



# 50TH REUNION

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## We chose them to lead us...

We begin a series of centre-section features on the head girls and head boys — the senior students that we chose to lead us by example during the formative years at Hillcrest — 1961 to 1966.

For the next five months, we will hear from those students, who were chosen as head girl and head boy, about their years at our Alma Mater and what has happened to them since.

And, bless their hearts, we will see an up-to-date photo of them so things will be easier when we met them at the reunion next May.



### HILLCREST SCHOOL HEADS

Head boy and head girl for Hillcrest School are Don McKnight, 15, and Susanne Beattie, 16. Both are in Grade 11. Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G.A. McKnight of 1959 Haig Dr. Susanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Beattie, 908 Chapman Blvd.  
- Citizen-UPI Staff Photo

## Mr. B. guided Hillcrest for its first decade

*Last month, we featured a short article on posture and appearance that focused, in part, on the dress policy of Hillcrest's first principal, known to all of us by his initials "B.L." Bradley, as so very few of us knew his first name—Bueth, which is the Anglocized form of the Scottish Gaelic "Buidh", meaning the "yellowed-haired", and from which the surname "Boyd" emanates.*

*Mr. Bradley was to be Hillcrest's leading light, educationally speaking, for its first decade as he was sent in from an older, established school to get this new suburban school up and running.*

*Despite our differences of opinion on his 'retrogressive' outlook on how clothes affected student behaviour and his 'restrictive' policy on student socializing—including everything from holding hands in the hall to sock hops on Friday nights, he was "our" principal for all of us—the early students and grads of the 60s.*

*We invite you to take a look at Mr. Bradley—as most of us really did not know him —through what was written on his passing.*



## *The Story Behind Hillcrest's Crest*

*The significance of our crest is not a complicated one, for it expresses the primary objective of the school—to give the students a better understanding through learning.*

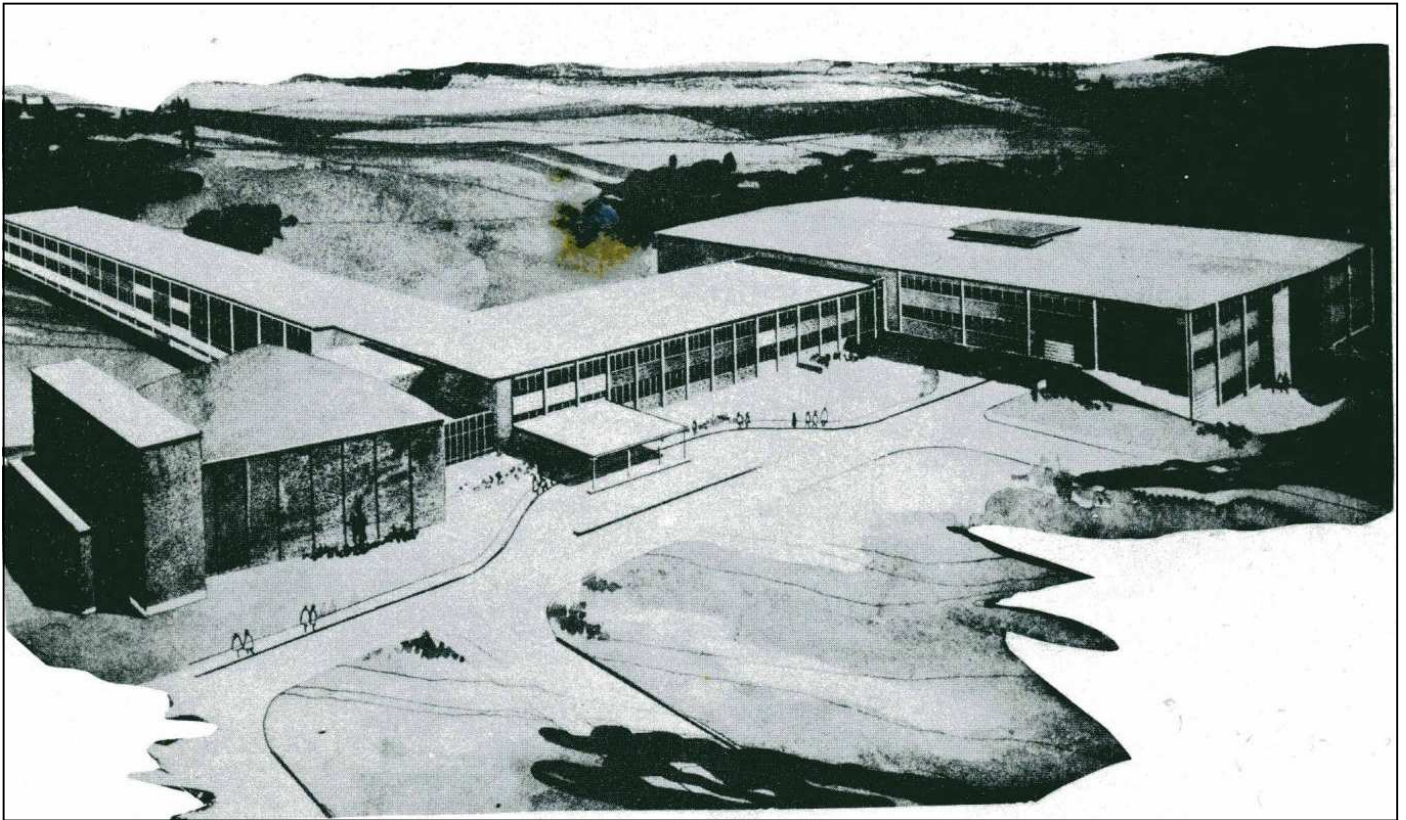
*The crest is both unique and picturesque: consisting of a triangular gold badge with a red lamp between three open books with natural white pages. The whole is surrounded with a red border superimposed on a blue border.*

*A blue scroll badge is superimposed on the bottom with "Hillcrest High School."*

*On the visible reverse side of the scroll the motto "Doctrina Promovet" when translated means "Learning Advances", is in red letters on a gold background.*

*The scroll itself is in the form of an "S", flattened so that the left end is on the badge and at the center line.*

*Gail Green 11B  
Impact 1964*



## **Alumni be advised — school under construction—again!**

By the time we walk up Hillcrest's driveway next May 13, we will enter a building that has not changed that much in 50 years, outside or in, but it is a school that is undergoing some changes as many of us will quickly realize. We all recall the inconveniences when we entered back on Tuesday, September 5th, 1961 and then watched as the new wing was constructed during 1962. In the following years, the auditorium was added and the technical wing expanded. It was the 'baby boom going to high school' years and as Bob Rupert pointed out in the May 21st, 1965 edition of "The Ottawa Citizen", the nation's capital was bursting at the seams with a four year period of growth like it had never seen in its history since it was called "Bytown".

What started as a \$1.5 million facility in 1960-61, is now being improved again but this time by the "*Hillcrest High School Sports Infrastructure Initiative*", (as we told you in September's edition) a joint project of Hillcrest High School and the Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club (OISC), aimed at rejuvenating outdoor sports facilities at the school through the installation of a lighted, multi-sport, artificial turf playing surface and an artificial turf 'mini-field' inside a dome. The project, designed to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of Hillcrest in 2010-11, will markedly improve playing conditions for a range of field sports and other activities while providing a much-needed facility in Ottawa's urban core that can be used by both Hillcrest and other OCDSB schools, as well as by a range of community sports organizations (e.g., soccer, football, rugby) through rental agreements administered by the OISC.

The OISC is planning to have the facility operational in the new year. The new facility will have an artificial surface which will be low maintenance and should last 10 years or so.

In essence, the 'Initiative' will provide Hillcrest and the OCDSB (Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, for those you who may have forgotten) with a modern, \$3 million, state-of-the-art field facility at no cost to the Board. Although the funding is being provided by the Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club, the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario through the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RinC) Program, one has to wonder if there will be sufficient funds for the resources need to utilize it for the current and future students of our old Alma Mater or endeared high school. Perhaps a donation might be in order from former students.

I will leave you with something to think about.....

*Graham*

# WEDDING BELLS THAT RANG IN 1962



## Kean-Byers

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kean of Ottawa announce the engagement of their daughter, Iris Vivian, to Robert John Thomas Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Byers, of Cardinal, Ont. The marriage will take place Sept. 22 at 2 p.m. in Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle in Ottawa. Mr. Byers holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Queen's University and is a graduate of the Ontario College of Education in Toronto.

--Photo of Miss Kean by Thomas Studio and of Mr. Byers by Wallace Berry

## Archers Form Escort

### For Mr. And Mrs. Miller

Information courtesy of "The Ottawa Citizen", 24 August 1962, Page 28

Members of the Ottawa Archery Club made an arch of their bows for Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. E. Miller, after the couple's marriage in All Saints Anglican Church, Westboro.

Both the bride and groom are members of the archery club. Mrs. Miller, the former Miss Marie Jeannine Moore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan V. Moore. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Miller, all of Ottawa.

Entering the church to the Royal wedding march, the bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a full-length gown of white Chantilly lace with shoulder-length veil, and carried a bouquet of red roses.

Bridal attendants were Miss Carol Miller, sister of the groom, and Miss Elizabeth Cregan. Flt. Lt. George Miller of the RCAF's Golden Hawks, was best man for his brother.

Rev. T. E. Downey officiated at the wedding and W. J. Frost was soloist.

A reception was held in the Scandinavian Room of the Carlingwood Restaurant. Entertainment there included selections by a barbershop quartet, and a singsong led by Stanley G. Metcalfe Jr.

After a honeymoon at the Tadoussac resort and a cruise up the Saguenay, Mr. and Mrs. Miller will live in Ottawa. Mr. Miller is a teacher at Hillcrest High School.

Information courtesy of "The Ottawa Citizen" 29 June 1961, Page 3

# School's Foundation Stone Laid

The foundation stone was laid Wednesday for the partially built Hillcrest High School at the corner of Smyth and Dauphin Roads.

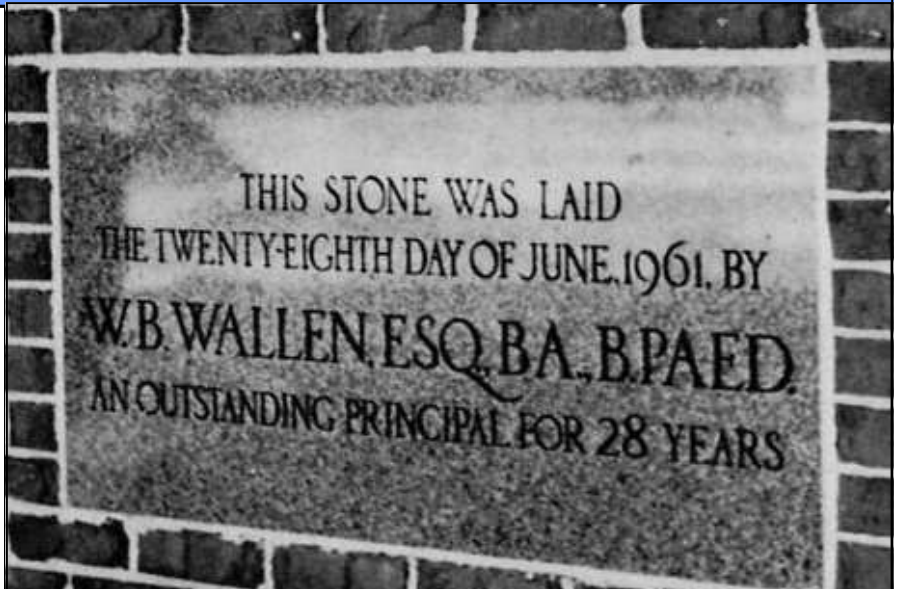
The stone was laid by W.B. Wallen, retiring president of Laurentian High school. Hosts were the Collegiate Institute Board of Ottawa and the Advisory Vocational Committee.

Hillcrest will be a composite high school, offering academic, commercial and technical courses. The first stage is to be nearly all classrooms, although it is hoped that a gymnasium and shop will be ready by September. And auditorium will not come until the second stage.

Hillcrest Principal B.L. Bradley has had considerable experience in launching new schools. He was vice-principal at Ottawa Tech for 10 years after its opening in 1939. From there he went on to the new Fisher Park High School, and then to Rideau High School when it was new.

There are 600 pupils registered now at Hillcrest in Grades 9, 10 and 11. Grade 12 will not be given just yet.

Different in style from other new schools, Hillcrest is L-shaped, featuring lavish use of blue-glazed brick. Architects are Hazelgrove, Lithwick and Lambert, and the builder is Lafortune Construction Company. (29 June 1961)



"I declare this cornerstone well and truly laid."

With these words Mr. W. B. Wallen laid the cornerstone of Hillcrest High School. The opening ceremonies of this eventful day, June 28, 1961, marked the debut of Ottawa's newest secondary school. Mr. Wallen stressed the purpose and necessity of education in this modern world. He pointed out, however, that education without character training can be of little use. He went on to say that the High School accepts all students of varying levels with the purpose of making them useful citizens. We are all given one talent and we all have one talent to develop.

Those in attendance were Dr. Patten, Superintendent of Ottawa High Schools, Dr. Pullen, Assistant Superintendent of Ottawa High Schools, Dr. Lloyd, Mr. Francis, representing the city besides representatives of clergy and other Ottawa High Schools' principals.

Written By  
Mickie Cox 12A

# REMEMBERING RUTH COE



## Hillcrest teacher dies of injuries

Information courtesy of  
"The Ottawa Citizen",  
13 October 1965  
Page 2

Frances Ruth Coe, 21-year-old Hillcrest High School physical education instructor, died in Kingston Tuesday from injuries suffered in a car accident Friday.

Miss Coe, an Ottawa native and graduate of Carleton University, was alone in a small car which went out of control on Highway 15, about 40 miles north of Kingston, and struck a church.

The victim had been at Hillcrest High School for three years. She was a specialist in physical education, a part time teacher of history and geography and the coach of the girls' track and field and swimming teams. (13 Oct. 1965)

## REPRESENTING HHS ON TEEN BEAT

### Here and There on Teen Beat

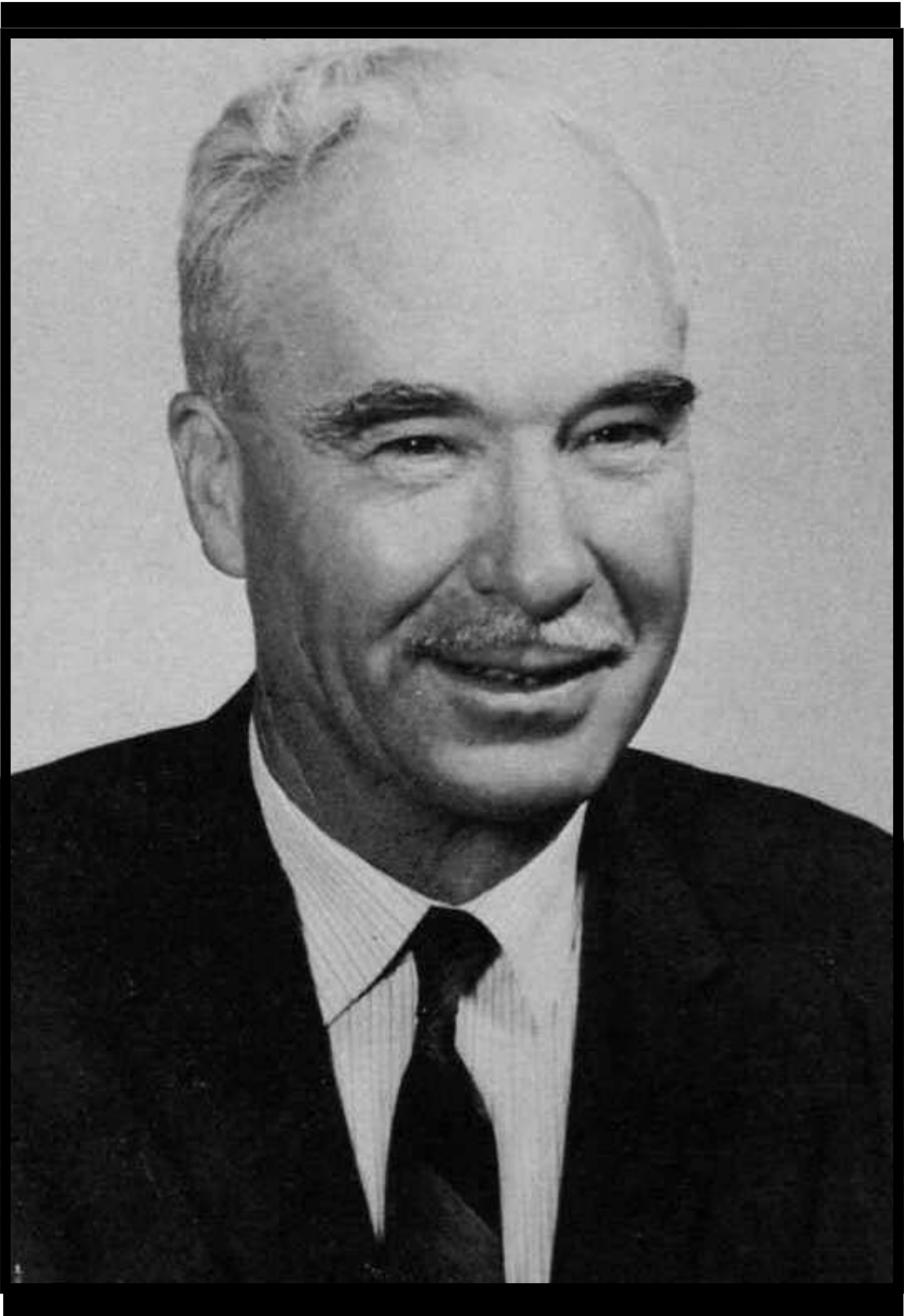


*Courtesy of "The Ottawa Citizen",  
Saturday, September 30, 1961, page 13:*

We extend a special welcome to the student body of Ottawa's newest high school Hillcrest to "The Teen Beat" that Vic Peterson of Grade 11 will be our official representative.

Photos—Vic—left, 1961; right, 2010.





## OUR DEEPEST REGRETS.

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### 4. Obituaries

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**BRADLEY, Bueth Lawrence**  
— An Ottawa resident for over 45 years, died suddenly in the Riverside Hospital, on Wednesday, August 11, 1976, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James D. Bradley of Prescott, Ont.; born in 1907, he was educated at Prescott High School, Ottawa Teachers College, Queen's University (B.A., 1938), University of Toronto (B.Ed., 1954), and Ottawa University (Master of Education, 1958). His teaching career began in Maynooth Ont., where he met his beloved wife May Belle Koenig of Sydenham, Ont., whom he married in 1931. Prior to 1939 he was principal at St. Brigid's and St. Patrick's Boys School and from 1940 he was an educator and teacher of sciences at Ottawa Technical and Fisher Park High School. In 1958 he accepted the vice-principalship at Rideau High School and later at Ottawa Technical High School. In 1961 he became principal at Hillcrest High School where he remained until his retirement in 1971. During his career he was always actively involved

with parent teacher associations, O.S.S.T.F., Superannuated Teachers Association, Ottawa Curling Club, Hunt and Golf Club and the Gatineau Ski Club. Since retiring he and his wife have spent several winters in Florida and voyaged on a round-the-world cruise in 1975. Summers were spent at "Bradley's Place" on Golden Lake, Ont., where his 10 grandchildren and three children, Lawrence D., Ottawa; Dr. Kenneth J., Milton, Ont.; and Mrs. Brenda Maunder of Prince Albert, Sask., along with their many friends and relatives learned to appreciate Bueth's motto — "Live life every minute of it!" Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Duncan MacKay of Prescott, Mrs. Ada Blair Ogdensburg, N.Y.; and two brothers, James, Ottawa and Earl of Prescott. Father McGrory conducted the funeral mass at Holy Cross Church, Bueth's parish for the past 12 years. "Brad" was a generous, warmhearted, highly respected educator and dedicated family man. We will all miss him dearly.

AUG. 20, 1976

# THE AMBIVALENCES OF SCHOOL

*The clock ticks off the last seconds of High School.  
Exams are over and I am disappointed.  
I have already forgotten my Math, Chemistry  
and virtually all the lessons from my 'important' courses.  
Am I a fool?*

*Five years of my life and all the pains  
of memorized notes and forced lessons,  
now forgotten.  
All that time and yet I have learned little.  
Have I made only the smallest spiritual gains?*

*Hurry up clock, tick faster!  
I do not wish to spend any more of my valuable time  
in this wasteland of youth.  
Quickly clock, quickly!*

*I am running to get out of school as swiftly as possible.  
I speed past the field, the gym, the cafeteria,  
past the auditorium and foyer,  
wave to my friends,  
for the last time,  
together.*

*For the last time? Oh no! Wait, stop!  
The memories, my friends. I can't leave  
after all the successes, failures, laughs and tears.  
I've had too much fun, too many friends.  
I can't lose this Utopia. I must break the clock.*

*Only a minute ago I wanted to leave this place, yet now  
I am running towards the clock, faster than ever  
in a desperate attempt to deny my destiny.  
Because school isn't tests and notes,  
participation and relationships.  
It's a spiritual experience.  
A social net,  
but I must hurry,  
I've . . .  
I'm too late, the last bell just rang.*

*And now much older than the five years I have spent here  
I walk out of high school for the last time with  
the two best things it gave me:  
my friends and my memories.*

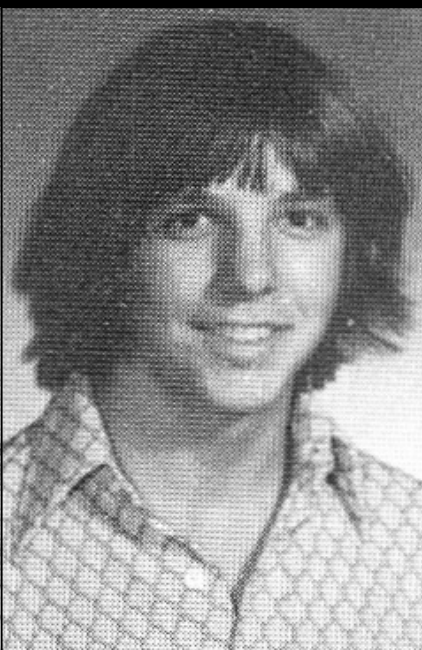
**Steve Doswell ('77)**





**OH, SO LONG AGO.....**Former Hillcrest graduates (Class of 1964) Margo Robitaille (left, now Elman) and Linda Scovill met on Friday, August 20, at the Café Crème in Westmount, Quebec, where Linda was attending the CIVICUS World Assembly. The last time the two saw each other was the last day of school in June, 1964. As seen here, Margo and Linda were looking through a photo album that Margo had brought along. It was difficult for them to identify people in the small black and white images and perhaps because of aging eyes that could not clearly decipher the facial features on these small photos but also because time has robbed them of the names of some folks. Margo will try and get these photos scanned so that they can be shared with all...

**"Friends are always friends no matter how far you have to travel back in time. If you have memories together, there is always a piece of your friendship inside your heart." --Kellie O'Connor**



### **STEVE DOSWELL**

From Impact '77...  
*Dizzy Doz through football, hockey, rugby and water polo. Doz fondly remembers the Jr. football champs, hockey games against Ridgemont and that certain night at Mt Cascades.*

At right, Steve today....  
 Who happens to be the son of Hillcrest industrial education teacher Thomas Doswell.

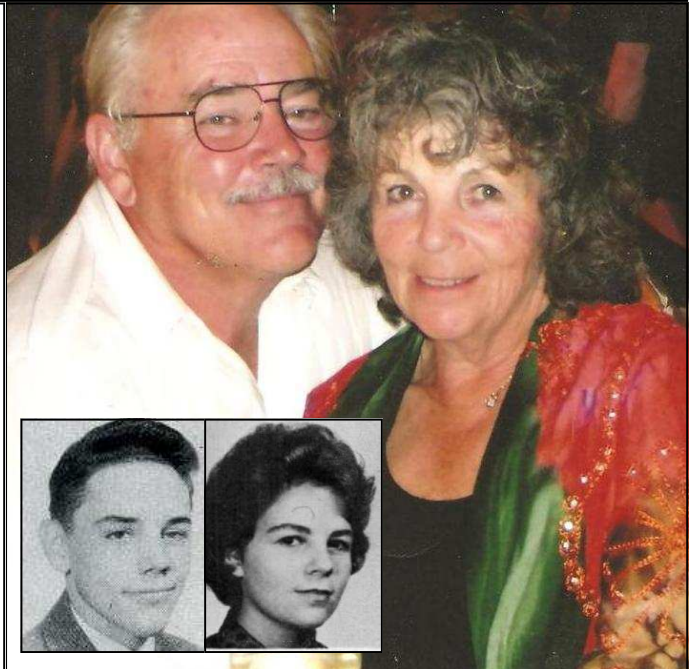


# 64 / 65 GRADS—THEN AND NOW!



A stalwart of 11B, **Robert David “Bob” Thiessen**, was active in Drama, the Public Speaking and Debating Clubs and weight training. He starred in *“The Ugly Duckling”*, with Lynne Mundy Bowes, in the first student play at Hillcrest as “Prince Simon” and “Princess Camilla”, respectively, and, in one of the play’s more memorable moments swept her off her feet (Lynne’s memorable moment) and kissed her (Bob’s memorable moment). Bob attended Hamilton Teacher’s College in 1967 and taught at the intermediate elementary level in the Burlington area for 34 years before retiring in 2005 to Grimsby with his lovely wife, Ginny. According to Bob’s profile in Impact ‘64, *“Homework is the extract of all suffering.”* (misquoting British historian Arthur Helps) His aim: lawyer; destination: actor; activities: drama, and his ‘Pet Peeve’ was Mr. Peterson’s political status.

From Mexico, where the Archers now live, **Lesley Pink** tells us: I was one of the original students at Hillcrest in Grade 10 when we were transferred from Ridgemont. Met my husband-to-be in Grade 11 there, married soon after finishing Grade 12 in 1964, and we are still married after 45 years, 4 kids, 4 grandchildren and a move to Mexico for our retirement. It would be interesting to come back and see who we recognize after all those years. And from **Doug Archer**: My parents thought that my report cards were too bad to keep; therefore, not much of memories exist. I’m sorry that my school memories are very skimpy at best. In 1965, I started my training for ATC (Air Traffic Control), which became a 35 year-career - where I was lucky and had a good ability. I was lucky enough to have been allowed to play a few sports in Hillcrest, but the main theme of Hillcrest was that I met my BEAUTIFUL wife Lesley, with whom I still have a wonderful relationship.



Although he was “destined” to become a car salesman and was known for being able to sleep through the teacher’s yelling, **John Roy Shaver** joined the Royal Canadian Army’s Signal Corps in 1965 and transferred to the Artillery, serving with the 3<sup>rd</sup> RCHA (Royal Canadian Horse Artillery) at Canadian Forces Base Shilo (in Manitoba). When the latter was reduced in 1970, Roy re-mustered with the Intelligence Corps, where he spent the rest of his career. Retiring as a Warrant Officer in 1990 while stationed at Camp Borden, Roy and his wife moved to Wasaga Beach since they loved that part of southern Ontario so much. Roy now works for the local OPP (Ontario Provincial Police) detachment in prisoner management.

Send us your “Now” photo and some information about your life after Hillcrest to: [graham\\_macdonell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:graham_macdonell@yahoo.co.uk)

# Hillcrest Head Boy—1961-62

## DON MCKNIGHT

I became Hillcrest's first Head Boy at the ripe old age of 15 while in Grade 11, the senior year of the school when it opened in 1961. I had spent Grades 9 and 10 at Ridgemont High.

Construction of Hillcrest was still not completed when we arrived and teachers and students were all in a new environment - a bit like being on "Survival" - trying to provide a foundation and direction for the school.

It was a learning experience for most of us but very rewarding at the same time.

After managing to pass Grades 12 and 13, I attended Carleton University, obtaining a B.Sc. in Mathematics in 1967 (having chosen math because it had the least amount of class time). I then worked for the Federal Government (Department of Insurance) for a year before deciding to return to school.

In 1970, I obtained an M.B.A. from McGill University and have lived and worked in Montreal ever since.

I got married for the first time in 1971 and divorced in 1980 (no kids, thank God).

Then I started out working for the Canadian Pacific Railway (six years) in late 1970 (after spending the summer at Laval University to improve my French).



After that, I joined Peat Marwick (now KPMG) in the management consulting division working there until 2000, when I was downsized.

I met my second wife, Anna Maria, while at KPMG (office romance) and married again in 1982, starting up my own management consulting company (DAMF Consultants) with Anna in 2000 and we both continue to work there.

We have three children (Michael-26, Robert-24, Jessica-17), all still living at home (the new trend).

*Don McKnight*  
1961-62  
McKNIGHT

DON

"DON"

ARTHUR

Life is a grindstone, whether it grinds you down or polishes you up, depends on what you're made of.  
Amb.: Teacher. Des.: Nursery School Assistant. Asset: His friendly disposition. Act.: Basketball, Student's Council.  
61-62

Don was Hillcrest's first Head Boy. We couldn't have a better person for the position.



# HILLCREST'S FIRST HEAD BOY—DON MCKNIGHT

## BOYS' SENIOR BASKETBALL

Among the many activities that Don McKnight was involved in during his years at Hillcrest was basketball, mainly playing guard.

He made the roster for the 1961-62 Juniors, followed by the 1963 Bantams then the 1964 Senior Boy's Basketball Team.

He was also very active in the school band, directed by Mr. Howard Leroy,

playing saxophone during Grades 11 and 12 — as seen at right...in the middle of the three sax players.



From 'Impact 64', Don McKnight:

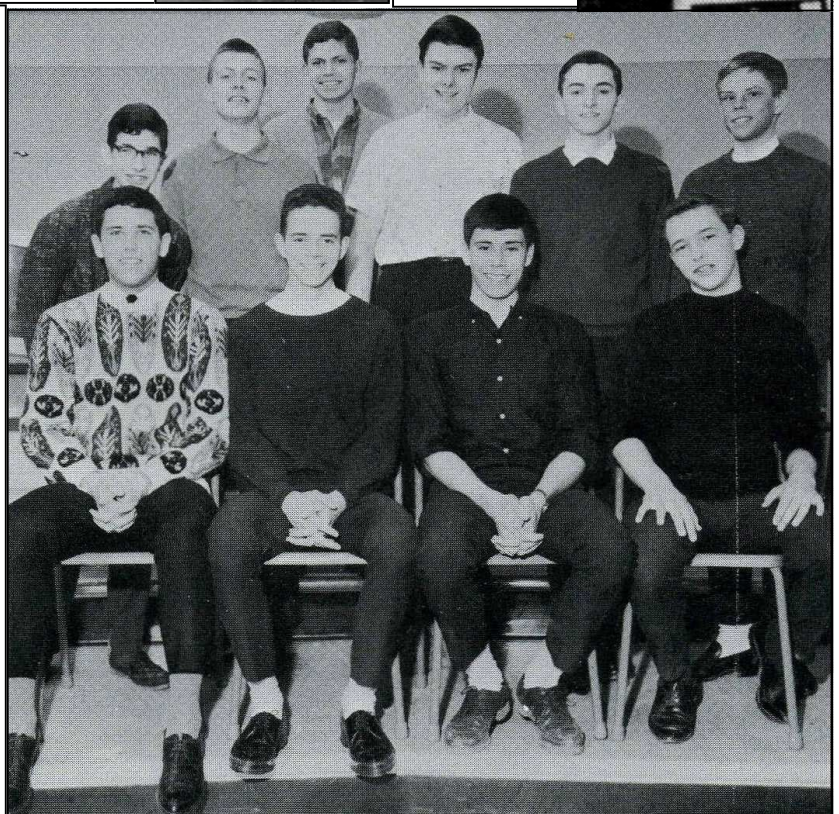
**Quote:** "Hail the king of Revelry,  
Full of mirth and devilry."  
**Aim:** Science.  
**Destination:** Weight lifter.  
**Pet Peeve:** What do you mean  
take out a girl; I'd  
rather buy a record."



## THE KEY CLUB

One of Don's other involvements was Hillcrest's Key Club, which received its charter on February 21, 1963, and was formed to render service to the school in all its activities, according to "Impact 64", the school's annual year-book.

The Club worked in conjunction with the Student's Council in order to co-ordinate the school's activities, which included such things as parking cars during school concerts, heading up the Christmas "Good Cheer" Programme and aiding in the sales of Coca-Cola, which was then a very popular drink with students.



## HILLCREST'S FIRST HEAD GIRL—SUE BEATTIE



### GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The GAA was created to promote, direct, protect and regulate intra-school well-being with female students through athletics and sports-ship as well as athletic relationships with other Ottawa region schools to stimulate fair play, friendly rivalry and good sports-ship among contestants, schools and communities.

Athletic activities ranged from volleyball to basketball to softball and track and field as well as supporting the cheerleaders and the school's majorettes (below).

*The members of the Girls' Athletic Association for 1962-63 included: (Back row, left to right) Mary Elliott, Carole Dupuis and Gill Chater; (Front row) Sue Beattie, Cathy Syberg and GAA President Phyllis Janes.*



*If it wasn't for the Yearbook Staff, our memories of our high school years would have long faded into the past by now. Above is the group responsible for 'Impact 1964'...with Sue in the back row right in the centre.*

Looking smart in their reversible blue and red skirts, gold pants and white shirts, the Hillcrest Majorettes made their debut at a "Family Night" in 1961.

### Something you didn't know about Sue...

Sue Beattie, Hillcrest's first Head Girl, has another first that most of us might not know about or may have forgotten.

She was Canada's first successful open-heart surgery patient on September 18, 1956, when the now late Dr. John Callaghan stepped into the operating room with a team of doctors, specialists and nurses at the UofA Hospital to spend 10 hours to save the life of a 10-year-old girl that we would be able to get to know five years later. A simple operation by today's standards, her operation was a milestone then as it pushed the boundaries of cardiac surgery.

Susanne is now a retired nurse in Yellowknife, NWT, and we can understand why she may have chosen that profession. There are many of us looking forward to seeing "Sue" at the reunion...along with her high school sweetheart, Fred Chambers.



# Hillcrest Head Girl—1961-62

## SUE BEATTIE

Thinking back on life in Elmvale Acres and at Hillcrest, I seem to have nothing but good memories of fun, friends, sporting events and school dances. I'm sure there were less happy times, but lucky for me those have mostly faded away! I was the oldest of four kids and my sisters Barbara and Merri as well as my brother David all are Hillcrest grads. It was while I was at Hillcrest that I met my future husband, Fred.

In 1963, after graduating from Grade Twelve, I went on to get my RN at the Ottawa Civic Hospital School of Nursing. It was a three-year program and I graduated in the spring of 1966.

In December of 1966, Fred and I got married and our son, Jamie, was born in 1967 followed by our daughter, Shannon, in 1969. I took a job at the Riverside Hospital in Ottawa and worked there until we moved to Wakefield, Quebec in 1972. We lived in a little chalet along the Gatineau River, acquiring a taste for country living. While there, I worked at the little cottage hospital in Wakefield. Fortunately for me, this was before the full affect of Quebec language laws because French was definitely not one of my best subjects at Hillcrest!

In November 1973, I took my first plane ride. Fred, two small kids, a very heavily doped-up Newfoundland dog and I boarded a flight out of Montreal to Frobisher Bay in the Eastern Arctic (now Iqaluit, Nunavut). Fred had been offered a job with the Territorial Government there—and we were both up for an adventure! My brother, David, drove us to Dorval from Ottawa in the very early hours of the morning during a very severe winter storm. That should have been my clue to turn around and go back. We spent almost three years there and it was amazing living in a place unlike anything we had ever experienced. Great people, great friends, beautiful scenery, but no shopping!

In July 1976, we moved from Iqaluit to Yellowknife NWT and have been here since then. Our kids grew up here, married and have given us eight marvelous northern grandchildren. I look at the older ones and realize they are the same age I was when attending Hillcrest nearly 50 years ago. Some time ago, we moved out of town and now live off the grid, on beautiful Prelude Lake, about 35 kilometres outside Yellowknife. We spend most of our time here, but have now become winter Texans, bailing out during the dark cold months of winter for the sun and sand of South Padre Island.



*Sue at home at Prelude Lake, NWT.*

Being retired has its perks and Fred and I have taken trips to see as many parts of the world as we could. We travelled to England, rented a car and drove up through Scotland to the Isle of Skye. (Graham: We even wandered around the battlefield at Culloden, searching for some of my ancestors). We've gone salmon fishing in the Queen Charlotte Islands where my parents lived when first married. The trip of a lifetime was a two-month motor home trip through Australia. There are still lots of places we want to see and hopefully we will, if our health and money hold up.



1961-62  
SUSANNE BEATTIE MERRIAM

"SUE"

To graduate is her goal so please, brain, stay in control. Amb.: Nurse. Des.: Walking down the aisle in white. Pet Peeve: People who suggest that her hair is dyed. Assets: Blonde hair and blue eyes. Act.: Majorettes, Student's Council, Prefect, Newspaper, Yearbook. Sue had the honour of being Hillcrest's first Head Girl. She set an example we hope will be continued through the years.

*Keep it Cool  
Susanne*

# KEEPING EVERYTHING RUNNING

## KEY PEOPLE

Any school could not function without some very key people...the administrative support staff, the school nurse and the maintenance and cleaning staff...and from Impact '65, we present them... with the hope that we may see them at the Reunion in May.



The Administrative Support Team (above) or what we used to call the Secretaries....Miss McRostie, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Maguss, Miss Murphy. And in the 1960s, schools had nurses, which they don't have now and between 1961 and 1974, the nurse was Mrs. Hall. And every student knew Bill Sinnett, (front row, centre in the photo below). With him are his janitors: Back Row—P. Vietoricz and B. Gabie; Front Row—A. Iwanaska, M. Ricci, Bill, E. Little and C. Rattray.



# WHAT HAPPENED IN OCTOBER 1961

## **Sunday 01:**

Baseball: Roger Maris sets new record for most home runs in a single season with 61, surpassing Babe Ruth's previous mark of 60.

## **Saturday 07:**

"Bye Bye Birdie" closes at Martin Beck Theater New York City after 607 performances.

## **Tuesday 17:**

Approximately 200 Algerian protesters (some claim up to 400) are massacred by the Paris police

## **Monday 30:**

Due to "violations of Lenin's precepts", it is decreed that Josef Stalin's body be removed from its place of honour inside Lenin's tomb and buried near the Kremlin wall with a plain granite marker instead.

## **Tuesday 31:**

In the Soviet Union, Joseph Stalin's body is removed from Lenin's Tomb.

During October, two weekly magazines ran cover pages reflecting events of the day—MAD Magazine on JFK and LIFE magazine on Liz Taylor going back to work on the costly film epic, "Cleopatra".

The Canadian Television Network (CTN) launched on October 1, 1961, composed of the seven ITO stations and CFRN. CTV's initial 1961–1962 season began with the following programs, five of which were Canadian productions:[6]

1. The Andy Griffith Show (United States, CBS)
2. Checkmate (United States, CBS)
3. Cross Canada Barndance (Canada)
4. Maigret (United Kingdom, BBC)
5. The Rifleman (United States, ABC)
6. Showdown (Canada)
7. Sing Along With Mitch (United States NBC)
8. Take a Chance, a quiz show by Roy Ward Dickson adapted from radio (Canada)
9. Top Cat (United States, ABC)
10. Twenty Questions (Canada)
11. West Coast (Canada)
12. Whiplash (Australia, ATN-7)



**Ernie Bushnell**  
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# WHAT HAPPENED IN OCTOBER 1961

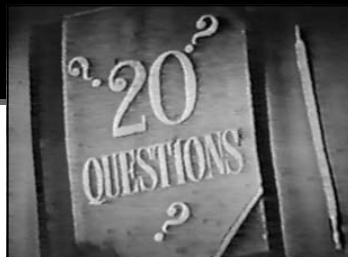
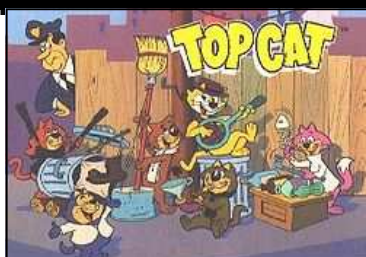
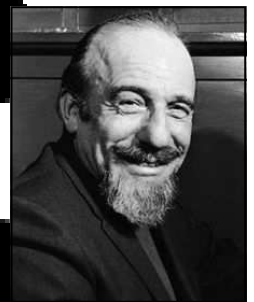


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# Holly DeWolf's "The High School Reunion Survival Guide"

## 1. Try To Remain Calm

This event will have you questioning your sanity the second you walk through the door. Remember to breathe. Don't recognize anyone? That's okay. They don't have a clue who you are either. Locate all bathrooms, dark corners and most importantly, all exits. Cover your bases and hope for the best!

## 2. Stay Somewhat Sober

If there was ever a time to drink like a fish, this could be it. Stay in control. Keep your composure. Try to keep yourself in a standing upright position. Avoid rolling around on the floor while weeping repeatedly, "What am I doing here?" This will not go down in history as one of your finest moments.

## 3. Practice Your Small Talk

You will be a broken record at the end of the night. You will have 'déjà vu' over and over and over... again.

## 4. Fake It 'til You Remember It

Your memories of things may not be as clear as you like. It's partly age combined with a lot of fear. Study your yearbook. Trust me, there will be clues once you start looking around. Can't remember who is about to hug you? You have two choices: Run away or be nice until your brain decides to co-operate with you.

## 5. You Can't Live It Down

If you were shy, geeky or a big jerk in high school, you will be reminded of this often. Many will keep you in that "18" zone. Best advice, always mess with their minds. If you were a complete snob in High School, kill 'em with kindness. They will never see it coming.

## 6. Avoid Confessions

Repeat after me-once in the friend zone, always in the friend zone. As a rule, leave it in the vault. This may not be the time to confess your huge crush on that "certain someone" that got away. Be kind to your ego. Be kind to your spouse. You could end up sleeping on the couch if you're not careful.

## 7. Prepare Yourself For Trauma

You typically won't leave one of these events completely unscathed. You will be reminded of past indiscretions at a party, tripping in the cafeteria and wrapping your parents' car around a tree the day after you got your driver's license. Adults are known to be a little more honest than your typical teenager. Be prepared for those stories that you wished went away like light blue eye shadow.

## 8. Have An Escape Plan

Try to devise a code system with your spouse or friend if you feel trapped. I recommend the "ear pull" technique. Complete panic will show. Weird gestures for escape will make you look eccentric or exotic even. Avoid reunions on a boat, a plane or in a locked bunker. Go outside for fresh air every 15 to 20 minutes.

## 9. Avoid The Avoidables

If they didn't like you in High School they most likely won't appreciate you now. Your Pulitzer Prize will not impress them. Be prepared to be snubbed. Fortunately, dirty looks are just looks. They won't kill you. They suck but you won't die!

## 10. You Are Not Alone

Think you're the only one who is having a massive coronary? That would be a huge NO! We all worry about the past. Our perceptions of ourselves are far worse than what others often think of us. Not everyone is going to remember your shorts falling down during Phys. Ed. Hopefully!



Holly DeWolf

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## 11. Unplanned Moments Of Stupidity

We say the dumbest things when we are stressed out, cornered like a rat or completely taken by surprise. Trust me, it will happen! Slap your forehead and admit to yourself that you were a complete bonehead. This is step one towards recovery. Panic will set in around 4:00 am but thankfully you will be at home at that point. Best advice, curl up into the fetal position and sleep on it.

## 12. Leave Your Expectations At Home Or At The Hotel

We are not 18 anymore so try to remember you are about to mingle with adults and not emotionally challenged teenagers. Best advice, have no expectations. Remember, expectations are resentments under construction. It's all relative at this point!

## 13. Stick With The Facts

We all have this tendency to exaggerate just a wee bit. Keep it on-the-down-low. If you are going to lie about the size of your house, make sure they don't live three blocks away. If your rock-and-roll husband is really a hair dresser, people will find out.

## 14. No Dancing

Reunions always play your high school music. For some reason when we hear it we instinctively start dancing like we are 18 again. Avoid the embarrassment of "walking like an Egyptian." You will thank yourself later.

## 15. Protect Your Dignity At All Cost

Complete amnesia works well. If those embarrassing High School moments still seem too soon to talk about, try changing the subject. If that doesn't work try the, "Oh my God. Look at what Sally is wearing" technique. Lastly, tell them your cell phone is vibrating and you have to take the call. Make sure you let them know it is a matter of life and death. Then run!

## 16. Dress Light

You will be sweating like a hooker in church! Avoid turtle neck sweaters, tuxedos and wool jackets. On the other side of the scale, make sure that your clothes actually fit you. Let's face it, we are often a bit larger than we were at 18. This is not the evening for "wishful wardrobing."

## 17. Plan Your Exit Early

Those drunken goodbyes mixed with fake e-mails could leave you standing around for 45 minutes. Control your exit. No one likes to be puked on or reeking of someone else's beer that got spilled down the front of your dress. Try to end the evening on a positive note and not a trip to the dry cleaners.

## 18. Stay Positive.

Repeat after me-Reunions are not for wimps! Remind yourself that this took an enormous amount of courage to attend. Let's face it, the whole evening is essentially based on a dare. On the upside, you never have to go into the changing room with these people ever again. Plus, you can say you made it out alive at the therapist's office for years to come!

*Courtesy of Holly DeWolf for the Hillcrest Grads*

Have you visited the Hillcrest Reunion Website?  
[www.hillcrestottawa50th.ca](http://www.hillcrestottawa50th.ca)

The Anniversary / Reunion Organizing Committee would love to have you plug into their celebration website just to know them where you are and let others know, too

Thinking of going to the Hillcrest 50th Anniversary Celebration / Reunion and want to know what will be happening next May 13-14-15?

Go to:

<http://www.hillcrestottawa50th.ca/3/events.htm>

It is all happening at:  
Hillcrest High School  
1900 Dauphin Rd



## ***They were great actors...young but great!***

The dream of being loved by a woman is much for a man who, for reasons obvious or not so, has never enjoyed what a woman can bring into a his life. It's a theme that has been around as long as mankind can remember and was humorously presented in the Hillcrest Drama Club's 1963 production of "Cyrano de Bergerac", for a special drama festival held at Ridgemont. Originally a five-act play written in 1897 by Edmond Rostrand, Hillcrest's demi-production featured a host of budding thespians, most of whom you may readily recognize: Murray Schartz, John MacDonald, Bob Thiessen as 'Baron Christian de Nueuvillette', Andy Graham (Stage Manager), behind the lovely 'Roxanne', aka Linda Scovill, Ray Jewers in the lead role as 'Cyrano', Bob Wilson-Smith and Dan Showalter. Not with the cast that day was Bryan Gilbert, who played 'Compte Guiche'. Four of the younger thespians seen in the photo above were Grade Nine students cajoled into playing minor roles, according to sources, but for those of us from the first years at Hillcrest the leads are more familiar to us.

Playing the role of Cyrano, which was actually based on a real person, Ray was well-cast for "all his prodigious talents" although the role that he had to play required him to be insecure—a characteristic that one would normally not associate with a guy who probably had many young female students admiring him as he "looked at many" and "sighed at but one." (Impact '64) Ray, as you may remember was featured in an article in the July edition where we looked back at his short life as he developed his career in movies and on stage. To think it all got started with his various roles with the Drama Club in the early 1960s!

Playing the lovely Roxane, Cyrano's cousin, a beautiful and intellectual heiress, was Linda Scovill, whom you might have remembered from the quiz in September's edition (Page 19, "A Trip Down Hillcrest's Memory Lane"). Roxane's character was known for her love for poetry and wit and a soft spot for romance—something that definitely would define her today.

You would have thought that Bob Thiessen would have become an actor for all the plays that he appeared in, but you can find out more about him on page 10 in the "64/65 Grads—Then and Now", as his character was known for his good looks but rather simple outlook on life.

And last but not least is Bryan Gilbert, whom we featured in the August edition. Bryan's 'Compte de Guiche' was a powerful, married nobleman in love with Roxane not fond of Cyrano and tried to have him killed....but Bryan was a real nice guy playing the part of a real bad guy—now that is acting!

# TIM CAVAGHAN'S "MYSTERY KID QUIZ"

By Timmy Cavaghan, Head Boy, 1965-66

If you can guess, please say how many clues it took.

1. The photo was taken on Glasgow Crescent, Manor Park, Ottawa, in July or August 1954. Anybody ??
2. Absolutely right - I am the much cuter kid on the left with that stupid piece of hair hanging down. Oh yeah. Sandra Hall - sorry girl you are not eligible. You broke my heart in Grade 8 and you must pay the price....and besides I told you the answer years ago. LOL
3. The other guy. His father was a British Army Major and they were posted to Ottawa c.1953, directly from Malaya. I was five then, six in the photo.
4. Got to call it like it really was - my older brother as my witness. In Malaya, a British Army Major could afford domestic servants...in Ottawa, no way. Mystery Kid and his older sister were both spoiled brats - we were told it was because they had servants in Malaya they could boss around or something and to give them time. My mother had to make me invite him to my birthday party, Sorry, Mystery Kid.
5. There are indications that he may not have changed much in the many years since but, 'it's not for me to say'. Anybody who broke into song? - You're a really old person. Don't leave home without your cane, your sunglasses, your puffers etc..
6. Mystery Kid went to Glebe but was a high school dropout. Ooh la la. Tch tch, failure looming.
7. I accidentally ran into Mystery Kid c.1973 in Fort Frances, Ontario, when he walked into my then mother-in-law's kitchen. Honest. I probably hadn't seen him since 1956. At the time his main stomping grounds were around the Winnipeg area. He was rude and unpleasant then, too, but he actually came close to apologizing for it so we will give him some room (Yes, I hear you, Mum) on account of blinding AMBITION.
8. Not too many years thereafter he became known to each and every one of you who was not living under a rock or something..
9. His hairstyle then was dramatically different than in the photo.
10. Mystery Kid had a life-changing break that occurred in an airport in Northern Manitoba....Not far from Cavaghan Lake...Yes it's true! Oh the irony of it all.. named for my Dad's first cousin who was shot down over France in WW2, the big one. (Archie Bunker)
11. Mystery Kid was once married to a CBC newslady.
12. Think Uncle Chich. I always do and I know you can too if you're a real Ottawa kid from the Fifties

E-mail me if you know. (Tim Cavaghan <tcavaghan@shaw.ca>) There's probably a large prize.



## If you missed the 1982 HHS Reunion....

Elmvale Acres

Information Courtesy of "The Ottawa Citizen", 10 July, 1962, Page 10

# Hillcrest reunion tonight

After more than a year's preparation, 1,500 past and present Hillcrest High School students, teachers and principals will get together tonight.

Roy Irons, organizer of the reunion, said: "We've sent hundreds of invitations and had ads around Ottawa for three months in order to make the reunion of those who have been part of the school these last 20 years a success."

Irons was in Hillcrest's first graduating class and now teaches a few blocks away at Canterbury High School.

Hillcrest, at 1900 Dauphin Rd. in Elmvale Acres, opened its doors to 550 students in 1961.

Twenty years later it has approximately 1,150 students, many of whom take a recently-established bilingual program.

Irons said he is expecting guests from Vancouver, the Northwest Territories, and England at the reunion.

Former Hillcrest High students Mike Murphy of the Montreal Alouettes and actor Ray Jewers are also expected to attend.

All catering and decorating for tonight's banquet has been done by the school's alumni and staff.

David Watts from CFRA, a Hillcrest graduate, will be one of the masters of ceremony and former Hillcrest student Jimmy Knox and his band, Jimmy Knox and Thee Group, will entertain at the reunion.

The banquet is at 7 p.m. at the Civic Centre; tickets at \$12.50 each are still available at Fat Albert's restaurants.

## Then don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime one...

*Still soaring after 50 years*



1961

*Hillcrest High School  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

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## ***Or didn't catch the 1986 milestone reunion...***



***Twenty-five years ago next May, Hillcrest High School held a significant reunion - a milestone in its life—and several former students from the 1961-65 years were there to enjoy meeting old friends. With her ever-present smile and wonderful laugh, Cathy Syberg (photo top left), Class of 64, enjoys the distraction of a photographer while chatting with Denys Desjardins, sitting behind her and then gets joined by Roy Irons (centre, bottom right). Also enjoying the get-together were Ralph Ashman and Mickie Cox, who met in Grade 13 and married shortly after. A lot of water has passed under the bridge, as the old saying goes and there have been many changes since 1986. But whatever has transpired since we all left Hillcrest, next May will be a time to catch up with what has happened to other old classmates, exchange stories, and update your 'old friends list' and keep that half-century friendship going for many more years to come.***





## ***Good-bye Scotland! Hello B.C.—again!***

As we enter the Fall of the year, and I enter the “Fall” of my life as I turn 65, my thoughts have been turning to what do I do next, now that I have “retired” after a 44-year career that started as a CFB Radio Metz Disk Jockey and ended as a Communications Counsel for the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland and the country’s eight police forces.

Well, I will never retire, for a number of reasons, seeing that I have followed a dream and have become a professional genealogist, specializing in the Highland Clans of Scotland’s Great Glen.

But it is time to be closer to my two grown children and three granddaughters — a sentiment shared by my 87-year-old mother, who has lived with me since Dad died two years ago, as she, too, misses her great-grandchildren and four grandchildren. And, it will be a time to re-acquaint myself with old acquaintances, renew old friendships, and deepen new ones that have developed over the course of this past year while helping track Hillcrest alumni for the 50th Anniversary!

So, I am now packing up my bags for the 46th time in my life and saying ‘Good-bye’ to the Scottish Highlands, which has to be the closest place on earth to Heaven. Undoubtedly, I will be back at some point in the future as I pursue research for future clients, a book on the genealogical history of one Highland clan, and the biggest goal of all—finishing a film script on Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Battle on Culloden Moor - which is just up the hill from where I currently live. But that goal might be put aside for a while if I return to tour the Scottish Highlands again for a few weeks next year - perhaps with an interested companion!

But I will continue to help Lynne Mundy Bowes, a former classmate in 1961-62, who helps me so much with these monthly newsletters, and as she is the secretary for the 50th Anniversary / Reunion Committee, lend help to their many tasks ahead.

We will continue to search for grads from Hillcrest’s first five years as the countdown begins to those three days in May when we hope to meet as many of you as possible, with some wonderful ‘connections’ being made even as we write.

So December’s and January’s editions may be smaller but we hope to provide as much as we can in the way of memories from former classmates and reports from Lynne on how things are progressing with an event that will be a once-in-a-lifetime happening.

See you there!

*Graham*