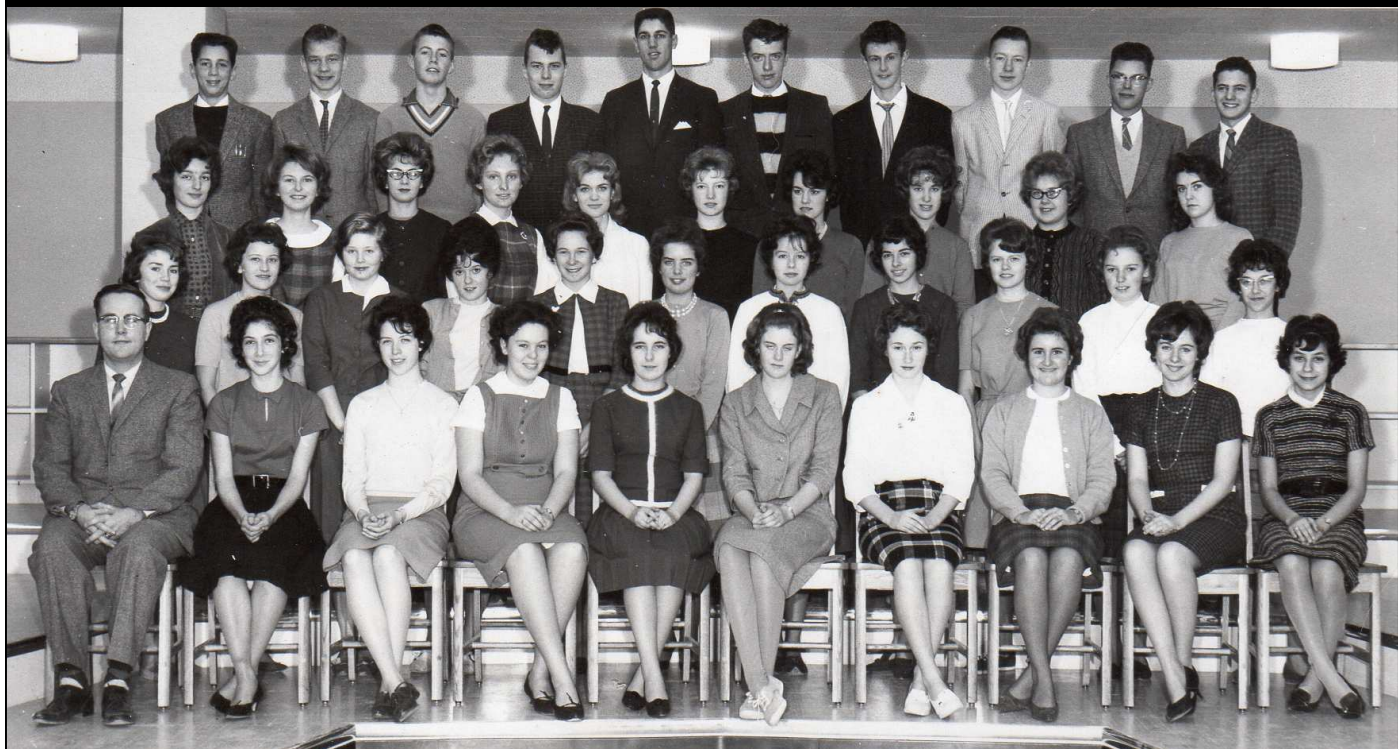
After many years of adventuring, I discovered many of my interests coalesced around graphic design. Having learned my lessons at Hillcrest and Woody, I proceeded to teach myself the trade. Now, decades later I operate under Rocket Science Design and evolved from T-squares and set-squares to the computer and the internet. My business website is www.launchsite.ca

I'm really looking forward to seeing some of my classmates after all these years!



Denton today

Remember last month's quiz on 11A?



Testing your memory on the class of 11A

1. Which boy in the back/fourth row became Hillcrest's first Head Boy? Where does he live now?
2. Which boy in the same row became a founding member of "The Staccatos"?
3. Which boy in the same row is a former owner/manager of a "McDonald's" in Whitehorse?
4. Which girl in the third row became Hillcrest's first head girl? What history did she make?
5. Which girl in the third row is her girlfriend and now a retired teacher in Stratford, Ontario?
6. Which girl in the third row is married to Ray Crowder and lives in Brockville, Ontario?
7. Which five girls in the second row went to Teacher's College after Hillcrest?
8. Which girl in the second row lives in Port Moody, B.C. and ran a 10k for charity years ago?
9. Which girl in the second row became a nurse in Montreal and met a friend from the third row?
10. Which girl in the first row is an instructor at Douglas College in English as a Second Language and has a B.Ed., M.A., a Ph.D. and a TESL Certificate?
11. Which girl in the first row ran for head girl under the slogan, "Let Diana Usher you through?"
12. Which girl in the first row also became a teacher, still is, and loves to ski?

BONUS: Which ten girls were transferred from 11A to 11B in January, 1962?

(Prize for the most correct answers—a 1964 IMPACT CD!)

Answers to the 11A Quiz

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| 1. Don McKnight. Montreal. | 2. Brian Rading. | 3. Rick Karp. |
| 4. Susan Beattie. First child to have a successful open heart surgery operation in 1956. | | |
| 5. Carole Anne Dupuis. | 6. Joanne Munson. | |
| 7. Cathy Syberg, Mickie Cox, Mary Elliott, Marilyn Reid and Lynne Mundy. | | |
| 8. Betty Fish now Betty Austen. | 9. Margo Robitaille now Margo Elman. | |
| 10. Geraldine "Gerri" Gross now Geraldine Roy. | 11. Diana Usher now Diana Simpson. | |
| 12. Wendy Lauder now Wendy Cartwright. | | |

Bonus: Beryl Barber, Sue Beattie, Gillian Chater, Carole Dupuis, Mary Elliott, Wendy Lauder, Karen McKenzie, Lynne Mundy, Marilyn Reid, Cheryl Temple.

Grads from 1965/66 who have signed on



Marsha Newton Lett

Occupation: Retired but working RN
Marital Status: Married
No. of Children: 2
Graduation Year: 1965
Your role at Hillcrest: Student
Do you plan to attend?: Yes
People attending (including you): 1

From Marsha:

Hope many from 65 will be there. Looking forward to reuniting.
 Does anyone have a Year book of 64/65?

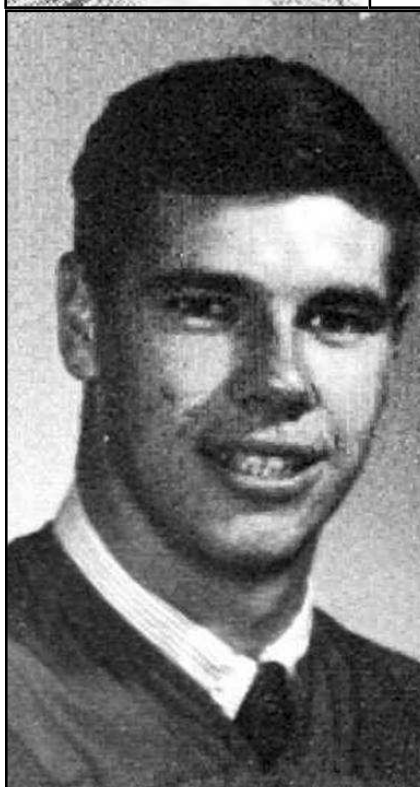


Linda Cheshire Laffree

Occupation: Retired from Canada Revenue Agency
Marital Status: Married
No. of Children: 1
Graduation Year: 1966
Your role at Hillcrest: Student

From Linda:

Great times at Hillcrest, Class of '66 in the Business and Commerce curriculum - looking back, boy were we innocent. I googled Hillcrest Reunion after I was alerted by a former classmate and had fun looking through the comprehensive site - great going all who are organizing this reunion and the site is great. I hope to be able to make it.

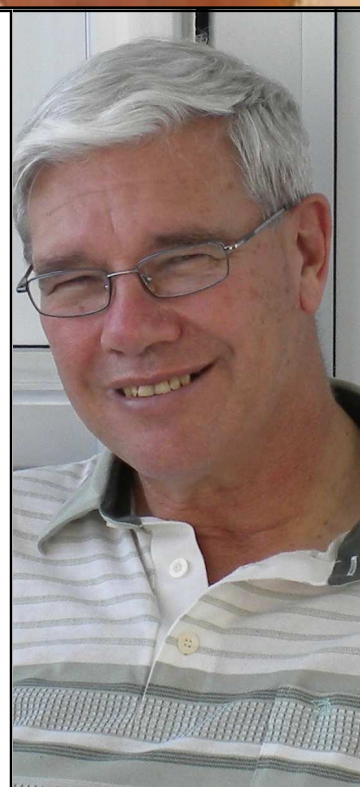


Michael Kearns

Occupation: Retired
Marital Status: Married
No. Of Children: 2
Graduation Year: 1965
Your role at Hillcrest: Student
Do you plan to attend: Yes
People attending (including you): 1

From Michael:

Attended Hillcrest after completing grade 12 at Ridgemont. Liked it so much I stayed for a second year of grade 13. Looking back my regret is that I should have switched from Ridgemont like most of my friends did the first year Hillcrest opened for Grade 11, but hindsight is hindsight. I am really looking forward to seeing all my former classmates and friends at this 50th reunion. Just retired a year ago after a wonderful 43 year career with the City of Ottawa. Went to Carleton for Commerce, got summer employment with the City in Data processing Branch, became Jr. Programmer and progressed to being an I.T. Project Manager my final 9 years. Downsized last year moving to a bungalow in Kemptville.



Grads from 1966/67 who have signed on



Kerry Allen Thompson

Occupation: Retired Teaching Assistant

Marital Status: Married

No. of Children: 2

Graduation Year: 1967

Your role at Hillcrest: Student

Do you plan to attend?: yes

People attending (including you): 1

From Kerry:

Choir, cheerleading, drama club, great times at Hillcrest. Academics? hmmm

It's been a long time since high school but I'm looking forward to seeing a few old friends. Will we recognize each other?



Kathy Toth (Toth-Valentini)

Occupation: Secondary Dramatic Arts
and English Teacher (Retired)

Website: www.tomvale.com

Marital Status: Married

No. of Children: 2

Graduation Year: 1967

Your role at Hillcrest: Student

Do you plan to attend?: Definitely coming

People attending (including you): Possibly 2

From Kathy:

Looking forward to seeing long-lost friends! Anyone remember 'All Ye Who Music Love?' I'll bet we could sing it!



Dave Watts

Occupation: Marketing, Broadcaster

Marital Status: Married

Graduation Year: 1967

Your role at Hillcrest: Student

Do you plan to attend?: Yes

People attending (including you): 1

From Dave:

Looking forward to catching up! If this reunion is anything like the 25th in '86, it's going to be fantastic! Other than a few months in St. John's NL in the mid 70s, all of my career has been in Ottawa in environmental marketing, the rail industry and after 40+ years, still active and now part-time at 580 CFRA

Looking forward to scanning through this Hillcrest "Remember Me" file! As Malcolm Gunn indicated they were "those heady Hillcrest days of the 60s" and some of the best days of my life. See you all next May!



It's almost over!! Touching base and touching hearts?

Early last June, I e-mailed Lynne Bowes the following message ... *"I've been floating an idea around in my head of a monthly newsletter that focuses on what life/things were like 50 years ago, starting in June, 1960 and leading up to the reunion - or should it be called an anniversary? Things like what Elmvale Acres was like, what the top 40 records were, entertainment events of the day, what was on TV, an article about one of the teachers, and a student profile (what one remembers of those days). And we could invite the recipients to contribute to future editions."*

Lynne responded, *"Sounds like a fun idea ... I'd be glad to help out"*, and this year-long undertaking began.

What started as a simple eight-page newsletter last June was expanded to a 16-pager in July and then remained at 24 pages right up to and including this issue, the second-last edition. The initial editions focused on the students from the graduating years of the early sixties, but then expanded to include all of the remaining years of that fabulous and influential decade.

Athletes, scholars, musicians, and friends at Hillcrest in the Sixties, along with the one and only principal, and the ever-changing faculty all contributed in some way to our lives as we live them now ... half a century has gone by, and now we have one more chance to re-connect.

Hopefully, this newsletter has helped those who will attend this month's 50th Anniversary at Hillcrest to prepare to celebrate, and for those who cannot attend, perhaps the newsletter has served as a way to touch base with past memories and present circumstances.

As it stands now, a final edition of this newsletter is planned for early June, containing photos and articles reflecting on the events of the May 13-15th weekend. I think I speak for many of us when I say I wonder where the time has gone ... nearly half a century ... and yet I feel as if it were yesterday.



It has been a lot of fun connecting with the many people featured in the newsletter, and sometimes helping former friends to re-connect. Preparing *"In Memory"* articles on several former classmates has served as a bittersweet reminder that life is fleeting and uncertain – those classmates won't be at the reunion, but it was great to think about them again and remember their uniqueness.

Please be sure to introduce or 're-introduce' yourselves to Lynne and me at some point during the Reunion Weekend – you've no idea how much that would thrill us! Thanks for the many supportive comments throughout the past year – see you on Friday, May 13th!

Graham



The 50th Reunion Newsletter has been produced for Hillcrest High School Graduates from the first decade—the 60s with the hope of stirring memories of those days as you prepare go to the school's 50th Anniversary – an event that I hope that all of you reading this will be able to attend. We hope to see you there May 13-15!

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