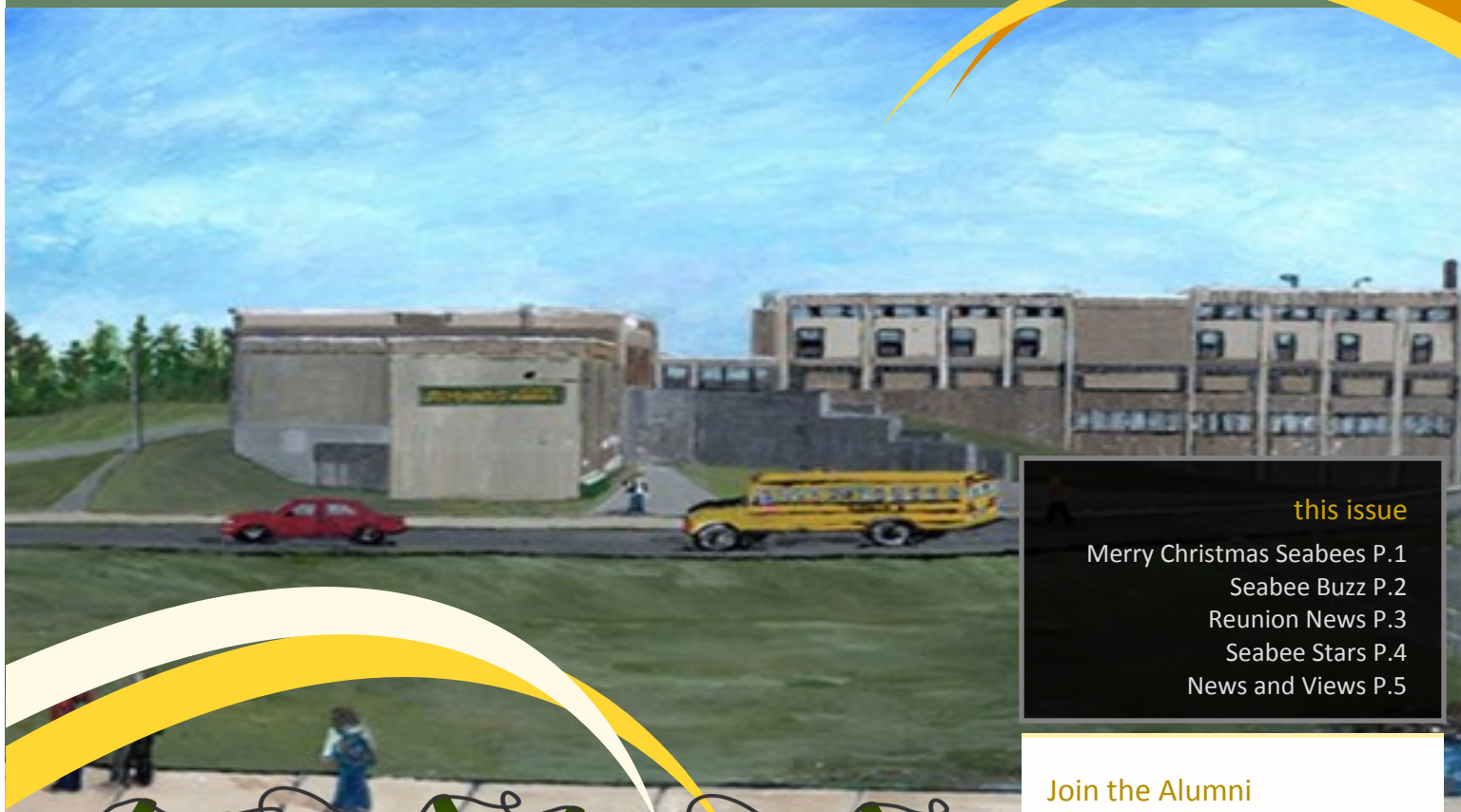


Happenings in the Hive

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Join the Alumni

Take a moment and be certain you register your email address with simondshighalumni@gmail.com Be sure to include your full (maiden if applicable) name and the year you graduated. This email will be the primary way we will communicate information and events with you. Don't delay, send the email today and get your name on the list.

Merry Christmas Seabees!

It is hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner! Do you remember your Christmas Cabaret? Door decorating contest? Christmas Float? Best float in the parade year after year! Memories are certainly more precious during this season than at any other time and the Simonds High Alumni Association hopes this year is no different!

Why not spend some time reminiscing with old friends on the Simonds High Alumni Facebook page or perhaps flipping through your old yearbook. You could even send a Christmas card via email to one of your fellow Seabees.

The theme of the season is giving and there are many ways to do so at Simonds High School. Donations are always accepted for our Scholarship fund (send to the school care of Jill Eckstone) or sponsor a needy family (contact Elizabeth Taylor/Nancy McHugh—Guidance at the school). All gifts would be accepted with warm thanks.

On behalf of all Seabees, at home or far away, current or graduated, we wish you a happy, and healthy holiday and all the very best in the New Year.



Seabee Buzz—Seabees Home and Away

Ever wondered what happened to your 10th grade crush? Is your favorite teacher still teaching at Simonds High? Check it out here!

Seabees Home and Away is compiled from submissions from our readers who have submitted items by letter, email or phone as well as various public sources.

These submissions will always refer to Simonds' alumni; they will generally be about family milestones (births, deaths, new job opportunities, marriages, moves appointments, accomplishments, etc...) We welcome your information for future newsletters. Please include your graduation year with your submission.

Please address any entries to Jill Eckstone (J.Eckstone@gmail.com or 333-5987) or Judy Chapman (chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca). Alternately, entries may be mailed to Simonds High c/o Jill Eckstone, 1490 Hickey Road, Saint John, NB, E2J 4E7.

Jason Train (2007) – Jason was killed unexpectedly in a motorcycle accident on August 8, 2012. He lived life fully by skydiving, white-water rafting, etc. Jason was a man with many friends; he worked at Port City Pawn Shop.

Michael Mackin (1976) – Mike was a well-respected physician in the Saint John area and a member of the Teaching Faculty of Family Medicine for Memorial University and Dalhousie University for several years. He passed away on June 19, 2012 after a courageous battle with ALS. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Connie Robinson and their three sons.

Kevin Manual (2002) – Kevin, a sports fan and men's team volleyball player for four years at UNBSJ, was appointed head coach of the University of New Brunswick Saint John women's volleyball team. He is hoping and preparing for a good 2012 – 2013 season.

Joel Brown (1998) – Joel and his wife Nicole have a new addition to their family. A daughter, Madelyn Paige, was born on Sept 28, 2012. She will be a sister for Grace and Nate. Joel is currently a teacher and Dept Head of Math at Simonds High School.

Joanne (Todd) Sparks - Joanne passed away on July 4, 2012. She attended St. Thomas University, then graduated as a Medical Laboratory Technologist from the Department of Health Provincial Lab. She worked in and later taught Hematology at the New Brunswick School of Medical Laboratory Technology. She passed away just 2 days prior to her grad class' (1962) 50-year reunion!

Katelyn Vandenbroeck (2004) was married on August 4, 2012 to Josh King. Josh is with the Canadian Military and is currently stationed in Oromocto.

Steven Dalling (2004) and Tracy, his long-time sweetheart, were married on August 3, 2012. The loves of their lives are their two beautiful daughters Madison and Maya. Steven runs his own company, SD Excavating, in Saint John.

Heidi Cunningham (2000) and Greg MacLeod were married on August 4, 2012. Heidi is a teacher at Simonds High School and Greg works at Point Lepreau.

Melissa Mallette (2007) and Kyle Friars were married on August 3, 2012 in Rothesay and are now living in Quispamsis.

Cody LeFrancois (2006) and Alyssa Surette were married near Yarmouth, Nova Scotia on September 15, 2012.

Katie Stevens (2007) has been appointed as Residence Life Coordinator at the University of New Brunswick in Saint John. She is really enjoying this new challenge in her life.

Upcoming Reunions:

Have an event you want to share? Upcoming reunion? Grads getting together? Let us know! Email: JEckstone@gmail.com and we will include it in our next newsletter!

Class of 1978 - 35-year Reunion - July 20th, 2013 at Thistle Curling Club - For information, please contact: Chris O'Keeffe at 693-0790 (email cokeeffe@nb.sympatico.ca) or Judy Blanchard (Brown) at 696-4349 (email judith.blanchard@nbed.nb.ca).

Angie Pridham (2004) was married to Jeff McLay on March 9, 2012 in Punta Cana. She is living in Oromocto.

Jeff Baxter (2003) and Alexandra Richardson, a nurse at SJRH, married in May 2012. They have a son, Thomas.

Judy (MacKnight) Chapman (1970), long-time math teacher at Simonds, was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in October 2012 in Toronto.

Christina Campbell (2008) married **Brett Good (2006)** on February 11, 2012. Christina is a paramedic with Ambulance New Brunswick.

Art Pottle, former Simonds High School teacher, received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal this past summer.

Kimberlee Justason was married in November 2012 to Troy Dixon.

Tashia (Phillips) Boyce (2005) – passed away on October 13, 2012 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. Her mother Brenda Phillips is a teacher in the Humanities Department at Simonds. Tashia's winning smile and warm personality will be missed by everyone!

Niki Comeau (Doiron) 2002 was married to her sweetheart Anthony Doiron in Saint John this year. Niki is currently teaching at Simonds High School.



Class of 1962 – 50th Reunion

On July 6 and 7, 2012, the class of 1962 celebrated their 50-year reunion. This event was incredibly successful! About 75% of those grads contacted about the reunion were in attendance! They started the party with a Meet & Greet and class picture at their school, the “old” Simonds High on Bayside Drive. The next day, a dinner was held at St. Joseph’s Church Hall. A phenomenal directory was created and distributed to each grad. In addition to a detailed contact list and a beautiful In Memoriam page, there were priceless copies of their graduation program and pictures of the students even as far back as elementary school. Simonds’ class of 1962 was unique in three ways. They started the first high school winter carnival and were the first high school grads in the Saint John area to be presented with a bound diploma. As well, they were the first Simonds Regional High School grad class to exceed 100 students! The reunion attendees raised sufficient funds to present a \$2000 scholarship to 2012 grad Michelle Hanson and to donate other funds to Simonds High School. The class of ‘62 had a lot of fun, a lot of laughs, and a lot of great conversations which they hope to continue at their next reunion in 5 years time.



Class of 1972—40 Year Reunion

On June 22, 2012, the Simonds Graduating Class of '72 had their 40 yr. reunion at the Barrack Green Armories. We had a terrific turnout and the organizing committee was pleased that everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. Many photos were taken throughout the evening and we are currently in the process of making a photo CD and will send them out to anyone who wants one.

Since 1972 we have had a reunion every 10 years, however we have decided to plan our next in five years time, in the summer of 2017. Some of the graduates hadn't been to any of the previous reunions, so they really enjoyed catching up with old friends that they hadn't seen in 40 yrs. There was a bar, munchies, pizza, cake and a DJ, but most of us just wanted to talk and catch

Submitted by : Ramona Dow

Check it out...

Bill and Norma Bishop (1962)



Art Pottle and Stew Armstrong (1962)



Reunion—1972



2007



2002



Seabee Stars

Simonds Pride certainly continue with each graduate that walks through our doors, but we are always on the lookout for those who have gone on to greatness! Send us your story. Let your Seabee family know how famous (or infamous?) you have become!

Baxter brings quiet confidence to UNBSJ women's side

SCOTT BRIGGS
TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

SAINT JOHN – Carly Baxter uses her energy efficiently on the soccer pitch.

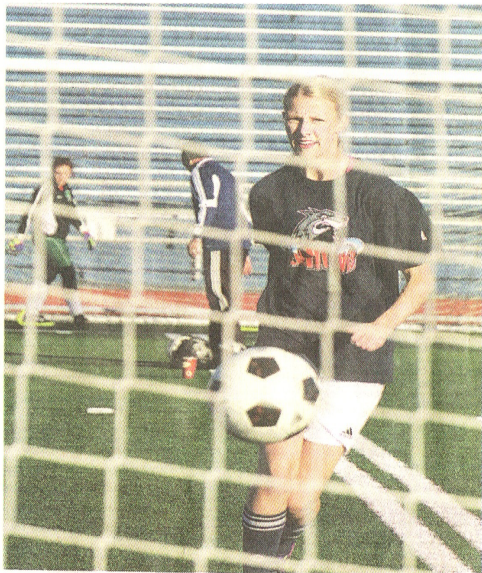
Rather than ramble on with pre-game speeches or trash talk opponents once play has begun, the Simonds High product just goes about her business and carries herself with a quiet confidence.

The third-year bio-psych major is one of the reasons the UNB Saint John Seawolves have an outside chance to make this year's Atlantic Collegiate Athletic Association playoffs. Granted, a lot has to go right in order for the Seawolves to finish among the top four in the six-team conference.

Fifth-place UNBSJ (3-5-0) visits fourth-place King's College (4-4-0) Saturday at 2 p.m. in Halifax where the Seawolves will remain for their Sunday morning match at 11 a.m. against second-place Mount Saint Vincent University (5-2-1).

"We're definitely looking forward to this weekend," said Baxter, who turns 20 on Monday. "I think we showed by beating St. Thomas last Sunday) that we're in the running for playoffs. We're hoping to surprise everyone and then get into playoffs and stir things up. We just have to bring the intensity that we brought (last) Sunday and give it our all and show some heart."

Baxter's heart has been in soccer since she was a little girl. Although she also played



Former Simonds High School standout Carly Baxter is a key player for the UNBSJ women's soccer team. PHOTO: CINDY WILSON/TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

basketball, volleyball and rugby at Simonds, there was no question which sport she would pursue at UNBSJ.

"I've known Carly since she was 12," Seawolves head coach

Jason Brown said. "She really is one of those truly nice people. She's very polite and very pleasant and cares about her teammates."

But when it's time to play the



Carly Baxter is a third-year centre-back with the UNBSJ women's soccer team. PHOTO: CINDY WILSON/TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

game, Baxter isn't quite as nice. While she respects her opponents, Brown said the veteran centre-back has "developed a bit of an edge."

"Some of her tackles have been

a little bit harder and a little bit stronger," the coach said. "She's a really effective competitor, and she's still able to be herself. She just does the job, she plays things simple and she's tremendously

unselfish."

Baxter has taken her share of teasing about her laid-back nature, but her demeanour has had a positive influence on her teammates.

"She's so calm and I think the fact that she's not emotional serves us well," Brown said. "We have some emotional players, and they can tend to get caught up in the rivalry of the game and Carly is just that calming force. That's who she is, and her teammates really respect that about her and I think other players in the league respect that about her. She plays hard, she plays fair."

Baxter has gradually become more vocal, doing what's needed and expected of a player in her position.

"This year, especially since I'm playing centre-back, you have to talk a lot to everyone," she said. "Jason is on me about that."

Brown is coaching both the men's and women's teams this year, a scenario that allows the two sides to feed off each other. The men's squad is hosting next year's national tournament, meaning UNBSJ gets an automatic berth. The women's squad is hoping next year offers similar opportunities for them. They'll have to win the ACAA to qualify.

"I think next year, we'll definitely be building towards nationals," Baxter said. "This year was a big building year for us and I think next year we'll definitely have nationals as a goal."

THE PHANTOMS

Emmanuel Sarpong (SHS Graduate) played Sam in the movie titled The Phantoms. Inspired by the events surrounding the 2009 New Brunswick provincial championship season of the Bathurst High School varsity basketball team, **THE PHANTOMS** recounts the team's difficult road to success after a devastating road accident took the lives of seven players and the wife of the Coach.

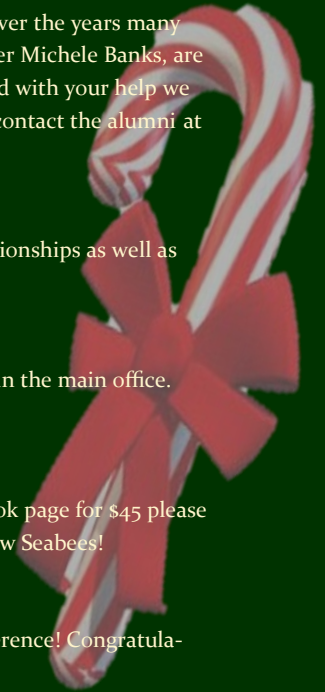
Emmanuel also has begun a singing career as well. You can view some of his videos online at Youtube. Simonds pride continues with Emmanuel Sarpong!!



News and Views...

There is always something happening in the hive. We never seem to give ourselves enough credit, and with that in mind, this section of our newsletter will highlight all the

- The Simonds High Alumni has committed to help with the process of beautifying the school grounds. Over the years many memorial and dedication trees have been planted and the school's environmental club, headed by teacher Michele Banks, are working hard to honor all of those who have generously made donations. More still needs to be done and with your help we can continue to work on this worthy cause. If you are interested in helping out with this project, please contact the alumni at simondshighalumni@gmail.com and we will contact you.
- We had several Seabees attend the Partners for Youth Conference on Dating Violence and Healthy Relationships as well as the Beyond the Hurt (an anti-bullying conference) through the Red Cross.
- The Simonds High School Christmas Concert is being held on December 17th. You can purchase tickets in the main office. Come out and see the incredible talent of current Seabees! You will be amazed!
- The Simonds High School Yearbook is looking for sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring a yearbook page for \$45 please contact Carol Ann Haggarty at 658 2337. This is a great way to make a difference in the lives of your fellow Seabees!
- Our Simonds Seabee Basketball teams are certainly stars—they both finished first in the Southern Conference! Congratulations to the players and the coaches for a job well done!



Retired Teacher?

There is still lots to talk about! Why not get together with those you taught with for years?! Here is your chance!

The group of retired teachers from Simonds usually meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:30 PM for lunch and socializing. Lots of activities are planned and a great time is had by all. Be sure to call us and attend a few of the events. More information will follow in future newsletters!

If you are interested in further details, please contact Darlene Fraser at dfraser@nbnet.nb.ca or call 849-7922.

Alumni Abroad

Ever wanted to travel overseas but had no one to go with you? Well turn back the clock and head across the ocean with your old classmates!

Have you ever thought about travelling overseas? Have you had children, nieces, nephews or friends who have travelled to Europe and you wished you could go along? Well, here is your opportunity! Judy Chapman (class of 1970), who has organized 15 trips to Europe and 5 trips to New York for Simonds' students is now organizing a trip to Europe for Simonds' Alumni and Friends. It is an 11-day trip to London, Paris & Amsterdam, with 3 nights' stay in each city, and many inclusions. The departure date is May 12, 2013. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Judy at chapmanb@nbnet.nb.ca or 847-3241 for more details. Space is still available on this tour.