

## **MEDIA**

### **T.V.**

#### **Tom New – Class of 1970**

Tom is the Senior Communications Officer for Radio and TV for the CBC in Ottawa at their Queen Street facility.

#### **Leigh Chapple – Class of 1973**



Leigh began her television career at the age of 19. Born in Ottawa, Leigh attended Hillcrest and graduated in 1973. She is a graduate of Algonquin College's Journalism program, and for 15 years has taught part-time in the College's TV Broadcasting Program. Leigh began her career with CHOY-TV Pembroke. She then joined CJOH-TV, first as Max Keeping's personal assistant, soon after becoming a reporter. She has hosted Regional Contact, CTV Weekend News, and is the producer and Anchor of CTV News @ 11:30. The late evening news show has dominated the ratings. Leigh, twice was nominated for the Premier's Award, named as one of the capital's top 50 people by Ottawa Magazine, and honoured as the Consumers' Choice Award Woman of the Year.

#### **Catherine McClenahan – Class of 1977**

Graduating from Hillcrest in 1977, Catherine became the first female VJ at MUCHMUSIC. Described as the 'Pete Best' (the forgotten Beatle) of Canadian veejays, Catherine has not even been acknowledged on the alumni page posted for Much's 20th. Her fleeting stint as 'token blonde' ended with claims of dismissal for being "too WASPy". She got hitched to a star of the sitcom 'Coach', and has had a small number of film roles ranging from "Topsy Woman" to "Joey's Mom".

## **Radio**

### **Dave (50,000) Watts – Class of 1967**

A long-time Ottawa radio broadcaster, Dave began his career part time with CFRA as a producer and announcer while still at Hillcrest. Following graduation in 1967 and a two-year stint in Journalism at Algonquin, Dave went full time at CFRA in various capacities over the years including announcer, creative writer, and music coordinator. Dave left CFRA initially in 1975 to travel but wound up working at CJON radio in St. John's, NL for a number of months before returning to CFRA in 1976 as music director and assistant to the program director. Along with on-air responsibilities, Dave later handled sales and program marketing within the position of promotion director. Dave left CFRA full time in 1996 to pursue other media related opportunities but stayed on in a part-time capacity, where he remains to this day. Dave is lending his time to Hillcrest's evolving reunion initiatives with assistance to the development of a special edition Hillcrest DVD and to MC some of the planned events.

### **Ken Rockburn**

Canadian radio and television journalist and host, he is most notable for his associations with the Canadian Cable Public Affairs Channel (CPAC), the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and CHEZ-FM radio. From the late 1970s until the early 1990s Rockburn served as news director at Ottawa radio station CHEZ-FM. As news director, he won three national radio awards from ACTRA. He also hosted a two-hour program on arts and current affairs called Medium Rare, which was widely syndicated across Canada. Rockburn's book from this period, Medium Rare: Jamming With Culture was published in 1995. During 1994 to 1997, Rockburn hosted Rockburn and Company on CBC's Ottawa television station CBOT. Contemporaneously, as of 1996, on Ottawa's CBC Radio One station CBO-FM, Rockburn hosted All in a Day. Rockburn's tenure on the show continued until 2001, during which the program was consistently ranked number one in its market.

### **Brian Dobbin – Class of 1970**



Now involved in tech support, Brian is a former broadcast journalist, news director and vice-president at CKWS Radio and TV in Kingston. Brian graduated from Hillcrest in 1969 and is married to Vicki John(Hillcrest grad 1970). They have two children and one grandchild.

**Dave McGinn – Class of 1970**



Dave McGinn, a Hillcrest grad of 1970, is a journalist with The Globe and Mail. A professional journalist since 2003, Mr. McGinn has written for the Ottawa Citizen, the National Post and MacLean's, among other publications. His partner is fellow G&M journalist Siri Agrell.