

# Humberside Collegiate Alumni Association



## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

This has been one of our busiest years yet at the Alumni Association – and thanks to all of your spirit and dedication to the school, definitely our most successful!

Let me start off by saying a hearty “THANK YOU!” Working with Principal June Stavropoulos and the Friends of Humberside, we have been successful in raising enough funds to complete the first wave of seat restorations. Over the summer, there will be much work happening with the hallowed halls of the Lismar Auditorium to restore the seats to their original glory. As the work continues, we will update you on the progress of the restoration that your generous donations made possible.

On the topic of Humberside’s principal, Principal Stavropoulos announced earlier this year her intent to retire, and did so at the end of the school year. Principal Stavropoulos was a great friend to the Alumni Association, and we had many successful years working together to help preserve Humberside’s legacy. On behalf of the entire HCAA, I would like to thank her for her continuing support of our group and our efforts.

Principal Stavropoulos, however, did state she continues to wish to be involved with the school, making special note of her continued interest as we approach 2017 and the 125<sup>th</sup> “*quasquicentennial*” anniversary for Humberside. We are now only 5 years away from the date, and as we speak planning is beginning. So if any of you fellow alumni are interested in being involved, please reach out to us and we will be in touch with you.

In the meantime, the HCAA is continuing to support events a little closer on the horizon, such as reunions for the class of 2002, 1983, 1987, and many other wonderful events. Keep an eye on our website for further announcements and developments.

Choik-a-tee-hoik,  
Graeme Dymond

Chair, HCAA



## Message from the Editor

Hello everyone,

Summer is upon us and so another school year has ended! Thoughts of trips, cottages, ice cream and fun are on the tip of everyone's thoughts!

Lots has happened since the last newsletter. Sports teams excelled, music culminating with the annual Music Nights, the High Park Zoo has been saved-yeah!

Seats have been sold for the Lismer Hall. Thank you to all that have purchased a chair, it will be a spectacular site to see them finished!

We hope to focus on different sporting events and teams at Humberside, this issue a sport I happen to love, Lacrosse. Humberside fields both boys and girls teams.

Also this issue will start the history of Humberside. Last issue we focused on Lismer Hall to bring notice to the large part it has in Humberside's history and for the rejuvenation of the seats. Now we'll start with the history itself. It will be in parts, and how many parts? That will depend... Humberside is almost 125 years old. That is a lot of history to cover!

We want to make this newsletter as relevant as possible to the alumni, so any suggestions, feedback you have is appreciated. You are welcome to submit articles, photos, any funny story or memory you want to share. Please let us know.

Thank you and I hope you enjoy this edition.

Jacque... Class of 87...check out the reunion info on the next page

## Community News

### *High Park Zoo has been saved!*

With generous support from the community and sponsors, the zoo will remain open until at least mid 2013.

### *New Playground to be built!*

Arsonists burned down part of the beloved Jamie Bell Adventure playground, but with community input and with the help of Mike Holmes (HGTV personality), a new playground will be built.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/article/1181026--high-park-playground-to-be-rebuilt>

Interested in being a part of the community build day for the Jamie Bell Adventure Playground July 7? Contact Sarah Doucette ([councillor\\_doucette@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_doucette@toronto.ca)) and she will add you to the list so you can receive all information before build day.

## Alumni News and Upcoming Events

### \*\*\*Next Alumni Meeting\*\*\*

**Thurs. September 27th 7pm at "On the Level" Pub**

at 1661 Bloor St. W just east of Indian Road For directions:

<http://maps.google.ca/maps/place?q=on+the+level+bar+toronto&hl=en&cid=12998179477133052879>

### \*\*\*Alumni Association Annual General Meeting\*\*\*\*

Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at On the Level starting at 4:30pm

*All are welcome to attend*

### Grad Golf Tournaments

The two tournaments this year are Tues June 19<sup>th</sup> and Tues Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

For more information contact Don [don.coote@sympatico.ca](mailto:don.coote@sympatico.ca)

### Reunions

Class of 2002- 10 year reunion this Fall, contact Graeme [graeme.dymond@gmail.com](mailto:graeme.dymond@gmail.com)

Class of 1987- 25 year reunion. Sat. Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm at the Swan and Firkin at Runnymede and Bloor

For more info contact Jacquie [jacqr@sympatico.ca](mailto:jacqr@sympatico.ca) or facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/#%21/groups/400323096681396/>

Class of 1983- 30 year reunion in 2013. contact Claire Laporte [mikerobd8@yahoo.com](mailto:mikerobd8@yahoo.com)

## IN Memoriam



### DUNCAN GREEN

Beloved Teacher at Humberside. He started teaching there in 1950.

Died May 13, 2012 after living so richly for 85 years. Duncan was predeceased by his beloved wife and childhood sweetheart Barbara (Hague). Always to be remembered for his love and laughter by his daughters, Laurie and Nora; sons-in-law Michael and Paul and his six adoring grandchildren: Emily, Hannah, Ethan, Owen, Hayden and Livi. Born in the village of Swansea, the eldest of six (Jim, Doug, Ruth, Ann, Mary) of Duncan and Sarah. His lifelong passion for learning, literature and the arts was

ignited at University College, University of Toronto and Hart House with the University College Player's Guild.

Throughout his life, he sought out stage performances: from high school auditoriums, the back seat of a car at the Fringe Festival, to the Globe Theatre in London and the BAM Theatre in Brooklyn. Nothing brought him more pleasure than to ignite other people's passion for the stage. His life's work in public education was his other passion. From his beginnings in the classroom as an English teacher at Humberside Collegiate Institute through to his years as Director of the Toronto Board of Education and Assistant Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario, Duncan appreciated that public education is the breeding ground for cultural understanding and tolerance and the great leveller in a society that is increasingly economically polarized. "Let us not waste our time in idle discourse! Let us do something, while we have the chance! It is not every day that we are needed. But at this place, at this moment of time, all mankind is us, whether we like it or not. Let us make the most of it, before it is too late!" - Samuel Beckett, *Waiting for Godot* Duncan lived with passion and joy which he shared with his many cherished friends and family and the community through, for example, his early work with *Out of the Cold*.

## Humberside: The Beginning

Due to the limited amount of written information and photos in the beginning, a lot of the history was put together with a few bits of information. It was best summarized in the article found in “Humberside: The First Century 1892-1992” by Mel Greif. The following information was taken from that article. The hope is to expand on not only the history of Humberside but life at Humberside at different times using the archives at the school. This is just the start that will hopefully portray this and give a sense of the importance Humberside had and still does in this community.

Jacquie

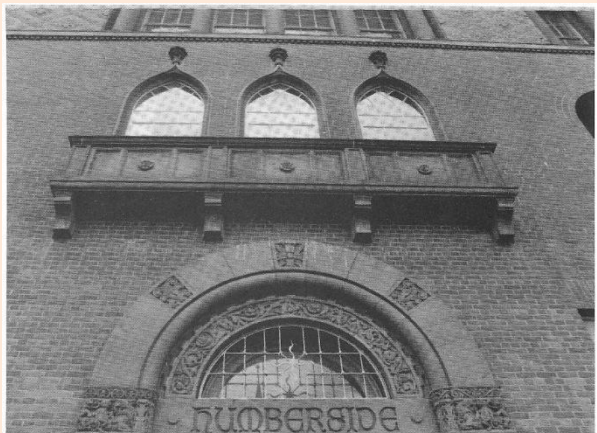
In the beginning, Humberside was originally housed in the Victoria Presbyterian Church on the southeast corner of Annette Street and Pacific Avenue. Due to population changes with the expansion of the rail system in the area, a new site was needed to house the growing community and thus in 1894 Humberside Collegiate Institute was “established on the hill overlooking a ravine at the head of Humberside Avenue”. The original building consisted of 5 classrooms, a science lab and assembly hall.

The original Humberside family



The importance of Humberside is indicated by its being featured on the postcards of the time. This photo dates to 1911 and shows the newly completed west wing.

John Ellis, a noted west end architect designed the building . “Cyclopean lintels were placed over the windows and on the third floor, arches of distinct Romanesque character marked the fenestration. A massive arch marked the main entrance. A heavily detailed glass and oak set of doors completed the entrance which was set at the top of a flight of ten steps. Dentilated and basket-woven brickwork completed the picture-postcard intricacy of the building façade. (For those involved in sports and clubs that door was the back drop for pictures.)





The most imposing aspect of the new Humberside was the tower. At its peak was a carved and copper sheathed floral motif. This was the match of the decoration on the summit of each of the other four window bays that were assembled around the perimeter of the whole building. A slate roof protected the whole. A classical Greek key design was placed just under the miniature serried arches that pretended to hold up the roof. Rounded bartizans framed the corners, giving the tower an aura of strength. A balustrade portico allowed for a look-out over High Park and even Lake Ontario on the horizon. Carved and rounded knobs of sandstone capped the corners of the tower- a true image of nobility and power. (See image in photo above from 1911)

In 1911 a west addition started as a great pile of Edwardian brick and stone. Seven classrooms, two science labs at the end and a gymnasium in the basement were added. This was to be the last of the wooden floored additions to Humberside and consequently it had the seeds of its demise laid down on its beams.

On the outside it was a continuation of the earlier architectural forms. Double hung sash windows of great height allowed for fresh air and sunlight. Peaked dormers were pierced by Romanesque attic windows. In the new wing there was no third floor usable space. A massive almost brutal chimney projected above the flattened dormer roof. Doorways on the south and north side exited the building. No doubt there were boys and girls doors to suit the sensibilities of the day. A powerfully articulated brick bookend terminated the west addition where it met Clendenan Avenue.

To be continued....



## MUSIC AT HUMBERSIDE

Here are the dates for the Music events for the 2012-2013 year.

Mark your calendars!

### *Humberside Holiday Concert*

Wednesday December 12, 2012 at 7pm in Lismer Hall

### *Humberside Junior-Intermediate Music Night*

Thursday January 31, 2013 at 7pm in Lismer Hall

### *Toronto Secondary Music Teachers' Association*

#### *Sounds of Toronto Concert*

Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7pm at Massey Hall

### *Humberside Music Nights*

Wednesday May 8, 2013 & Thursday May 9, 2013

At 7pm in Lismer Hall

"Thank you to all the Grads who supported the Music Department this past school year by attending concerts both at the school and at Massey Hall". Janet Keele



# SPORTS at HUMBERSIDE

Choik-atee-hoik Huskies Nation! Choik-atee-hoik!

Athletics and sports are a big part of Humberside and while we can't bring you news on each and everyone each issue, we will try our best. Focusing on specific sports and their impact on the school will be a large part of that. This issue it is all about Canada's Official National Summer Sport-Lacrosse.

## Lacrosse-Canada's National Summer Sport A Short History

The game of Lacrosse, or Baggataway or Tewaarathon, as known by the Native people of North America, was a large part of the spirit and life of their culture. There was a sense of honor and pride to play for your tribe.

In the mid 1800's it was introduced to the non-native townsfolk. While the Native people excelled at the game it was quickly winning the interest of the newer North Americans.

In 1859, Lacrosse was named Canada's National game by Parliament. In 1867, Dr. George Beers organized a conference whose purpose was to create a governing body for lacrosse across the country and the National Lacrosse Association was formed. The motto of the organization was:

### **Our Country-Our Game**

In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, lacrosse became a dominate sport in Canada with many teams travelling to compete. In 1901, the Governor of Canada donated a silver cup, Minto Cup, that is awarded to the highest junior amateur team and in 1910, Sir Donald Man donated a gold cup that is awarded to the highest senior amateur winning team in box lacrosse.

There are 4 main types played in Canada today. Box which is uniquely Canadian as it was formed in the 30's combining lacrosse and hockey, a game of speed and tenacity. Box then became the official sport of the Canadian Lacrosse Association. Men's field, is a test of ball control and strategy. Women's field is truest to the original sport, where ball control and passing are its art.

In 1994, Parliament once again named Lacrosse the National Summer Sport of Canada.



## Humberside Huskies – Varsity Boys Lacrosse 2012 Season Wrap Up

2012 was a very interesting year for the Varsity Boys Field Lacrosse team. Fielding a team of veteran players for the first time in HCI history, we exploded out of the gate and dominated the Neil McNeil Pre-Season Tournament @ Birchmount Park Stadium - beating East York Collegiate 8-5 in the Championship game.



Above → 2012 Neil McNeil Invitational Champions

Pre-Season High School Rankings → #3 in Ontario

Rnk	Team	Norm	Reg		Cor	Chp	WL Pct	W	L	T
		PR	In	Out						
1	<a href="#">Hill Academy</a>	98.21	95.40	0.13	0.00	0.83	5-1-0			
2	<a href="#">St Michael's College</a>	97.39	99.19	0.03	0.00	1.00	7-0-0			
3	<a href="#">Humberside</a>	97.18	97.40	0.06	0.00	1.00	3-0-0			
4	<a href="#">St Stephen's</a>	95.87	95.90	0.03	0.00	1.00	1-0-0			
5	<a href="#">East York</a>	87.65	96.38	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0-1-0			
6	<a href="#">Neil MacNeil</a>	86.78	95.39	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0-1-0			
7	<a href="#">St Andrew's College</a>	86.52	95.40	-0.06	0.00	0.50	2-2-0			
8	<a href="#">Holy Trinity-Courtice</a>	86.35	94.90	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0-1-0			
9	<a href="#">Sir Oliver Mowat</a>	84.19	92.40	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0-1-0			
10	<a href="#">Aurora</a>	82.86	85.90	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0-1-0			
11	<a href="#">Notre Dame Welland</a>	78.92	95.40	-0.08	0.00	0.33	1-2-0			
12	<a href="#">Adam Scott</a>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0-0-0			
13	<a href="#">Agincourt</a>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0-0-0			
14	<a href="#">All Saints-Ottawa</a>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0-0-0			
15	<a href="#">All Saints-Whitby</a>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0-0-0			
16	<a href="#">Assumption-Brantford</a>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0-0-0			
17	<a href="#">Beamsville</a>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0-0-0			
18	<a href="#">Bill Crothers</a>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0-0-0			
19	<a href="#">Billings-Chateauguay</a>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0-0-0			
20	<a href="#">Birchmount</a>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0-0-0			
21	<a href="#">Bracebridge</a>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0-0-0			
22	<a href="#">Cardinal Leger</a>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0-0-0			
23	<a href="#">Cardinal Newman</a>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0-0-0			
24	<a href="#">CCVS Cornwall</a>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0-0-0			

Unfortunately, the rest of the season didn't turn out quite as well. Humberside finished the TDSSAA season with a 1-3 record, but still qualified for the Tier 1 playoff date @ Lakeshore C.I. Our 1-3 regular season record meant that we were the 4<sup>th</sup> seed, and would be matching up with the #1 seed / perennial TDSSAA powerhouse, Malvern. With an OFSAA berth on the line, and 2 of our leading scorers unavailable for the playoff games, Malvern went on to dominate play and win 5-0. Dan Burghardt, our starting goaltender, made a number of quality saves to keep the game very close.

Coach C. Zaph



## Girls Field Lacrosse – A New Tradition at Humberside

Humberside C.I. is only one of five schools in the TDSB to have a Girls Field Lacrosse team. Many people, including sports enthusiasts, are unfamiliar with the sport of lacrosse, even though it is Canada's Official Summer National Sport. The sport of women's field lacrosse is much different than the men's game as seen on television. The women's game relies on a combination of stick skills, agility, endurance and team play as there is no contact allowed. The stick, or crosse, is used to score on a net, similar to field hockey or ice hockey. A well-tuned team will use running speed and quick passes to score goals. Players and fans of the game will argue that it is the "fastest sport on two feet".

The sport of field lacrosse is gaining momentum throughout the Greater Toronto Area, especially within Toronto proper. For years, lacrosse has been very popular in the Peel and Durham Regions. However, recently there has been a surge in participation within the Toronto borders, namely in Mimico and the Beaches. At Humberside, we are fortunate to have some players from these established organizations. However, the majority of our players are brand new to the sport. In fact, we consistently have over 40 girls trying out each year. Our program has produced a handful of players that have gone on to play for their respective university teams.

We have a very competitive team at Humberside this year. In fact, we went undefeated in the entire regular season beating last year's champions Birchmount Park C.I. Unfortunately, we just fell shy in the final championship game by one goal, losing to Birchmount Park 8-7. The Huskies will be ready to challenge for the TDSSAA championship once again next year.





## Report on the Boys Baseball Team 2012

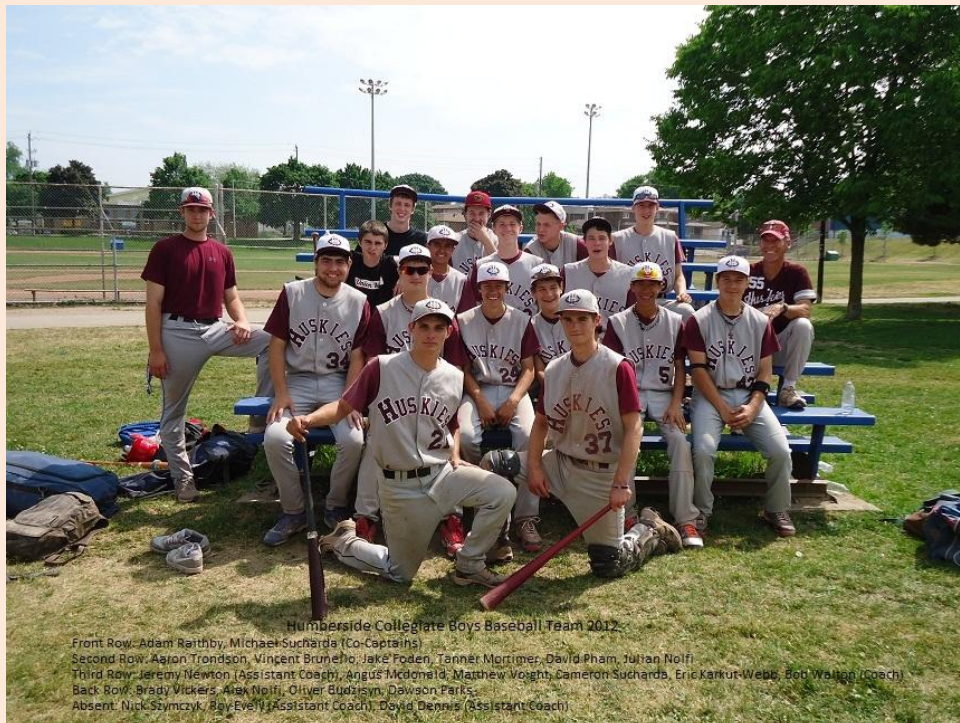
The Humberside team enjoyed another good season this year, making it to the semi-finals of the TDSB South Region Tier 1 League. Unfortunately, we lost a close game to the eventual overall TDSB champion, Northern. Over the year, our overall record, which included two tournaments was 9 wins, 8 losses and 2 ties. Although we will lose six players to graduation, it was the performance of our junior players that carried the team this year, and gives us a good feeling for success over the next 2 years.

Over the years, I have been fortunate to “coach” some fine young players at Humberside, several of whom have gone on to scholarships at American (and Canadian) post-secondary institutions. Some have even been drafted by Major League Baseball teams and of course, several have played for the Toronto Maple Leaf Intercounty baseball team. Of course I have not been alone in coaching the Humberside team, having enjoyed many years of working with such fine coaches as Dave Swerdlyk, Bob Smith and John Blair, and the help of several ex-players, who have come out to help out and give back a little bit to their alma mater.

Of course, when the boys get to Humberside, they are already fine players, and this is chiefly due to their early training and the development of their skills with the High Park Baseball Association and also the Annette Rec Baseball Association. We give them some early season spring training and competition, thus preparing them for their upcoming summer seasons.

I feel privileged to have been associated with Humberside baseball all these years and hope to continue for many years to come.

Bob Walton, Coach 1979-2012



# HUMBERSIDE COLLEGIATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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## *Final Word*

*Well, I hope you enjoyed this edition!*

*With each issue we hope to progress with more alumni involvement, whether it be in the form of written material, a photo, memory etc. The more we get the better the outcome. I urge you to support your alumni association by submitting items for the newsletter. With your support we can only grow!*

*I hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful summer!*

*The next issue will be in the fall when the school season starts again.*

*Thanks to everyone who submitted material for this edition!*

*Cheers, Jacquie*

