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# cast of falcons

OES, Inc



AlumniNews caught up with this Cast of Falcons at 4056 Blakie Road in London, Ontario, the head office and production facilities of OES, Inc. Established in 1979, the company designs and

manufactures control systems, electronic products, scoreboards and signboards for various industries.

OES also produces quality assurance products for the automotive industry and for manufacturing operations that make wire harnesses. The company serves the waste water treatment industry with the design, building and programming of custom application systems.

The talented team at OES also provides its local, national and international customers with strong after-market support, including service, product enhancements, software upgrades, custom engineering, and training. In 2005, OES was nominated as a finalist in the "Product Innovation of the Year" category of the Business Achievements Awards by the London Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to company president, Paul Hogendoorn, and general manager, Linda Russell, for employing such a great Cast of Falcons.

Front row, from left to right: **Linda Russell** (*W.I.T.T.-Women in Trades and Technology 83*); **Mark Donkers** (*Electronic Engineering Technology 01*); **Aimee Connor** (*Culinary Management 01*); **Deb Fiddick-Schieven** (*Marketing 95*); **Denise McKenty** (*Business Purchasing 99*) and **Jonathan Esguerra** (*Biomedical Engineering Technology 95/ Industrial Controls 02*). Middle row, from left to right: **Mike Cochrane** (*Woodworking 79/ Interior Design 80*); **Stephen Postma** (*Electronics Engineering Technology 03*); **Mark Prokopiou** (*Electronics Technician 90; Network Computer Support 97*); **Lawrence Green** (*Electrical Engineering Technology 91*); **Matthew Crinklaw** (*Graphic Design 01 /Multi-Media Design 02*) and **Robert Dorsey** (*Controls Engineering Technology /Electrical Engineering Technology /Electronics Engineering Technician Robotic SR Process Control 01*). Back row, left to right: **Trevor Caron** (*Mechanical Engineering Technician - Design Major 04*); **Dave Verhoeven** (*Electronic Engineering Technology 93*); **Jean-Paul Grice** (*Controls Engineering Technology 03*); **Jeff Higgins** (*Robotics and Process Control 95*); **Darren Watts** (*Controls Engineering Technology / Electrical Engineering Technology 94*); **Paul Jahans** (*Electrical Engineering Technology 87*) and **Fred Schakel** (*Electronics Technician 69*).

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## Betsi Simmons: Professional Organizer

Not much surprises Betsi Simmons. Since she started her business as a professional organizer three years ago, she's seen a few cluttered and chaotic spaces that you just couldn't possibly imagine.

"What you have to realize is that the things we own can give us joy or they can weigh us down," says **Betsi Simmons** (*Hotel and Restaurant Management 95*). "I've worked with people who have been paralyzed by all the stuff they've accumulated, surrounded by so much clutter they can't think straight. It can have negative effects on relationships, career progress and health but it's actually easier to change than you might think."

That's easy for her to say. Betsi's an expert in getting and staying organized. She has a whole arsenal of tips and techniques to help people divest of clutter and find a place for the important things in their lives. Her approach to each client is customized and depends on what they want to accomplish and how quickly they are ready to accept change.

She finds that her job is not just about arriving at a clean space in the end but about the process of getting there. "That's because so many clients call me when they are in crisis: going through a divorce, facing a career change, dealing with a sudden death, or a new baby on the way," says Betsi. "For example, I often get calls to help clear out a parent's home after death. That seems to be one of the most completely overwhelming tasks people face, but to me it's a challenge and totally do-able."

In choosing this career path, Betsi draws on all aspects of her diverse work experience. After graduation, she traveled extensively. She worked on a cruise boat for two years and she has worked in the foodservice industry, as head trainer, supervisor, and restaurant manager. On one work placement, she helped set up a North American style restaurant in England, training staff and getting the enterprise set up. As she says, "There's no room in a working kitchen for wasted space or lost utensils. Time is money in foodservice so I learned pretty quickly how to organize things for maximum efficiency."

She became interested in her current career path after returning to Canada and finding out that

her childhood room and the material things from the past no longer reflected who she had become. "I grew up while I was away from home and found that I had to reinvent myself, my life, and particularly my space when I got back," explains Betsi. Once her space was cleared of clutter and redefined, she began helping friends and family members do the same thing. She loved it and soon people were calling asking how much she charged.

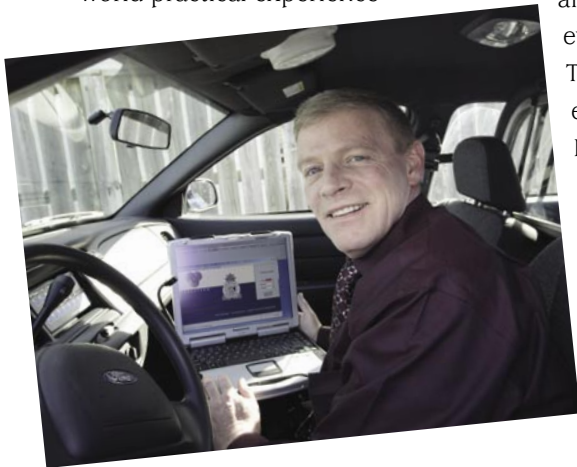
Like many entrepreneurs, Betsi has made a business by finding a niche and doing what she does best. Unlike many entrepreneurs though, her office is totally functional and her life is in balance! If you're not quite there yet, and would like some tips for tackling your clutter, visit Betsi's Web site at: [www.betsi.ca](http://www.betsi.ca).



# Innovative IT systems within law enforcement

When **Jeff Craigmile** (*Business Data Processing 79*) graduated from Fanshawe, the career field of information technology (IT) as we know it today was just a gleam in the eye of computer visionaries. Jeff had that gleam too, but had very little idea where his education would take him from his hometown of St. Mary's, Ontario.

"My first IT jobs were through the co-op program and I really give credit to Fanshawe's co-op officer, Peggy Smith, for encouraging me to take that route," says Jeff. "Having this real world practical experience



In 1996, a pilot project of London Police Services tested the possibility of in-car mobile workstations for uniformed patrol officers. It was rolled out the following year. Today, these units are standard within all LPS police cars as a highly efficient information gathering and sharing tool. Managing this project was one of Jeff Craigmile's career highlights and its success depended very much on support from all levels of the LPS. Initial input and ongoing feedback from uniformed officers continue to enhance the mobile software developed by Versaterm.

was one of the best things I ever did. I completed two work terms at Fram Canada, a manufacturer of oil and air filters in Stratford, Ontario. Fram offered me a full-time position during my second work term, so I decided not to return to Fanshawe for an optional third year of the Business Data Processing program. I worked at Fram for almost a year, got married and moved to the big city of London."

Just by chance, another door opened in 1980 when Jeff heard of a job at London Police Service (LPS). He remembers applying at the 11th hour and dropping off his resume the evening before the posting closed. The opportunity set in motion an exciting life-long career with the LPS.

"It looked like such a good opportunity with no forty-minute commute to Stratford. As it turned out, I was only the second person onboard within the newly formed IT department," explains Jeff.

"My job title was Intermediate Programmer Analyst, and I joined Eldon Amoroso who had been there about three months as Senior Programmer Analyst."

At the time, the Police were fortunate that the City of London developed and hosted a state-of-the-art records management system for them, which was not standard practice within the policing community. "Today we still have a great working relationship with Technology Services at the City of

London and their technical expertise contributes to our ongoing success," says Jeff.

What Jeff didn't know at the time was that he and Eldon would still be co-workers in 2005 and be celebrating 25-year career milestones with the LPS. He also could not have foreseen that the IT work that they would accomplish would turn out to be cutting edge within the law enforcement industry.

Over the years, Jeff has seen tremendous developments in the IT field and has taken on increasing levels of responsibility, working now under Senior Director, Eldon Amoroso. In 2000, Jeff went from Senior Programmer Analyst to Supervisor of Systems and Programming where he led a team of six people looking after the software and hardware needs of the organization. In 2004, his role extended further to include management responsibility for a number of business areas and full responsibility for Information Technology in the organization.

"We're at a place now where virtually all our police investigations in London are managed online and where the information is fully accessible by all authorized users," says Jeff. "The most crucial breakthrough was developing an effective way for uniformed officers to collect data once at the source, through mobile workstations (laptop computers) mounted in the police cars, and then working out ways

to use that information throughout the process, without having to re-key data again and again the way it used to be done.”

It seemed so simple and logical. It would save a ton of time, eliminate duplication and there would be a far less chance of clerical errors along the way. But figuring out a way to do it required a concentrated effort and support from all divisions within the LPS.

“This whole thing really took off when our IT department received support from top management for a four-phase software renewal process which started in 1992,” explains Jeff. “When we began the initiative, much of the technology we had in mind did not exist so we had to pioneer many new features. We worked hand-in-hand with our uniformed officers, administrators, and other staff, as well as being in close collaboration with our external technology partners. We took this opportunity to re-engineer all of our business processes with the goal of having our business needs control the technology rather than the technology control our business. Where did we start? With the people who were doing the job, our most valuable resources.”

Choosing the right vendors to become technology partners was a critical step and there were two companies in particular which became key partners during the process. One was Versaterm, based in Ottawa, which provides the core policing software to manage data collected through Computer Aided Dispatch, Mobile Workstations and Records Management. The other was a London, Ontario firm called eJust Systems (at that time called Praeda) that develops customized software which uses data from the records management systems and reproduces the information consistently on dozens of official forms and reports required to process individuals through the courts, including electronic disclosure to the Crown Attorney’s office.

“As a result, what we have today is an efficient system with seamless integration allowing detailed information, including mug shots, to flow directly to and from the patrol car,” says Jeff. “Our technology partners play a major role in our success and supply us with the majority of the software needs. Our team is constantly looking for software enhancements and submitting recommendations to our technology partners.”

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## eJust Systems provides the link

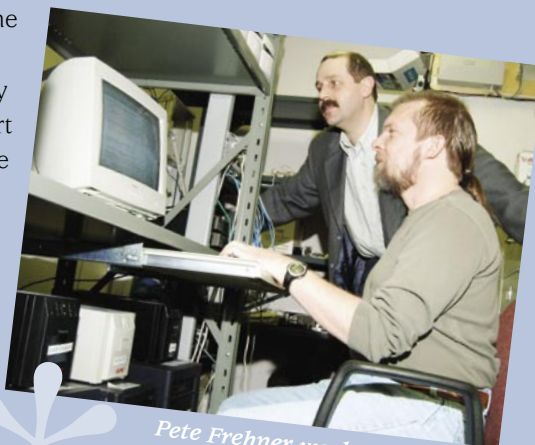
In 1992, the London Police Services (LPS) approached eJust Systems Inc. (formerly Praeda) looking for an IT product that did not yet exist. The police wanted to create a system whereby officers could enter data once in their police cars and then be able to use that information in all subsequent police reports and ultimately court documents without having to re-key the data.

At the time, eJust Systems was a management systems development house, based in London, Ontario, working with a wide range of high-profile clients who were looking for customized IT solutions. A new product was launched by eJust Systems in 1994 called inCHARGE, which was specifically developed in collaboration with the London Police Services and the Canadian Police Research Centre.

Since its introduction, the product has been continuously improved to the point where it is now fully integrated. As of October 2003, the police in London can electronically send official court documents to the justice system, based on data collected at source, without a need for paper copies.

Bringing eJust Systems on board in 1992 as one of the key technology partners in the LPS project meant that two additional Fanshawe graduates also entered the equation. **Pete Frehner** (*Computer Programmer 91*) joined the company right out of college and as Development Manager, his current role is the design, programming, enhancement and maintenance of the inCHARGE product suite. In 1984, **Terry Lee** (*Computer Programmer 85/ Music Industry Arts 77*) returned to school, switching gears from his life as a working musician. After Fanshawe, he joined eJust Systems as a custom software developer, first on contract and later full-time.

The inCHARGE product suite, which was piloted in London, has since been successfully deployed in several police forces in Ontario and eJust Systems now focuses exclusively on integrated products for the justice system. For more information, visit [www.ejustsystems.com](http://www.ejustsystems.com).



*Pete Frehner works with Terry Lee (seated) at eJust Systems, one of the main technology partners for the LPS.*

# Innovative IT systems

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“It’s a win-win situation. Our technology partners have progressive products to sell and we are the recipient of the enhancements,” continues Jeff. “This philosophy is used by all other police agencies, which have the same technology partners as LPS, so we benefit from their ideas also. I like to think of our software as a living product that is constantly evolving to meet the future needs of our organization.”

The London Police Service technology renewal project has created one of the continent’s best police computer systems resulting in high honours for the London Police Service and its IT team. In 2000, the LPS received the prestigious CIO Canada ITX Technology Excellence Award from the Conference Board of Canada. This nationwide competition garnered 41 submissions from a wide range of business fields and honoured the London-based team for creating and implementing a world-class IT business solution.

In May 2004, the team received an Excellence in Technology Award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in the category of IT innovation within a large organization. Judged in competition against entries from around the world, the LPS was selected because of how it had successfully integrated its entire technological platform.

Another exciting initiative that was included in the 2004 submission was the implementation of the Ontario Law Enforcement Information Portal (LEIP) launched in November 2003 that allowed for a full and real-time sharing of information between the Ontario police forces in London, Windsor, Ottawa and Toronto.

“Criminal activity does not recognize political or municipal boundaries so information sharing was a critical hurdle that we in law enforcement needed to overcome,” explains Jeff. “Now, front line officers have access to all operational records owned by our partners within the LEIP initiative. The RCMP is doing a proof of concept using the LEIP software this summer and there is a possibility LEIP will be the national standard for police agencies to share information across Canada.”

As a member of the team closely involved with these initiatives, Jeff knows that the work that is being done makes a difference. Not only does it improve the efficiency of the organization and enhance public safety but a recent internal survey at the LPS showed that technology was one of the top reasons people like to work there.

“The best thing about this job is the people. I enjoy coming to work every day because people appreciate what we do,” says Jeff. “It’s rewarding being able to contribute to the current and future technology needs of the organization.”

Outside of work, Jeff enjoys spending time with his two beautiful daughters, Mallory and Lauren, his wife Darci and their four-year-old son JAC (short for James Alan Craigmile). “Yes, it is Mr. JAC that keeps life really interesting for all of us right now,” says Jeff with a smile.

As for the future, Jeff cannot imagine being retired or leaving the LPS but he knows it will happen one day. “I could see maybe branching out within consulting after I eventually retire

from here,” he says. “Or maybe taking a totally different path, I’m just not sure.” One thing is for sure: he’ll take a lifetime of fond memories and superb accomplishments with him.



*There are a number of Fanshawe connections in this photo taken in March 2005 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Systems Analysis and Programming Unit of the London Police Service. In the front row (left to right): Senior Director Eldon Amoroso, Deputy Chief Brad Duncan, Police Chief Murray Faulkner, Jeff Craigmile and Annette Swalwell. In the back row (left to right) are: Brad Resvick, Andrew Bennett, Randy Van Puyenbroeck, Sergeant Gary Brown, Case Huysmans, Andy Hunter and Earl Angus.*

**Annette Swalwell** (Information Technology 88) has been with the team for 16 years. **Case Huysmans** (Business Data Processing 76) has been on staff for 12 years and **Earl Angus** (Computer Technician 05) is on temporary contract with them. Both Randy Van Puyenbroeck and Annette Swalwell are currently enrolled in IT Management certificate courses through Continuing Education (C-E) at Fanshawe and Sergeant Gary Brown, who has been temporarily assigned as Police Information and Technology Liaison, is currently enrolled in Project Management through C-E.



# fabricating a great life through continuous education

Continuing Education (C-E) courses are a great way to get more out of life, but in the case of Garvin Burt, C-E has become a way of life. He has been taking evening courses at Fanshawe each year since 1978, except for a few recent years when he took a break so that his wife, Marie, could pursue C-E studies in project management.

“I always want to know how things work,” explains Garvin, a Technical Trade Specialist with University Machine Services in London. “When I see someone using new processes or skills that I don’t have, I think to myself, I’d like to be able to do that too.”

Garvin’s life-long passion for learning and for machines began as early as Grade 9, when he started shop classes at HB Beal Secondary School in London. After graduation, he signed up for his first C-E course at Fanshawe that fall in stationary engineering. One year later, he landed a career job with Form-rite doing automotive tubing.

Over the years, Garvin studied the common courses within the Industrial Craftsperson area and then branched out into specific courses in Millwright. At Form-rite, he worked first as a Millwright and Set-up Mechanic for more than 10 years before moving on to the tool room where he built fixtures.

“I was there 22 years and it was a great place to work but I always knew that jobs can be here today and gone tomorrow,” says Garvin, who continued to study new skills each semester through C-E at Fanshawe. His foresight worked to his favour because

in 1999, Form-rite closed its operation in London and moved production to Mexico.

It was not long before Garvin landed a job as a Millwright at Cuddy Food Products in London but after almost a year of working straight nights, he was anxious to try something else.

In June 2000, he took a chance accepting a six-month contract position at University Machine Services. His gamble paid off. The contract was extended for another six months and then became permanent. He is one of 17 people on staff in the specialized machine shop located on campus at the University of Western Ontario. Garvin and the team of craftspeople there make highly sophisticated one-of-a-kind prototypes and models for clients on campus and around the world.

“We make everything from scale model bridges to miniature skyscrapers that are fitted with sensors and tested in the wind tunnel at Western,” explains Garvin. “It’s very precise work – measured in 1,000ths of an inch - but it’s very rewarding. The models we build are often based on huge, complex real-life structures

that will be constructed somewhere in the world.” He works in a job where he plays with models all day and gets paid for it – what could be better than that you might wonder?

About the only thing better, says Garvin, is that it is spring again and the C-E course guide just arrived. His wife has completed her certificate and Garvin can’t wait to get back to Fanshawe. What will it be this year? Some new high-tech offering? No, this year Garvin figures he’ll finally try something a little less taxing – golf. “I usually take courses related to job skills but since I only golf about once a year, I can only get better.” We look forward to seeing Garvin come out swinging this spring and seeing him for many more years at Fanshawe as he upholds his record as one of Fanshawe’s most loyal continuous learners.





# Grand Cayman Island: A grand place for interior design

By: **Debbie Punnewaert**

**Debbie Punnewaert** (*Interior Design 96*) is Senior Interior Designer with Woods Furniture & Design, the largest firm of its kind in the Cayman Islands. Grand Cayman Island is located directly south of Key West, Florida and east of Jamaica. While Debbie's life has turned out pretty grand, her first few years out of school certainly were not. She broke her neck and spent several years in recovery and rehabilitation. Back on her feet, she has since worked extremely hard to make a successful place for herself. If you've ever wondered about pursuing a career on a tropical island, here's a first-hand account and some advice from a woman who's been there and made the most of it.

My journey from Wallaceburg, Ontario to the Cayman Islands has taken several twists and turns, that's for sure. While studying Interior Design, I worked at various lighting and paint stores for my co-ops and then continued on at a Color Your World in Chatham after recovering from my accident.



**Debbie Punnewaert**  
(*Interior Design 96*)

There I made contacts with people who were re-decorating their homes and before I knew it, I was freelancing.

After just a few months, I accepted a position with a design center that had three stores and I kept on freelancing. After about a year, I branched out on my own as an interior design consultant in Sarnia where the population was much larger.

In Sarnia, I was given a wonderful opportunity by Lori Bambury, owner of Brushstrokes Design Center, to paint a mural (another little sideline

of mine at the time) in the Fantasy Lottery Dreamhome. Lori, who is also a Fanshawe graduate, is one of the most sought after designers in Sarnia. I was asked back for the next three years by the Dream Home committee to design the games rooms. That experience really opened doors for me (literally) and my business took off.

As for making my way to the Cayman Islands, I came here because I hate the cold! Since my accident especially, I find that cold weather causes me a lot of pain. I also saw Grand Cayman as a wonderful opportunity to work with clients from all over the world. I found out about the job while I was doing some work in Key West, Florida.

My mother saw an ad in the London Free Press and I applied. After a successful interview, the company took care of all my work documents. I had to have a physical, including an AIDS test, and I had to produce a clean police record in order to get my work permit.

While I didn't know a soul when I came here, life ended up taking a fabulous turn. Now I am not only a staff member at Woods, but also part of the Woods family. I am teaching my two-year-old son (Hayden Wood) everything about the business in case he would like to run the company some day. His father is the Managing Director, and an aunt and an uncle also work at Woods. Hayden's grandmother, who started the



company more than 40 years ago, is still very involved in the business.

My job today is Senior Interior Designer and I have clients who have as many as a dozen homes, estates and even castles all over the world. Some of my clients are famous, some are European aristocracy, and all are extremely wealthy. The sky's the limit as far as what can be spent on a home here. I don't have to deal with budgets and this allows me to express my creativity in so many ways.

As for the work of the day, I sometimes work with architects from ground up, but I have also done the basic blueprints myself and then had a technician work off them for the completion of the prints. I will often do total renovations which means all the drawings and specifications, as well as managing the complete project before furnishing and finishing the home or condo. I have worked on many government jobs and other large jobs, such as designing and furnishing a whole condo complex.

Woods has sent me to the United States for extensive kitchen design training and I am now certified in the USA by the National Kitchen Association Board.

Adjusting to the culture here takes time. While the spoken language is English, the Caymanians do have accents, some extremely heavy. There are also a lot of Jamaicans here and some I still can't understand! I also found that I had to work harder here to get things accomplished, but it is the way of the Island. The pace is just very slow. The common expression here is, "Soon come..." which basically means, don't get worked up, it will happen when it happens. My advice to anyone considering coming here is just to accept the pace of life and not fight it. It was a major adjustment for me and it probably took me about three years or more to really figure it out.

The reality of life here can be frustrating at times. For example, we have to ship in everything we need in our day-to-day lives from other countries, which puts us at the mercy of the seas. That can be difficult because things can arrive late, damaged, or not at all. On the upside, the weather is almost always great. Rainy season can be a bit of a challenge, but you get used to it after a few years.

Unfortunately, the island is often the target of hurricanes. The last major one that came through in September 2004 destroyed 90 percent of the island. Hurricane Ivan was a Category 5 with



winds up to 200 miles an hour and it left no homes untouched. Many were totally leveled. The whole island was under water at a minimum of six feet. My house filled with water, the dogs almost drowned, and we lost over 70 large tropical trees in the yard. I couldn't see my house as it was buried. We thank God that our roof stayed on but that could be because the neighbour's house landed on ours! We lost 90 percent of our merchandise at Woods and about 30 percent of the structure. Obviously, we are all still recovering months later and it will take years to fully rebuild what was lost. But then, we are in the right business for that.

As for the future, I am hoping to retire by the time I am 35 which is in three more years. I have worked 90

to 120 hours a week since I have been here. Not that it is required but I am a workaholic. After working for the largest design firm in one of the top five richest countries in the world, I don't think I could work for anyone else. If retirement isn't right, then I'd like to at least cut back to two or three days a week and maybe to five hours a day.

When I think of advice for new grads, I would suggest you not have any preconceived ideas about what being a designer is all about. I honestly believe it is different at every job whether you are at a small business or a large firm, plus your career direction and opportunities will really vary depending on the country you are in.

The best thing to do is to make the best out of every opportunity and really take time to learn more about people. I studied psychology before attending Fanshawe and that has helped me more than I can say. I have found that design is not only about making things look nice, but about understanding the person whose home you working

on. A good designer needs to listen to the client, hear what they are not saying, see how they move, dress, and so on to know what they want. Clients themselves may think they don't know but they are usually just not able to vocalize what they want. It is my job to help them express who they are in their surroundings.

In summary, I would say, follow your heart and don't be afraid to take some risks. It will take hard work but my experience is that it pays off in the end. My life has turned out to be so much more than I could have ever dreamed possible and I wish that you will all find your creative outlet and your little piece of heaven on earth.





## *E-ducation without Borders*

It was an honour that Dr. Howard Rundle, President of Fanshawe College, was pleased to accept. He was chosen as a Distinguished Speaker at the International Student Conference held in the city of Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates from February 19-21, 2005. The sponsor of the conference was the Higher Colleges of Technology for the UAE, a system of education that was established 15 years ago and modeled closely on the Ontario Community College system.

The theme of the conference was *E-ducation without Borders* and it welcomed 700 student delegates from all over the world representing more than 80 countries. Each student had to submit an essay on their understanding of e-learning to be approved by the UAE sponsor. There were no conference fees or accommodation costs for the students which made it a tremendous opportunity.

Fanshawe College used an essay competition to choose its own Student E-Learning Ambassador for Fanshawe College who would have his or her airfare to the conference paid. The winner was Jennifer Meyskens, a student in the Corporate Training and Development program. A second Fanshawe student, Ryan Crowle, who is studying business at Fanshawe, chose to pay his own airfare in order to take advantage of this great international learning opportunity.

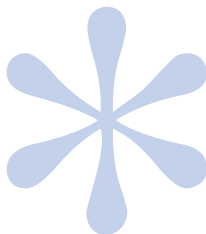
Both Jennifer and Ryan agree that the experience was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and they are thankful that Fanshawe made it possible. "It was tremendously exciting to prepare for and attend such a high profile event. Not only was I travelling to the other side of the world, but I was also meeting people from every inch of it," says Jennifer. "I suddenly have contacts in Malaysia and India and Latvia that I would have never made otherwise, and the best part is that we all share the same interest in education." Since her return from the conference, Jennifer says the experience has opened many doors, giving her a great conversation starter when meeting potential employers and contacts within the industry.

Ryan agrees that the experience has changed his life and his view of the world too. "I had never traveled overseas and just the experience of the flight and the jet lag and being in what seemed like a whole new world was unbelievable," he says. "The culture was very different but certainly everyone was very friendly towards us as Canadians. The conference itself was held in a spectacular venue and the speakers presented a wide range of views on e-learning. It was very interesting to see the bigger picture, particularly how e-learning is impacting and improving the lives of people in poorer countries."

Ryan is very familiar with e-learning since all of the courses he took in his second year of business studies at Fanshawe were through e-learning. This gave him flexibility to work during the day and pursue entrepreneurial interests that he developed in his first year at Fanshawe. He plans to complete his studies in December 2005 and he is currently considering franchise opportunities in the foodservice industry.

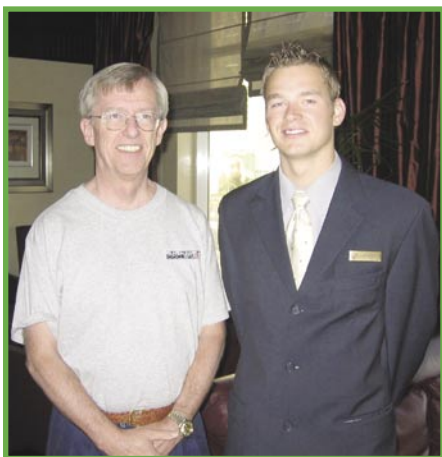
While the actual glitter and excitement of the week-long UAE visit with its three-day whirlwind conference is fading a bit, both Ryan and Jennifer agree they will never forget the experience and they are grateful to have been chosen to attend. "I just can't thank Fanshawe enough for the opportunity," says Jennifer. "I never would have been able to attend otherwise."

The venue for the *E-ducation without Borders* student conference was the luxurious Emirates Palace Hotel in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). This was the Fanshawe contingent, from left to right: Jennifer Meyskens, Dr. Howard Rundle and Ryan Crowle.



## Taking time to connect in Dubai, UAE

While Dr. Rundle was in the UAE to speak at an e-learning conference in February, he made a point of stopping by to see Concierge graduate Samson Barber during a day of sightseeing before the conference began. Due to the oppressive heat, Dr. Rundle was dressed in casual tourist attire, but cool and calm Sam didn't miss a beat. When asked about the visit, Sam insists the college president looked positively "stellar" that day standing in the Cigar Bar!



It was a hot and hazy day in the city of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates; so hot in fact that **Samson Barber** (*Concierge 04*) might well be excused for thinking he was seeing a mirage when the President of Fanshawe College greeted him in person at the Cigar Bar at the Fairmont Dubai.

This was in February and Sam had been in his new job for six months at the Fairmont, far from friends and family back in Ontario. While Sam had become quite accustomed to the new faces in his life, including his fellow employees and the regular guests of the Fairmont, there is nothing like a friendly face from home and Sam was thrilled to see Dr. Rundle again.

Sam studied for three years at Fanshawe, first earning his diploma in Food and Beverage and then returning for the one year post-graduate certificate program in Concierge – Guest Relations Specialist. He did several co-op placements with the Fairmont organization in Banff Springs, so he was familiar with them and them with him. After his Concierge training, he applied to work at the Fairmont Dubai because it is a world-class property with a unique surrounding.

After a successful interview in Toronto, Sam made plans to move to Dubai and he arrived there in August 2004. His current position is Supervisor of the Exchange Floor, which includes the Exchange Grill, Cigar Bar and

Lounge and he is excited about a new wine bar opening in September 2005. Dr. Rundle was impressed. "As Sam toured me through the immaculate and well-run facility, it was clear to me that he was putting his Fanshawe education to good use," says Dr. Rundle.

A major part of Sam's job is to ensure that the restaurant maintains a first class and positive visual impact, including ambiance, cleanliness, orderliness, and décor. "So really all the training from the Concierge program has helped me to achieve these things and we've been able to reach customer appreciation ratings that are better than they've ever been at this location," says Sam. "I am so thankful to all the leaders, classmates and mentors that I had to help me along this wonderful journey."

The Fairmont Dubai has the reputation of being one of the top three restaurants in Dubai, which Sam finds very rewarding. In addition, the extensive Fairmont organization offers tremendous opportunities, with the planned addition of three new properties in the Middle East alone, not to mention all the other hotels that will be expanding as well. "This is certainly the place to be for hospitality," says Sam who invites any other traveling Fanshawe alumni to stop by and say hello if they're ever in Dubai.



## *Spriet Family donates \$250,000 to Fanshawe College*

Well-known Londoners Andy and Helen Spriet have made a generous \$250,000 gift to support the Fanshawe College Campaign. The Spriets' gift will be used to help build the new

Centre for Construction Trades and Technology. In their honour, the College has named its greenhouse the Spriet Family Greenhouse.

"We are elated that the Spriets would make such a generous donation," said Fanshawe President Dr. Howard Rundle. "This gift makes a strong statement about the important role of Fanshawe College in the communities it serves." The College has already raised more than \$5 million toward the campaign's \$15 million goal and a dedicated team of business and community leaders will continue their work until the goal is met.

The theme of the Fanshawe College campaign is: "Investment, Innovation, Impact...In our Community."

During the last decade, enrolment at the College has increased by 35 percent and the College has expanded and added many programs including two applied degree programs. With the help of previous Ontario SuperBuild funding, Fanshawe College is investing in infrastructure growth that includes the new Centre for Construction Trades and Technology, significant improvement and expansion of lab and program space for health care programs, and the creation of 1,300 new student spaces.

"Andy and Helen are business

leaders, key donors on many projects in London and they are genuinely kind and humble people," said Bob Siskind, President of Decade Corporation and Chair of Fanshawe's Capital Campaign. "Not only have they made this monetary gift to Fanshawe College, but Andy has agreed to play a key role as a member of our campaign team."

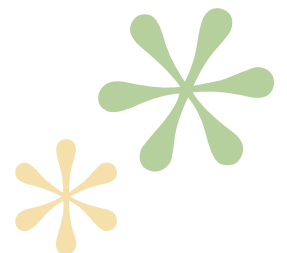
A civil engineer by training, Andy Spriet founded Spriet and Associates in 1961 and still leads that consulting firm. He also has played a key role in a long list of other businesses including Norlon Builders. Helen is owner of Yorkville Interiors. Both Andy and Helen give generously of their time and hold leadership roles on a number of boards.

Andy Spriet said businesses are beginning to understand how important Fanshawe College is to the community.

"Helen and I are delighted to support a campaign that will not only help Fanshawe grow, but that will also help bring to the attention of the community the critical role the College and its graduates play in the London region," said Andy.



Visiting the new Spriet Family Greenhouse are (from left to right): Andy and Helen Spriet, Howard Rundle and Bob Siskind.



# Mentor program seeks to expand

**C**ollege students in their final year have a lot on their minds: *Where will I start my career? What direction should I go? Who can I ask for help to get my name out there? Will these exams ever end?*

A new program piloted at Fanshawe College this year was tested to see if it could help students with these kinds of questions and the program has been very successful. The Fanshawe Alumni Association's Mentoring Program was set up to help students chart their future career plans by matching successful Fanshawe alumni one-on-one with a Fanshawe student in his or her graduating year.

Led by Alumni President David Wyatt, the Alumni Association championed the cause and made the mentoring program one of its key initiatives for the 2004-2005 year. "I've seen mentor programs practiced in other organizations and I liked the idea," explains David. "I wanted our students to benefit from a program like this to help them get started in their professional lives."

An initial group of mentors and high-achieving students (B-average or better) were chosen and matched in Fall 2004 to see how the program would work. The relationships have developed very well for the most part and the Association is looking to expand. Mentors are asked to provide current information, practical advice, encouragement and support to the student with whom they are matched. Students will be selected based on solid academic progress and a recommendation from their division. Further details are in the fact box to the right along with contact details.

If you look back on your life, you can likely name several people who really helped you along in your

profession. Now is your turn to give back. Call us today to sign up for the fall.

**David Wyatt** (*Motive Power Technician-Diesel 80/ Motor Vehicle Mechanic 81*), CEO, Middlesex Appliance Limited and President, Fanshawe College Alumni Association



"When I graduated, it was during a recession and it was difficult to get a job. I had a great mentor at the time and he helped me to

keep my spirits up and stay focused. I knew the time would come to give back and help someone myself. It has been great touching base with Steve Kuz on a regular basis. I've been able to give him specific answers, advice and contacts to help him get his name out there. Over the months, I've certainly found there is something in the mentoring program for both of us – we've both learned from each other's experiences in life."

**Steve Kuz**  
(*Business Marketing 05*)



"I was referred by professor Mary Pierce for the Mentoring Program and I was matched with David Wyatt in October 2004. We've talked not only about the marketing program but also about life and it turns out we have all kinds of things in common, including an interest in philosophy and an entrepreneurial spirit. One of the best benefits to me is that I've had

the chance to get to know someone who has achieved success in both business and in life and those are my goals too. David has helped me network in the London market and has given me advice about starting my own business as a marketing consultant. With my company, Direct FX Marketing, I am already working on some client projects and I feel confident about my future."

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# Your Fanshawe Alumni Association

The Fanshawe College Alumni Association has been active since 1987, providing a link between Fanshawe College and its graduates. There are more than 90,000 Fanshawe alumni who live and work across Canada and around the world. All Fanshawe graduates automatically become members of the Alumni Association.

The Association helps you stay in touch with the college and provides opportunities for networking and volunteer activities. Alumni who are leaders in their fields provide the college with feedback on the current curriculum as it relates to the work place and they advocate on behalf of the College. Fanshawe alumni also provide jobs, work placements,

internships and mentoring to Fanshawe College students.

Through the Alumni Office, the Association provides Fanshawe alumni with various services and social events including the Alumni News Magazine, the Alumni PERKS program, Homecoming and class reunions.

We are always interested in exchanging ideas, creating opportunities for networking among our graduates, and providing information about our latest educational offerings. We encourage you to keep in touch with the Association. If you've moved or have news to share with fellow alumni, please let us know.

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When sending us news you'd like published, submit that info as a "Class Note".

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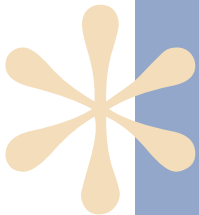
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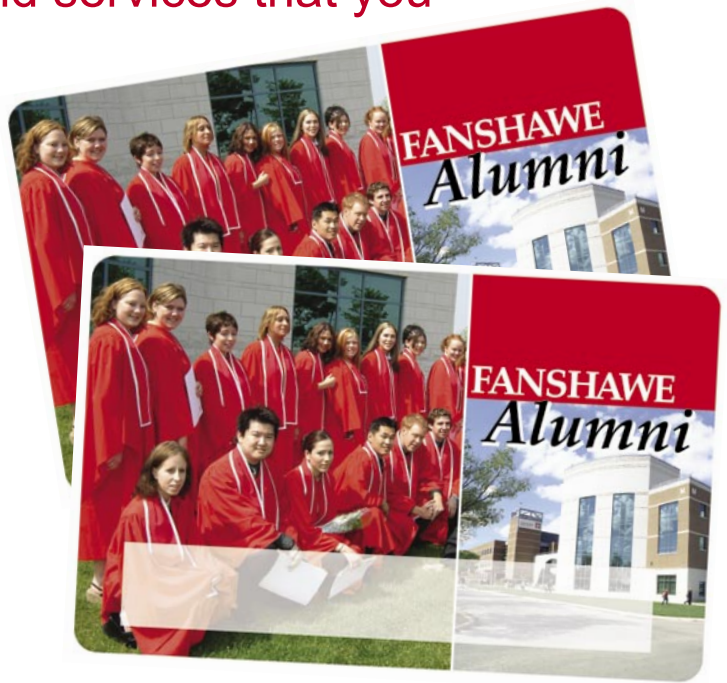
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As part of the company's 10th anniversary celebration, Start Communications is offering Fanshawe Alumni and their families a special PERK this spring: a \$50 credit applied to any new account sign-up. To find out more information, call 519.434.5888 (Toll-free 1.866.434.5888) or visit [www.start.ca](http://www.start.ca).



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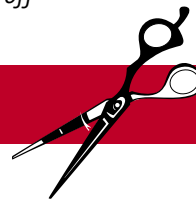
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# Turning your diploma INTO A DEGREE



For alumni who wish to go on to university studies, there are more opportunities than ever to do so. Over the years, Fanshawe College has negotiated more than 100 articulation agreements with leading universities across Canada. These institutions have agreed to recognize certain diploma programs and courses so that past graduates of Fanshawe can gain advanced standing and/or university credit towards Bachelor degree studies.

**Brianne Czypyha** (*Environmental Technology 03*) took

advantage of one of these opportunities and gave her long-term career plans a boost. “After earning my diploma at Fanshawe,

I applied to take my degree at Royal Roads University

in Victoria, BC,” explains

Brianne. “It was a great experience and Fanshawe prepared me well for the challenge. Royal Roads University granted me full credit for my Fanshawe courses, so I only had to study an additional 12 months to earn my Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science.”

So in just four years of concentrated study (three at Fanshawe and one at Royal Roads), Brianne earned both a diploma and a degree, and gained industry experience during three paid co-op work terms. She had also gained an additional eight months of contract work with Agriculture Canada

between the time she left Fanshawe and started at Royal Roads University.

“I found that the lab skills I gained from Fanshawe translated well and gave me an edge during my studies at Royal Roads,” says Brianne. “It was a pretty intensive year-long university program but well worth it because I now have a degree that I know will open more doors for me as my career progresses.”

Upon graduation from Royal Roads in August 2004, Brianne accepted a one-year contract position with the university as an Environmental Coordinator Intern. She assists with programs that increase the sustainability of the Royal Roads University campus and her role includes quite a bit of communications and community relations. So far, the team she works with has been able to divert 70 percent of campus waste and she has been involved in presentations to students, a Blue Bike Program, energy retrofits and greenhouse gas initiatives.

“It’s a challenging job and it’s great living out here in Victoria for now,” says Brianne who admits she isn’t sure where her work will take her next. “Environmental matters impact on virtually all aspects of our lives so this career field has tremendous potential for growth and development.” With both her diploma and degree in hand, Brianne is well prepared for the next step, whatever that may be.

## How to find out more

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## *Ministry announces new apprenticeship training opportunities at Fanshawe*

*Fanshawe College is one of the largest apprenticeship trainers in Southwestern Ontario, with training available in 18 trades. New learning options just approved by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) have added a great deal of flexibility for students who want to pursue apprenticeship training. Currently Fanshawe conducts approximately eight percent of all apprenticeship training in Ontario.*

Prospective Fanshawe students, apprentices and employers in the region will benefit from new apprenticeship-related training and improved learning resources, following a major announcement in April 2005 by the Ontario government. Fanshawe was awarded the largest number of pre-apprenticeship programs of any college in Ontario. In total, thirty-two projects were funded across the province.

Fanshawe already conducts approximately eight percent of all apprenticeship training in Ontario and is looking forward to welcoming more students in the newly approved learning streams. As a result of new funding announced, Fanshawe College will offer three new pre-apprenticeship training programs and three two-year post-secondary programs in 2005.

### **How apprenticeships work**

As a career path, apprenticeship training may be the road less traveled but its appeal is growing. Students today can face crippling debt after a four-year university program and still have difficulty getting a job that pays enough to live comfortably and make loan payments.

Apprenticeship takes a different approach. It is hands-on training for people who enjoy learning through doing. The training you take prepares you for well-paying jobs that demand a high level of skills, judgment and creativity. As an apprentice, you are paid while gaining work experience and

your wages increase with your level of skill. Many different career paths exist in four main sectors: motive power, construction, industrial/manufacturing and service.

About 90 percent of apprenticeship training is provided in the workplace by employers or sponsors. The remainder involves classroom instruction on theory, which is usually given at approved training institutions such as Fanshawe. To become an apprentice, you usually have to find an employer first who is willing to train you. However, in light of the current skills shortage, the government is approving new ways to help people get a foot in the door to apprenticeship training without necessarily having an employer first.

### **Free pre-apprenticeship programs**

Through new Ministry funding, Fanshawe will offer a total of three free pre-apprenticeship training programs in Automotive Service Technician, Truck & Coach Technician and General Carpenter in 2005/06. The Automotive and Truck & Coach programs begin July 4, 2005 at the London Campus and the General Carpenter program starts in September at the Oxford County Campus in Woodstock.

These programs include the Level 1 apprenticeship curriculum for the trade, academic upgrading, and job search skills, plus a mandatory eight-week work placement with area employers. The programs are free to qualified students and include tuition, textbooks and basic safety gear.

“Under traditional apprenticeship programs, the problem can sometimes





be that you can't start training without being linked to an employer, and you can't secure employment because you have no skills or training," explains Rod Cameron, head of apprenticeship at Fanshawe College. "With these free apprenticeship programs, you can start in the trade without an employer and without a large financial outlay. Your eight-week work placement is a way to get a foot in the door and on the job experience. The rest is up to you."

### Two new co-op diploma apprenticeship programs

In April, Fanshawe was also funded to deliver a new type of post-secondary program that combines traditional post-secondary courses with apprenticeship curriculum and co-op work placements. "This new style of learning allows students the best of all worlds," says Rod. "They can earn their two-year diploma in these fields, gain paid co-op work experience, and complete all the necessary education they need for an apprenticeship."

The current two-year diploma programs will continue to be two years in duration. Interested students should inquire specifically about the Automotive Service Technician Co-Op Diploma Apprenticeship Program; the Truck & Coach Co-Op Diploma Apprenticeship Program; or the Culinary Management/Cook Co-Op Diploma Apprenticeship Program.

Between academic semesters, students in these new programs will work in a co-op format as signed apprentices. Graduates receive their post-secondary diplomas and credit for completion of all required in-school apprenticeship training. When they have acquired sufficient work experience, they are eligible to write the Certificate of Qualification examination in their respective trades. Students will pay post-secondary tuition and a \$40 apprenticeship registration fee to the Ministry for these programs.

Watch for public information sessions on these new programs to be announced later this year with planned start dates at the London Campus for September 2005.



## Apprenticeship leads to a high-tech creative career

Dave DeGroot started working at Parmerit under a co-op placement while still in high school. The part-time work involved sweeping up, painting and other basic jobs, but Dave saw a great opportunity. The company agreed to train him as an apprentice and he joined Parmerit full-time directly after graduation.

"Tool and die is a career that is really in demand and I knew that once I got my ticket (certified as a journeyman)



Tool and die maker, Dave DeGroot, often works on a new CCM (Coordinate Measuring Machine). Here he is inspecting, calibrating and certifying a type of fixture he helped create in the Parmerit shop called a Check Gauge for the auto industry.

I'd never be without a job," says Dave, who wrote and passed his certification exams in 2002.

Many apprentices in this field take one weekly class each semester through Continuing Education at an Ontario college and they can complete the in-school portion in about four years. Dave chose to take two or three classes a week and was able to finish at Fanshawe in only three years.

"You might think industrial jobs are monotonous where you just stand in one spot and do the same thing on the line everyday," says Dave. "But the work at Parmerit is not like that. We work on designing, building and testing very specific high-tech industrial equipment that is custom ordered. Each day is different and we're always learning new skills and applying creativity to work out the best solutions."

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Parmerit Inc. in Strathroy, Ontario provides innovative equipment solutions and employs a number of tool and die apprentices who study through Continuing Education at Fanshawe. Above are five current apprentices, with journeyman, Dave DeGroot. From left to right are: Ryan Coward, Chris McLinchey, Joe Heynesbergen, Jason MacKenzie, Dave and Greg Kustermans.

While meeting the exacting standards of the auto industry can be stressful at times, tool and die makers are very well paid. "Once you become a certified journeyman, and you're good at what you do, you can make \$26 to \$28 an hour or more, plus you can work 40 to 60 hours a week if you choose to," says Ed Veeke, President of Parmerit. "Yes, the pay is good, that's for sure," says Dave, who at 25-years-old has been able to invest in his own home, drive a nice car and he has no school loans to pay back. "I like the work environment too and it's a great bunch of guys here. We get to see projects through from design, fabrication, testing and shipping, plus solve all the problems along the way."

## Applications welcomed for these Fanshawe College Awards:

# do you qualify?

### Alumni Association Continuing Education Award

Alumni who have returned to Fanshawe to earn an additional diploma or certificate through Continuing Education are eligible to apply for the Fanshawe College Continuing Education Award. Selection of a recipient is based on the obstacles or hardships the alumni member has overcome to attain this additional diploma or certificate and the benefit resulting from this achievement. Graduates of a Continuing Education diploma or certificate program within the previous calendar year are eligible to apply.

### The Newbery Community Enrichment Award

This award is presented to a Fanshawe College graduate of a diploma or certificate program of study from the James N. Allan Campus in Simcoe, Ontario. The award is given in recognition of the graduate's contribution to their community. The Newbery Community Enrichment Award is presented at the James N. Allan Campus graduation ceremony each November.

### The Jean Fraser Campbell Nursing Award

Two awards are made each year and are presented to two Fanshawe College Nursing program graduates who have demonstrated academic excellence in the Nursing program and who, in the award year, are continuing forward with further full-time post-secondary study to acquire a Bachelor of Science degree. The value of each award (\$2,500) will be applied directly to the recipient's Bachelor of Nursing tuition fees.

All applications for the above awards must be received by the Awards and Scholarships Office, Room 3011, Fanshawe College, P.O. Box 7005, London, Ontario N5Y 5R6 by June 30 of each year. For further information on these awards, please contact Awards and Scholarships at 519.452.4466.

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- Canadian Association for Production and Inventory Control
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# Awards & Achievements

## *F*ashion Merchandising program honours graduates

The Fashion Merchandising program held its end of the year portfolio and trade show night in April with students, parents, faculty and potential employers on hand for the celebration. **Melissa Chambers** (*Fashion Merchandising 05*), of Waterford, Ontario, was one of the students honoured for achievement within her final year. She received the Distinguished Student Award from Le Chateau for excellence in all subjects. This award also included \$250 cash and \$250 in LeChateau gift certificates. Melissa has retail work experience already, and like many of her fellow graduates, she is currently interviewing for full-time work in the field.

The beautiful custom-made award was presented by **Cara Vogl** (*Fashion Merchandising 92*) who is Director of

Public Relations and Advertising with Le Chateau. Cara lives in Montreal but enjoys visiting Fanshawe a few times a year when she can. While in London in April, she addressed the 2005 fashion merchandising students, sharing her career experience in the fashion industry. Cara commented that the quality of the portfolio displays was high and she enjoyed the chance to meet the students at the evening event.



## *I*nnovation in Awareness Award goes to YOU

In 2004, Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) in London, Ontario developed a new marketing initiative called the *YOU Made It Sales Campaign*. YOU is a non-profit, charitable agency focused on helping youth and supporting them in achieving success in their employment goals.

The sales campaign involved selling customized gift baskets created by YOU clients for corporations to buy and give out as holiday presents to staff or business associates. Baskets were also sold at a kiosk in the Covent Garden Market. In just three months, YOU recorded sales of more than \$8,500 making it a highly successful campaign in raising both money and awareness about YOU. So much so that the campaign was nominated for the 2005 London Community Innovation Awards presented by Pillar - Voluntary Sector Network.

**Sue McKittrick** (*Broadcast Journalism 89*) is Partnership

Development Manager with YOU and she was involved with the

campaign from the beginning. In April 2005, she was thrilled to accept the Innovation in Awareness Award from Pillar for the campaign, on behalf of the team at YOU who helped make it such a success.

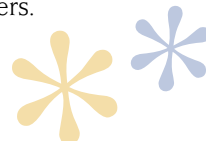
In the photo above at centre, Sue McKittrick of YOU accepts honours from Willy Van Klooster, Chair of the Board of Directors for Pillar (left) and Beth De Long, Executive Director of Pillar (right). Photo courtesy of The Londoner. Photographer Sean Meyer.



## *OCAA* Hall of Fame Inductees



Former Fanshawe Falcons **Teresa Carriere** (*Physical Fitness Instructor 86*) and **Emilio Rocca** (*Business-Marketing 86*) were among 20 athletes inducted into the OCAA Hall of Fame in May 2005. Both Teresa and Emilio are accomplished basketball players whose talents earned them numerous honours during their college careers.





You may have gone to points north, south, east and west but we and your classmates still want to hear from you!

Send a message to someone or send us info on yourself. All news qualifies—marriages, moves, new jobs, career changes, pictures, kids - anything you think will be interesting. You can use phone, fax, or email—whatever suits your fancy. Just get us the scoop quick.

See our contact info on page 14.

Interested in reaching someone in Class Notes? Please send your letter or email care of the Alumni Office and we will forward it for you.

**Dave Gibson** (*Radio Broadcasting 89*) has moved from Spirit 91.7/GIANT-FM to Standard Radio Inc. in the role of Account Executive selling advertising for CHTZ-FM and NEWSTALK 610 CKTB in St. Catharines, Ontario. Dave, his wife, Michelle, and son, Connor, live in Welland. Former classmates are invited to get in touch with Dave by emailing him at [dgibson@sri.ca](mailto:dgibson@sri.ca).

**Glen Wilcox** (*Broadcasting – Television 84*) writes, “As much as I enjoyed my time at Fanshawe and gained some valuable insights into who I am, I gravitated back to the aviation industry shortly after graduating. I am married with two boys, residing just north of London, and currently working as a Captain with Air Canada JAZZ. It has been amazing to watch all of the expansion going on at Fanshawe. All the best in the future, Fanshawe.”

**Dianna (Leudke) Kiss** (*Radiography 83*) writes, “Hi all. I’m married with two children, Courtney, 16 and Jordan, 14. Both are enjoying high school. I am still working with the Quinte Healthcare Corporation, currently at the Picton site performing both x-ray and ultrasound examinations. I’m looking for Gail Hunnink. We trained together at St. Joseph’s in Chatham. I haven’t seen or heard from her since I got married almost 20 years ago and I would like to drop her a line. Last I heard she was somewhere in Ottawa. Gail, if you’re out there or if anyone knows where she is, please drop me a line: [dkiss@qhc.on.ca](mailto:dkiss@qhc.on.ca)”

**Kimberley (Barker) Cooke** (*Mental Retardation Counselor 83*) writes, “... still working for the Thames Valley District School Board as support staff at Glen Cairn P.S. and loving it. Married

still to Dwaine; one son, Dylan, who’s now 10. Kinda ironic actually, as I came to London and moved to Northridge when I was 10 and my son now attends Northridge and will attend Lucas S.S. just as I did. Wonder if he’ll be a Fanshawe alumnus himself someday.”

**Jennifer (Fugard) Reid** (*Fashion Design 00*) married Michael Reid, on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002, a Western university graduate in Actuarial Science. Jennifer has been working in the fashion/apparel industry since graduation and has recently moved to Toronto, starting her own business in fashion design.

**Catherine (Fellner) Brown** (*Resources Management 03*) opened her own company, “Staged to Move” on May 1, 2005 – assisting home sellers to prepare a home for sale so that it appeals to more potential buyers, sells faster and for more money in any

market! Please see [www.stagedtomove.ca](http://www.stagedtomove.ca) for more information.

**Bill Melymuka** (*Music Industry Arts 89*) has been married to Jennifer since 1995. They have recently built a home in St. Catharines where they live with two beautiful daughters, Natasha (4) and Rebecca (19 months).

**Keith Harasyn** (*Assurance Certificate Program 03*) and wife Jennifer are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Their three boys occupy much of their time: Jacob (6), Thomas (4) and Benjamin (2).

**Michael Stoparczyk** (*Broadcasting – Radio 96*) returned home to London after eight years at CJCS-AM / CHGK-FM in Stratford, right back to where his radio career began. Michael is now employed by Fanshawe College as a Programming Assistant / Technician in the Broadcasting Program. As well, he and his



girlfriend (Fanshawe photography graduate **Jeanette Dowler**) have opened their own business called Studio 19: Photography and Digital Imaging.

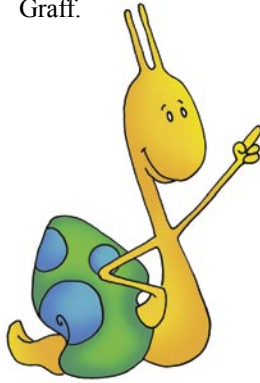
**John Sullivan** (*Urban Affairs and Real Estate 87*) recently entered the teaching profession and is teaching Grade 7 for the Northeastern Catholic District School Board in Timmins. Along with teaching and spending time with his family, John is coaching basketball and cross-country running, and loving every minute of it.

**Cheryl Plumb** (*Recreation Leadership 94*) recently moved to Belle River and became a partner in a new firm, Pinnacle Wealth Management. Former classmates may get in touch with Cheryl at [ncplumb@golden.net](mailto:ncplumb@golden.net).

**Dan Olderidge** (*Electronics Engineering Technician 75*) joined the London Fire Services in March 2004 as Deputy Fire Chief after 16 years of fire service experience with the Cambridge Fire Department. Dan holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Queen's University.

**Randy Phelps** (*Motive Power Technology 01*) writes to say, "I am getting married on

August 6<sup>th</sup> to my lovely fiancée, Sarah De Graff.



**Timothy Anderson** (*MIA 96*) is releasing his first children's book and music CD, *Funtimes the Snail Climbs Large, Large Mountain*, a spirited uphill adventure about a snail and his many friends. Songs and music by Timothy Anderson and Rob Anderson, illustrations by Debby Gonzalez. Check out the story and music at [www.funtimesthesnail.com](http://www.funtimesthesnail.com)

**Colleen (Ellis) Fell** (*Mental Retardation Counsellor 79*) is currently with the Bluewater District School Board. Colleen says, "It was so great to hear from Richard Poore in Alumni News (fall 2004). I did not make it to the 25<sup>th</sup>

(reunion) ceremonies at Fanshawe but hope to connect with a few more graduates. Kate (Struthers) Simpson, Jan Ropp and I try to keep in touch every year. Sounds like you are doing very well Richard! I have a son in his third year at Guelph University and a daughter hoping to get into Sheridan College in the fall. Roger and I are still married and would love to hear from you again at [fell@log.on.ca](mailto:fell@log.on.ca) or fax 519-881-2412."

The family of **Patti Rundle** share the sad news her passing in February 2005. Patti (P.J.), a graduate of the Secretarial Arts, class of 78, was attending Fanshawe at the James N. Allan Campus, Simcoe, Ontario. Patti was enthusiastic about life and a great animal lover. She was also a great event organizer. Many family birthdays and Christmas celebrations were made all the more special by her creative touch. Patti will be deeply missed by her family and her many friends.

Early in January this year, the ECE students surprised **Katie Stortz** (*ECE 2003*) and **Abe Geisbrecht** (*ECE 2003*) with a presentation of a very large collection of toys, books, and teaching supplies as well as a monetary donation. The class held numerous fundraising activities last fall to support Abe and Katie's efforts in helping the Neohumanist Primary school in Ejura, Ghana. In 2004, the couple completed a six-week assignment at the school where they made a significant, positive impact on the school environment.



**Susan Wodlinger** (*Marketing 82*) is proud to share news of her first grandchild, born six weeks early but in fighting spirit on June 11, 2004. Henry Nicholas Kemeny Wodlinger started life as a 4 lb "preemie" in the NICU of Women's College Hospital, and several weeks later finally arrived home to the great joy of new parents Jason Wodlinger and Gabrielle Kemeny in Toronto. In honour of his safe arrival, Susan contacted all major Canadian newspapers in every province and persuaded them to donate their June 11 horoscope for that day. Susan writes to say that she created a special Horoscope Booklet clipped from newspapers across the country. In January 2005, Henry celebrated being a very special, 15 lb. seven-month-old bundle of joy to all his family, bringing excitement to everyone in his world.

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## Global Volunteers at work in Ecuador



Earlier this year, **Debbie Lindsay** (*Law and Security Administration 85*) spent two weeks in Quito, Ecuador, volunteering her time to help the poorest, most vulnerable residents of that city - children with mental and physical disabilities, some of whom had been orphaned. Debbie, a police officer with Oxford Community Police in Ontario, was part of a Global Volunteers team that traveled to Quito to work with child-care, medical and construction projects at Fundacion Campamento Cristiano Esperanza (Camp Hope), a facility for children with disabilities.

By immersing herself in the local culture, Lindsay gained unique insights into Ecuador and its people. She specifically helped with construction projects and lawn care, taught English and music class to the children as well as crafts for a kindergarten class and woodworking for the disabled. Debbie was asked to do a public safety lecture for the children, which was made possible with the help of a Spanish translator.

Global Volunteers is a private, non-profit, nonsectarian development organization, based in St. Paul, Minnesota, that coordinates teams of volunteers working on short-term (one to three-week) service projects around the world. For more information, contact Global Volunteers at 1-800-487-1074 or at [www.globalvolunteers.org](http://www.globalvolunteers.org); email@[globalvolunteers.org](mailto:globalvolunteers.org).



## in memoriam

**Patti (Rundle) Amirault**  
(*Secretarial Arts 78*) on  
February 12, 2005.

**Don Anderson** (*professor (retired)*  
*Radiography Technology*) on  
December 29, 2004.

**Richard R. Brown** (*Recreation*  
*Leadership 75*) on August 19, 2004.

**Tom Denomme** (*faculty, Graphic*  
*design*) on April 20, 2005.

**Leslie Dobos** (*faculty, General*  
*Studies*) on March 5, 2005.

**Stephanie Ann Gale** (*Pre-Health*  
*Science 03*) in November 2004.

**Vicky Thornley** (*Fitness and*  
*Health Promotion 99*) on  
January 3, 2005.



## Protecting your privacy

The protection of the privacy of our alumni is important to the Fanshawe College Alumni Association and the Alumni Office. As such, we strictly adhere to the guidelines for protection and use of personal information, as set out in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act of Ontario.

Information in our files includes, but is not limited to, name, address, gender, age, marital status, education and employment. It is the responsibility of the Alumni Office to ensure that your information is accurate and up-to-date.

Sometimes we contact alumni by mail and by phone to update their personal information or to let them know about events, services and opportunities of interest and benefit to alumni. AlumniNews is mailed twice a year and invitations to reunions, homecoming and special events are sent throughout the year.

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# Reunion Central

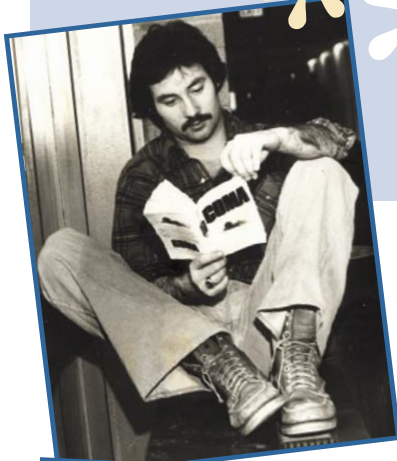
## It's time to dust off the memories...

If you'd like more information about the class reunions listed below or would like to plan a reunion, please contact the person listed or the Alumni Office: 519.452-4285 or 800.661.ALUM or email [alumni@fanshawec.ca](mailto:alumni@fanshawec.ca)

### Calling the Class of 1980: Your 25th Anniversary Reunion wants you!

Where were you in 1980? Recognize anyone in these snapshots from the Fanshawe archives? If you were here in 1980, it's your turn to come back home. Better yet, call a few classmates and come back home together!

Graduates of all programs from 1980 are invited to a 25th Anniversary Reunion, hosted by the Alumni Association on Saturday, October 22. Please check the Alumni Web site or call the Alumni Office for more details.



#### Architectural Technology, Class of 1980

Plan to connect with your old friends and find out about the careers and families that have been built over the years. Contact the Alumni Office - 519.452-4285.

#### Fashion Merchandising and Design, Class of 1989

Getting together with old friends is never out of style. It's time to call those old friends and plan a day to reminisce. Contact the Alumni Office - 519.452-4285.

#### Dental Hygiene, Class of 1980

Smile! A 25th Dental Hygiene Reunion for the Class of 1980 is on the schedule for 2005. Please contact Tammy Gouweloos at [gouweloo@barnit.on.ca](mailto:gouweloo@barnit.on.ca)

#### Nursing, Class of 1980

We've lost touch with some friends but it's time to all get back together again. Contact Ruby Hartsell at 519-532-8908 (voicemail ext 4215).

#### Radio Broadcasting, Class of 1985

Wendy (Antonczyk) Spence is planning a 20th reunion for Saturday, July 16, 2005 in London, Ontario. Contact Wendy at [wendyspence2001@yahoo.ca](mailto:wendyspence2001@yahoo.ca)

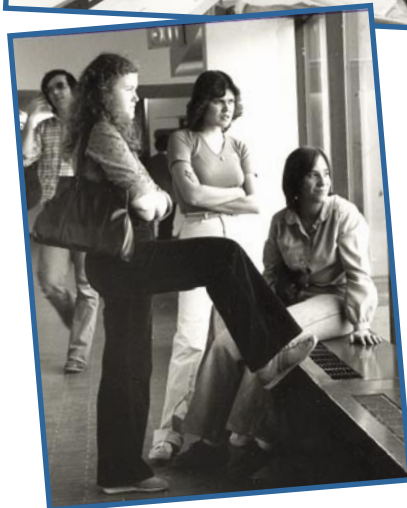
#### Falcons National Title Team 25th Anniversary Reunion

A reunion for the Men's Basketball Canadian champions of 1980 is in the works. Please contact Al Ratcliffe at 671-0320 or the Alumni Office for details.

#### Reunion 2006

Plans are underway for a reunion for Photography, Class of 1970 (36 years ago!) to be held in 2006. Denise Saylor ([denisesaylor@rogers.com](mailto:denisesaylor@rogers.com)) or John Lenk ([lenk\\_j@yahoo.com](mailto:lenk_j@yahoo.com)) would like to hear from fellow alumni.

Mark your calendar!  
Homecoming: October 20-22, 2005



## Rolling to the top with Team Canada

**Karen Blachford** (*Fitness and Health Promotion 04*) has always loved sports and she was not about to have anything stand in the way of enjoying physical pursuits. That's why, despite a neurological condition diagnosed in 1989 that has confined her to a wheelchair, she has gone on to accomplish more than most people do in a lifetime.



Today Karen is a professional wheelchair athlete on the Canadian National Wheelchair Curling Team and a college graduate, and she makes the most of every day. She trains year-round, on the ice as much

as possible during the fall and winter, and training at the gym whenever ice is not available.

"Curling is a great winter sport for Canadians of any age and ability to be involved in," says Blachford. "It promotes team work, strategy, exercise and fun. I got involved at the beginning of the summer in 2001, after I read that the Canadian Curling Association was looking for athletes to train and try out for the first Canadian National Wheelchair Curling Team. I had enjoyed winter sports and cold weather, and thought that it would be a great sport for me to try."

Not only did she try it, she excelled at it. And while curling is currently her top priority, Karen has also been very active in wheelchair track events and enjoyed a year of playing sledge hockey for the Huron Sledgehawks in Hensall, Ontario and several years with the Peterborough Patriots. That sport is played with the athlete seated on a sled and using two small wooden hockey sticks with picks on them to help propel the player and control movement on the sledge. Karen is certified as a coach and trainer in sledge hockey and she also holds the distinction of being the first paraplegic ice hockey official in North America and the first to referee an able-bodied hockey game.

Her enjoyment of sport and competition led her to enrol at Fanshawe as a mature student in 1999 in the Fitness and Health Promotion program. It was an

excellent choice for her because she could complete the program through Directed Independent Study. By studying at her own pace, Karen found the flexibility to continue working part-time and training part-time. While in school and to this day, she works part-time at The University of Western Ontario in the Student Development Centre assisting students with disabilities.

Her ultimate career goal is to work in the field of sports marketing, particularly promoting the benefits of sport to youth and to special populations. Her unique experience as a world-class athlete will also help her progress within this career field.

"Really, since the team has been working to qualify for the Paralympics in Italy in 2006, training has become a full-time job," explains Karen. During the winter, she puts in an average of about 12-15 hours on the ice each week, training and playing with both wheelchair athletes and able-bodied curlers. Other training time is spent studying strategy, tactics and team dynamics. Her main rink is the Ilderton Curling Club in Ilderton, Ontario, where the people are very supportive. "Curling is a game that both persons with disabilities and the able-bodied can play together," says Blachford. "All it takes is cooperation from curling clubs and the players and virtually anyone, regardless of level of ability, can take part."

Her professors and friends in the Fitness and Health Promotion

program at Fanshawe are understandably very proud of Karen's accomplishments. Students in the program last year chose to fundraise for her and the group contributed \$500 towards the purchase of a new wheelchair for Karen and to support Team Canada.

"Representing Canada is an honour and a privilege that I hold with utmost respect and I keep this in mind each and every day that I train," says Karen, who appreciates the support and encouragement from so many people. "I always carry the Fitness and Health Promotion program and Fanshawe College close to my heart wherever I go."

## An on-ice success story

### Team Canada - Wheelchair Curling



*This photo shows the members of the national wheelchair curling team seated in front (from left to right): Skip Chris Daw, Second*

*Jim Primavera, Lead Karen Blachford and Vice-Skip Bruce McAninch. Standing behind them from the left are Equipment Manager Trevor Kerr and Tracy Gedies who is Coordinator of the Fitness and Health Promotion program, along with some of the Fanshawe students who fundraised for the team.*

*As Team Canada, Karen and her teammates have been very successful. Their titles have included: Silver Medallist at the World Championships in 2002; Gold Medallist at the 2003 Can-Am Championship; Gold Medallists at the 2003 World Cup of Wheelchair Curling; and defending their title as Team Canada by winning the Canadian National Wheelchair Curling Championship in both 2003 and 2004.*

*While Team Canada did not medal this year in Scotland at the World Wheelchair Curling Championships in January, the experience was still important. Each competition earns the team certain point levels allowing Team Canada to qualify for the Paralympics in 2006 in Italy.*

*"We are ranked fourth going into the Paralympics which will be held just after the able-bodied Olympics in Italy in February 2006," says Karen. "It will be thrilling to arrive there for our competition in March and see all the Paralympic facilities and be part of that level of excitement amongst fellow athletes from different countries."*

## How wheelchair curling works



Barriers that once kept wheelchair users off the curling rink have been disappearing in recent years.

One major breakthrough was the invention of the Extender Stick® by Rusty Drew. He initially designed it to help his wife continue to curl from a standing position, when her health kept her from kneeling down



to throw the curling stones. It

has since turned into a successful commercial product, popular with senior curlers and curlers with disabilities. It still takes skill because you have to release the rock using the correct turn, in order for it to hit the spot you want. Aiming and getting the right weight is a challenge but like so many sports, practice improves performance.

Before throwing a stone, a curler in a wheelchair locks the brakes and leans over to position the rock. The Extender Stick® slides over the handle of the rock and with one motion the rock can be pushed and turned with the Extender Stick® just before release to give it the correct turn.

Above Karen is demonstrating a throwing technique, whereby teammate Jim Primavera locks his wheelchair behind Karen's wheelchair to keep it from sliding back when the rock is propelled forward. She uses the Extender Stick® the same way as in the previous example.

Once the rock is thrown, the rules are pretty much the same as in able-bodied curling except there is no sweeping. Players in wheelchairs clean their tires thoroughly before going on the ice the same way able-bodied curlers change into special curling shoes so that the ice surface is kept completely free of foreign material.

# Send us your best.



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The Distinguished Alumni Awards honour Fanshawe College graduates who have distinguished themselves in their careers or who have made a significant contribution to their community or to society.

## Do you know **SOMEONE...**

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- acknowledged by peers and the community for achievements and contributions?
- entrepreneurial in spirit and an agent for change?
- supportive of community and social issues to the benefit of others?

If you know a Fanshawe College graduate who possesses some or all of the above qualities, please nominate him or her for a Distinguished Alumni Award. Recipients are honoured at an annual Homecoming awards ceremony.

## Deadline for nominations is June 15, 2005.

*To be considered, completed nomination forms must be accompanied by a detailed letter of support from an employer, community service organization or close associate, along with the nominee's resume, CV or biography. Any nominations not selected in 2005 will be reconsidered in 2006.*

*To submit a nomination, send the completed form below along with supporting documentation to Fanshawe College Alumni Office, D-1043, 1460 Oxford St. E., P.O. Box 7005, London, ON N5Y 5R6. Or complete the full nomination form at [www.fanshawec.ca/alumni](http://www.fanshawec.ca/alumni). We will contact nominees for further details as needed.*

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Has nominee agreed to the nomination  yes  no

Program & Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/organization \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

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# LOST GRADS



# of 1981

If you know any of these alumni from 1981, ask them to email our Alumni Office at [alumni@fanshawec.ca](mailto:alumni@fanshawec.ca), or call 519.452.4285 / 800.661.ALUM.

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### Technology

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### Technology

Terry Coulter

### Motive Power

### Technology (Diesel)

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Paulina (Van Lith) Hunter  
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Laurie Johnson  
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