



Photo by Dan Pearce

Hanna Bunton of the St. Theresa's Titans kisses the COSSA trophy after defeating the Moira Trojans 1-0 in at the Yardmen Arena March 3. She and three of her teammates are among the high school athletes profiled on page 4.

Government cuts school bursaries

Rebate on tuition replaced matching donations in Ontario budget

By Kristen Haveman

Starting March 31, colleges and universities across the province will receive less money for bursaries.

Since 2005, the Ontario government has matched donations one to one towards the establishment of permanent bursaries through the Ontario Trust for Student Support. This program along with two others, the textbook and technology grant and the Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship, were announced to be cut from the budget after it was revealed that a new program would give some students a 30 per cent rebate on tuition.

Joanne Farrell, awards officer at Loyalist College, said the change shouldn't affect the bursaries the college has already established but that it could mean fewer bursaries in the future.

"They maintain themselves, but they will not grow as readily now," said Farrell.

She explained that the loss of the program might mean less money for students as there would not be as much investment income but students would not see a difference right away.

Farrell said that each year the school takes a snapshot of what they have available for bursaries and that is what they give out. She said the initial donations come from various entities such as personal donations and services. Farrell said that cancellation of the program might be more of a downfall for these donors, as they will no longer get the matched donation.

The 30 per cent tuition rebate that replaces the three initiatives came with certain criteria that need to be met for students to benefit.

According to the website for the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, to be eligible for the rebate students must: be a full-time student at a public college or university in Ontario, been less than four years since you left high school, in a program that you can apply to directly from high school and your parents' gross income is \$160,000 or less.

Starting in September, eligible students in a degree program at a college or university will get a \$1,600 rebate a year while certificate and diploma programs will receive a \$730 rebate per year.

According to Statistics Canada, the majority of college and university students are late teens to early twenties but older students also make

up a significant portion of the student population.

"The new program is not necessarily fair because not everyone is eligible, but it is the government's money to allocate how they see," said Farrell.

Sam Andrey, executive director of Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance, said while the loss of the Ontario Trust Support was disappointing, a higher percentage of people would benefit from the new program.

Overall, he said the new program was an improvement and that the government would be putting more money towards supporting education. The alliance's website felt targeted grants that reduce upfront costs was a top priority and they were pleased with the tuition rebate program.

"Pure numbers – more people are benefiting but any program that reduces student aid is not ideal," said Andrey.

Jim Robeson, director of advocacy at the College Student Alliance, said that any sort of elimination of financial aid is something they do not like to see.

He said that he realizes the government is in a time of financial restraint but that the College Student Alliance would like a discussion with the government to ensure that financial aid is available to all age groups.

Robeson said that he feels the 30 per cent tuition rebate is a step in the right decision.

"It's a tough subject, there is a significant portion who are under-represented, that might not otherwise go for post secondary education. It is our hope, with the incentive, that these students will take advantage of it."

Robeson said according to the Ontario College Environmental Scan that roughly 50 per cent of enrolled students will be impacted positively by the rebate program. He also said he didn't feel the end of these programs would deter enrolment of older students. He said that for older students there are a number of loans and grants that exist. One example, said Robeson, is the second career program that will fund up to \$28,000, though it is not a guarantee you will get that much.

"Student College Alliance is looking forward to all students having the aid they require and working with the government to see this happens," said Robeson.

A bursary is a non-repayable award that is given based on financial need. Farrell said other criteria might apply depending on the program and sometimes things like location. She said that the college works with donors to set up criteria for a bursary to ensure that the

Students strut their stuff at ballet auditions

Young dancers perform to impress adjudicators with hopes of gaining spot in Quinte Ballet School

By Rachel Psutka

As three nervous dancers step into Studio D, each knows this is the moment to impress the adjudicators and gain that elusive spot into ballet school.

Forty years after its establishment, auditions at the Quinte Ballet School of Canada, one of the top ballet schools in Canada, still seek out some of the best young dancers in the country. Now with the option of auditioning online or on DVD, the program continues to attract students from around the world.

But on this Saturday morning, none of that matters for the two girls and one boy, ages nine through 13, pulling on their ballet slippers and stepping in front of the wall of mirrors, their families, and two adjudicators, both teachers at the school. They are concerned with making it through the next 90 minutes of auditioning with the grace and skills the adjudicators are seeking.

The audition is the first step to gaining acceptance into the professional school, a coveted position. The Quinte school holds auditions throughout Canada and as far away as Vancouver, all in search for young talent.

"They are auditioning for our summer program. Students from the area who take dance probably not as seriously during the year come in for the intensive program we do during the summer," explained instructor Rhea Daniels, a graduate of the school herself.

"So it's their first step of the three-step process to becoming part of our full-time program," said fellow adjudicator Kristina McIntosh, also an instructor and graduate of the school.

The other steps include making it through the intensive summer dance program, followed by the big news itself: whether or not they've been accepted to the full program, commencing in September.

The audition is a chance for the adjudicators to see just what the dancers have to offer the school.

"What we're looking for, first of all, in a dancer is intelligence and enthusiasm," said Daniels. "We look at their body type



Photo by Rachel Psutka

Corbin Davies, 9, of Belleville takes to the air while ballet instructor Kristina McIntosh and fellow hopeful Emilie Anderson, 10, of Cobourg watch during the Quinte Ballet School of Canada's professional school auditions on March 3.

and flexibility."

"And the turnout of their feet," added McIntosh. "Also the potential to strengthen and grow. We usually focus a little bit also on flexibility and different movements and things like that to see how well they move and how flexible they are."

For Alexandria Lyall, 13, the trip from Toronto with her parents and younger sister was worth it to show off her skills. The young dancer has auditioned for the National Ballet School three times, but this was her first trip to Belleville.

"I like it a lot better. It seems like a really nice school," said the aspiring ballerina.

The three hopefuls won't find out if they made it into the summer program for another week or so, but their efforts were noted by the adjudicators, watching every pointed toe and delicately positioned hand.

The ballet school auditions hundreds of dancers each winter in locations across Canada, accepting only the cream of the crop, the number of which varies by the talent seen at each audition.

"Today's crew did very well," said McIntosh. "I think they each in their own way have that ability to go far. There's a place for them to dance if they want it."



To see more of the Quinte Ballet School auditions, visit qnetnews.ca.



Photo by Meagan Pecjak

Myles McMurter (left) is shown how to properly build a dog house by Tammy Hurrell during the I’m Set Up for College event held at Loyalist.

Students compete for top spot

Skills competition offers high school students hands-on experience

By Meagan Pecjak

Loyalist College held the first annual Skills Competition on Friday. High school students came from surrounding areas, and competed for the top spot in their section. There were several other divisions during the event, including precision machining, welding, two-person carpentry, four-person carpentry, architectural computer-aided drafting and design (CADD), automotive, and esthetics. Carpentry was just one of the many sections that made up the competition. Andrew McFarland is a graduate of Loyalist College and was called to the school to judge the four-person carpentry division. “It gives hands-on experience. It’s good to know what they want to do after high school,” McFarland said he saw a lot of talent,

but he was most impressed by the levels of safety the students took while working. “Everyone is being safe with how they are doing everything,” he said. Joe Mullin was the announcer during the awards ceremony held after the competition, and is a food apprenticeship program teacher at the college. “It introduces them to ideas they may not have thought of previously,” said Mullin. Mullin also said it gives students more confidence in the trades, and increases their ability to go into a career in that field. “It drives the fear out when it comes to college,” Mullin said. “It’s building that confidence, and taking it to the next level. It gets the students involved hands-on.” The competition was originally going to be held Thursday, but because of weather conditions was moved to the following day. “In spite of the change of date, there’s a great turnout,” said Loyalist College board chairman Stuart Wright. Wright said such events really bring

people to the college and give some great exposure. The awards ceremony followed the competition, and involved medals in third, second, and first place for each category. Treena Chicoyne-Ellis is the skills competition co-ordinator at the college, and played a big role when it came to pulling the event together. Chicoyne-Ellis said several others that also did their part when it came to making the day a big success were John Poste, John Grieve, Chuck Barsony, Tom Falcao, Len Rance and Melanie Kennedy. “Without all of these people, the day would not have been such a success. I am proud that I was given the opportunity to work with each one of them. They had a lot of work besides their everyday teaching,” said Chicoyne-Ellis. Chicoyne-Ellis said she believes that the day went smoothly. “The students were worried. They didn’t know what to expect. It wasn’t for marks, and it wasn’t for grading. It was about seeing the brand-new equipment they could work with,” said Chicoyne-

Ellis. She also said the most important thing about entering the competition is the knowledge that students receive. “They met all the faculty and they received the awareness, and what they can have when they come to Loyalist, and what they can accomplish with the skills.” Chicoyne-Ellis said that before the awards were presented, there was a relaxed feeling among the crowd. “It was a great feeling to see all the students sitting in rows at the end of the competition, just smiling and talking.” Some of the winners of the competition include Ian Brennan, Vince Kennelly, Nathaniel Brennan and Riley Hemmersbach of St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School. This group of students won the four-person carpentry division. The four-person carpentry students were required to build a shed, but unfortunately were not given enough time to complete the project. Chicoyne-Ellis said that it was one of the kinks organizers have to work out for next year.

Photojournalism student to compete in TVO documentary contest

By Meagan Pecjak

Who would have thought that a Loyalist College student would soon find herself competing for the chance to be TVO’s Short Documentary Contest winner. Found is a profound story about Dustin Rawding-Montgomery, a local 20-year-old who found a 73-year-old man who had gone missing east of Belleville several days before. Chloë Ellingson is a photojournalism student at Loyalist College, as well as the creator of the documentary. “It’s very exciting. It’s a bit strange because I have become so close to this piece, through getting to know Dustin and his story and through working on producing it,” said Ellingson. She heard of the story while working on a school project, one that involved taking a portrait. In desperate need for a photo, she stopped by a local prop shop, owned by a man named Pete Montgomery. “He asked me if I wanted to know something that had nothing to do with his prop shop. I had no idea what he was going to say. He went on to talk about this missing man who wandered out of Belleville, was found by his son.” Curiosity got the best of Ellingson. “I thought about it all night. Thought about how I had to hear how this affected him, and just to see what he is like.” Ellingson said that she found the story touching because it wasn’t just about a young man who found a missing man. It was also about how certain events occurring in someone’s life can change their entire outlook on life. “What I wanted to address in the piece is how circumstances affect a person’s view of life, and faith,” she said. Dustin’s story is not one easily forgotten, and Ellingson says, “To hear that other people are getting something out of it is strange and exciting all at once.”



Chloë Ellingson

Grad bash welcomes students

By Amielle Christopherson

Loyalist College’s Alumni Association and Alumni Services will be hosting its first Loyalist College Grad Bash on Thursday March 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for all graduating students in the school cafeteria. Michelle Randolph, the alumni services co-ordinator, said that the reason for the grad bash is to let graduates know about the benefits they have once they graduate from Loyalist. “We found that many current alumni and soon to be graduates did know what benefits they had once they graduated from Loyalist so we thought this would be a great way to let them know but also to celebrate their upcoming graduation,” she said. There will be members of the Alumni Association Executive who will be greeting the students as well as handing out gift bags. The Career Centre will be discussing how alumni still have access to different services, such as the job board and resume services. Randolph is hoping that this will be the first year of many that the school will host the event for graduating students. This year she’s expecting 300 students but is hoping that more will show up. As an incentive to come, there will be music, prizes and gift bags.

Keep those kiddies busy

By Michelle Cochrane

March Break is fast approaching and kids will be out of school from March 12- 16. Parents are often at a loss when the March holiday rolls around. The options are often limited to daycare or staying home with the kids. This year, the Belleville Public Library has daily activities planned to beat the boredom. Activities include a theatre performance, Lego building contest, crafts, Medieval Times and Fairy Tale themed days and of course, reading. Geared to all ages this year, the library has added individual activities and will be separating kids into age groups, four to seven and five to 11. Highlights of the week are Monday’s ‘Jack about the Beanstalk’ theatre presentation that is expected to attract approximately 100 children and the library’s first-ever Lego building competition. To register your children for events, please call the Belleville Public Library at 613-968-6731, ext. 2268. See the full calendar of library events online <http://bellevillelibrary.com/programsandeventss151.php>

Cultural awareness helps with understanding

Weekly classes teach participants about aboriginal living

By Sarah Schofield

A cultural awareness course is on its way at Loyalist College starting Tuesday, March 6. Each three-hour weekly cultural awareness class aims to bring a wider understanding of the aboriginal cultures to both aboriginal and non-aboriginal people from the Quinte area. The class starts at 6 p.m. and is free. One of the coordinators, Suzanne Brant, explains what to expect. “We cover things like creation teachings, teachings on the peacemaker, treaties, historical events and how we ended up on reserves. We cover many topics during those eight weeks,” said Brant, whose Mohawk name is Katsitsiarishion. Over the past 15 years of holding the course, Brant has seen a growing interest in both the number and range of people wanting to take the course. Five years ago they started seeing an increase in attendees. “We’ve had anywhere from 25 to 40 people sign up for the classes. Usually there are three or four students from the college that come in the program. Ninety-five per cent of the attendees are non-aboriginal people. It’s always been that way.” Paul Latchford, coordinator of aboriginal services at Loyalist College, is credited with playing a big role in starting the course. “We knew that as we started doing services for aboriginal peoples, management and faculty needed to have an understanding of who we were as aboriginal peoples. That’s really where the course came from,” Latchford said. “He knew that it was important that we had some cultural awareness for the college system itself,” said Brant. “It started off with a lot of staff from Loyalist College and they would come to Tyendinaga into the community and that’s where the cultural awareness classes were held before. It was really his vision and understanding of the need for educating the college community.” The importance of having a course



Photo by Sarah Schofield

Suzanne Brant, one of the coordinators of the Cultural Awareness course beginning March 6 held at Loyalist College, is excited to begin the weekly class held in room 3H10. She hopes the recipients will have a greater understand and appreciation for the aboriginal cultures of Canada.

like this offered to the public is obvious to Brant. “I think it’s important to understand the relationship of how we ended up on reserves and why we are the way we are. Also what needs to change to have better lives in our communities.” “It’s not just one culture. There are many aboriginal nations and indigenous nations across Canada and everyone

has a different way of living whether it is there practicing ceremonies or their diets.” She suggests that people need to look no further than this community to get a taste of culture. “People become fascinated with the pyramids and the Mayan civilizations but what they don’t realize is that that same knowledge and indigenous understand-

ing is right here in their backyards,” she said. “These people are willing to share and if they’re willing to learn they could walk away with a greater knowledge of what is here in Canada.” Classes run every Tuesday starting March 6 at 6 p.m. at Loyalist College in room 3H10. For more information contact the Aboriginal Resource Centre at 613-969-1913 ext. 2250.

High school athletes shine

By Amielle Christopherson

When the spotlight shines on big name athletes, it's hard to remember that most of them started out in badly-lit gyms or hockey rinks with no heating.

While none of these local athletes have made it to the big time yet, they might just have what it takes to get there. They play different sports and want different things, but all have the desire to give their best to get there.

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Hanna Bunton

Hanna Bunton plays for her high school hockey team, Saint Theresa's Titans, the Whitby Junior Wolves and the U18 national team. The 16-year-old has a list of achievements that shows a progression of talent and abilities that's built over the last 11 years.

In the 2008-2009 season with the Belleville Bearcats Bantam AA, she was the assistant captain and the leading scorer, as well as with her school team and won the Hockey Canada Skills award.

The 2010-2011 season saw her adding a hockey MVP and Lower Lakes Female Hockey League silver medal to that. Her most recent season is the one that catches eyes, however. Chosen to be on the U18 Canada team and going to development camp in Slovakia, it feels like she's almost there. The scholarship offers that she has received from colleges in the United States just add weight to that.

"It's a first step, being part of that program and hopefully being part of the U22. That brings you to the Olympic program. That's my goal," she said.

Having colleges seeing those achievements and offering her something is another accomplishment.

"It's really exciting that at a young age you have those opportunities and I'm just looking at what's best for me to get to the next level and the best hockey program. There's Division 1 hockey down there, which is the highest for girls at that level, and that's where I want to be," she said.

"I think the main reason I started was because of my dad. He played hockey growing up and I think he wanted to get me started."

The allure of being one of those few female athletes whose name is known packs plenty of determination.

"My favourite player is Hayley Wick-enheiser just because she's really skilled and she's fought through a lot of different things for being a female hockey player," she said.



Laura Horwood

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Laura Horwood is also 16, plays for St. Theresa as well as Durham Lightning, shoots left, plays forward and has her own set of accomplishments that has colleges from the U.S. knocking on her door.

In 2008, she played in the East Coast Selects European tour. In 2010 it was the gold medal at the Ontario Winter Games. Also in 2010 and 2011, she won the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Association (OFSAA) varsity hockey silver medal and made it to the Team Ontario

U18 selection camp and women's prospects tournament.

While she's got several offers from schools to play hockey, she's taking her time making her choice.

"There's a lot to choose from. It can be a long process and I'm narrowing it down to where I want to go," she said.

For Horwood, it's more than just the promise of scholarships or 'maybe one day's. It's being at the rink and playing with her teammates.

"I've just always loved it and wake up excited to go to the rink," she said. There's no one thing that makes it worth being at the rink, either.

"I definitely like being in the dressing room, just around your friends and the girls. Just the sport itself and the competitiveness and being on the team."

She does find inspiration on the Canadian Women's Olympic team, however, in the form of Cassie Campbell, whom Horwood met at a hockey camp. Having that interaction with the captain of the Olympic team and realizing Campbell started out the same way is something that keeps the fire burning.



Alex Moore

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Alex Moore is a little more shy than her teammates and answering questions about herself is something that takes time for her to become comfortable with. She does get comfortable enough to start using hockey terminology in the middle of her answers, backtracking to explain what she's talking about.

Unlike her teammates, she's already committed to a college and plans are fairly set after she graduates in 2013.

"I already committed to a school and it's very exciting and it's close, only two hours away," she said.

She'll be playing with the St. Lawrence Saints in Saint Lawrence County, New York come the fall of 2013 and says colleges are getting interested in athletes earlier on, starting the process years before graduation, as in her case.

"I have goals to make the national team, the U-18 team or maybe Team Canada in the future. I'll have to work hard."

Unlike her teammates, she finds her inspiration in the NHL.

"I really like Sidney Crosby because he always tries hard and just is a really good player. And [Alexander] Ovechkin because he has mad dangles. Like his stick handling - it's amazing," she said.

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Out of the four girls from St. Theresa's, CJ Tipping is the one who plays double duty. Before she decided to commit to one sport, Tipping would start her days early in the pool and end them late at night in the rink.

The forward plays for the Belleville Bearcats and between the swimming and the hockey, her list of accomplishments goes back to 2006 when she was a provincial qualifying swimmer. She won a provincial hockey gold medal in 2007. The 2009-2010 season saw her winning the silver medal at the Ontario Winter Games, and silver at OFSAA with St. Theresa.

Last season was the one that has several



Photo by Devaan Ingraham

St. Theresa's Emily Jukosky tosses a shot on Moira goaltender Bre Bunnett during the second period of play at the Quinte Sports Complex. St. Theresa's managed to take the game in the final seconds of play with a goal from Hanna Healey to secure the OCSSA Championship.

eye-catching accomplishments. She was elected for team Canada's U19 women's floorball team, won a silver medal with the Midget AA Final Four, she was three-time swimming champion at Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics and OFSAA silver medalist and also won first place in the Stan Hope Triathlon. That's after she put swimming on the back burner to focus more on hockey.

"I quit because I wanted to have more of a commitment to hockey because I started getting tired of swimming in the morning. I'd get up at 4:30 and then had late-night hockey practice," she explained. However, she does still swim with the high school team and she said quitting competitive swimming is strategic.

"I know if I stay out of it, I'll be more successful in swimming. I know it sounds weird, but if you swim competitively in high school, you have to swim with the competitive swimmers in college. If you have no record, you don't."

There is the chance that other swimmers did the same as she has, but when she left, she was ranked in the top 10 nationally and thinks with keeping it up at school, she'll still be up there.

"My favourite part of swimming is definitely being nervous before races. I love that feeling of, I don't know. I just swim my best races when I'm nervous," she said.

Keeping swimming as an option means that she's got a backup plan for the possibility of hockey not working out.

"I kind of see myself in swimming as well, kind of a backup, I guess. But I would rather see myself in hockey."

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Chase Peck

Chase Peck started out playing hockey, but after watching basketball on TV with his dad, he got into the after-dinner league and stopped playing hockey.

"It's a team game so everyone's got to work together and if everyone around you."

The six-foot-three Grade 10 student from Centennial Secondary School answers all his question thoughtfully and objectively, despite his investment. It's especially obvious when he talks about who his favourite player is.

"I started watching LeBron [James] when he first came in the league and he was a young guy and everything and I saw him a little bit in high school game films and this guy was just amazing coming into the NBA. He was my favourite player. My favourite player now is Derrick

[Rose]. I've always liked him but, LeBron, he's in it for the money, he doesn't play the game anymore."

Last year, Peck went to Brazil to play for the Ontario U15 team and was more than ready to accept the change and the challenge that came from playing with a more competitive team at a higher level.

"I've always liked playing around the arc, and I play a little bit on the post here, but I liked it a little more than here. I got a little bit more feel for the ball. It's nice having other big guys on the court who can rebound and you're not always rebounding the ball."

Going to Brazil gave Peck a little hint of what could be. Right now though, it's a waiting game. He qualified for the U15, but the U16 national team is invite-only and even though he did make it with the younger age group and has a good shot because of it, it's not guaranteed.

"I have no idea if I'm going to get a spot. I'm hoping I will though," he said.

Until he hears about that, there is always something to work on and last year he played up an age group with the Kingston AA recreation team and is planning on doing so again this year.

"There's always that next level. That was provincial and the next level is national," he said and he has his eyes set on getting there.

Wednesday's game critical for Bulls

Win will put them that much closer to the playoffs

By Andre Lodder

Wednesday night's game against the Peterborough Petes is quite possibly the most important game of the season for the Belleville Bulls.

The implications from Wednesday night's game are going to be huge for both teams. A Bulls loss means the Petes will pull to within two points of the Bulls and the Mississauga St. Michael Majors, who hold the final two spots for the Ontario Hockey Leagues Eastern Conference playoffs.

A Bulls win moves them six points ahead of the Petes and that much closer to the playoffs.

The Bulls are currently tied for seventh place with the Mississauga St. Michael Majors with a total of 63 points. Meanwhile, the Petes are on the outside looking in but sit only four points behind both the Bulls and the Majors.

Bulls Assistant Coach Jake Grimes believes the added pressure in the standings will inspire a strong outing from the Bulls.

"It should pump us up. You have to respect how hard they work. They're down a couple of key players too, but that should really get us fired up. If anything will, that should," said Grimes.

The Petes have won four out of the five times the two teams have met so far this season, including the last game which saw the Bulls downed 4-3 in Peterborough.

"We really thought we outplayed them last game in Peterborough, but they were able to get the win. It hurt us, and helped them immensely. We want to get back at them for that reason and also to put some room between us and make sure we get in the playoffs, and that's a big step," said Grimes.

The team has been working hard with high-paced practices to keep the team in shape and ready for the onslaught of games that is the OHL playoffs. The Bulls have also been trying to fix a power play that has struggled all year and currently ranks third last in the OHL.

According to Grimes, it's not whether the glass is half empty, but rather half full.

"We can't look at it as though it's been a huge problem. I think that we have to look at it that there's still yet opportunity to be earned and to be gained on it," said Grimes.

With only six games left in the regular season, the Bulls are looking to secure a playoff spot after a rollercoaster season, which included a solid first half, a sub-par January and injuries to top players including their number one goaltender Malcolm Subban.

It's a season that Grimes hopes will be a stepping stone heading into the playoffs.

"We'll know we've learned in this stretch drive. Has it got us to a point



Photo by Dan Pearce

John Chartrand eyes the puck in Saturday nights game against the Niagara IceDogs. The Bulls lost 10-3 but are looking to rebound with a win in an important game against the Peterborough Petes this Wednesday. The Bulls are currently in seventh place with only six games left in the regular season.

where it hurts our confidence to a level where we just don't come around and we play average hockey? Or has it been a situation where we've learned certain things from it?

"We never want it to happen again and

we want to show what we really have, and I think we're leaning toward the second answer," said Grimes.

Collecting a Passion

Collections have been steadily growing around Ontario. Some are inspired by childhood passions, while others are made up of objects older than us. Whatever these collections are made up of, there are some impressive ones and some that leave us scratching our heads.

But all of them have something in common: hope. The collector's mentality is about hope, and about what might be coming into their collection. Will tomorrow hold that final piece they've been missing? Will they find that card that is worth hundreds? Will that old wind-up toy actually be worth thousands to the right person?

But not every collector thinks in terms of money. To some, it would be impossible for them to sell their collection. To them, collecting is a distraction: it's a place to go on a bad day. When things go wrong, they can visit their collection, and see the wonders and treasures they have found.

The first-year photojournalism class, who were tasked with finding a collector, and showing off their collections, produced this collection of work.

Text by Marina Sanford



John Hall, owner and curator of the Canadian Piano Museum, has been collecting pianos for over 30 years. A piano tuner and repairer by trade, Hall started his piano museum in 2006 in Vulcan, Alberta, before moving to Napanee in 2009. His collection includes Canada's oldest piano from 1777.

Photo by Julie McKay



Marina Boretski poses like a mannequin in the window of her antiques store on Front St. The Belleville native has made a career out of collecting vintage clothing and antiques items. She collects and sells everything from hats and dresses to books and furniture.

Photo by Patrick Callbeck



Mike Lebrun of Kinburn Ontario is a collector of antique western style cap guns. Mike has over 200 cap guns that all function including one that is 24k gold.

Photo Evan Campbell



Shirley and Doug Lloyd show their collection of kerosene lamps in their Napanee home on February 10, 2012. The Lloyds have been collecting kerosene lamps from yard sales all over southern Ontario since buying their first one in Carrying Place, in 1982.

Photo by Marta Iwanek



Karen Leacock-Brown is the owner of Quinte Antique's, which is the largest antique store in Eastern Ontario. Leacock-Brown has been collecting Royal Doulton Dolls for 20 years. Leacock-Brown also owns the largest outdoor antiques show in Eastern Ontario, The Odessa Antique Show.

Photo by Alicia Wynter



The collector (not willing to be named) sitting in front of some of his collection of Second World War paraphernalia, which includes many uniforms, miniatures, displays and books.

Photo by Zach Burke



Andrew Smith, a Toronto photographer, wears his favourite Hawaiian shirt and stands proudly in front of the rest of his collection of well over 30 shirts. Besides Hawaiian shirts, Smith is also a collector of western-style shirts, bolo ties, collar tips, tree fungus, records and canes to name a few.



Thom Fairley of Kingston has about 80 pairs of sneakers crammed into his John Street home. He began collecting sneakers as a youth and says that the broad range of styles available opened up new avenues for self-expression.

Photo by Justin Tang



Linda Brookes is a collector of shoes. She has been collecting shoes and boots of every shape, size, colour and style for the last six years. At first, her habit of collecting shoes developed into her own business of selling them, but now she only collects them for herself and friends.

Photo by Chelsea Strik



Rachel Marlin has been collecting pig paraphernalia for 16 years and her collection has passed 1,000 items. Marlin does not eat anything that contains pork and says, "The only kind of pig I'm missing now is a real one."

Photo by Myriam Lublink



Albert Pham, first year student at the University of Waterloo, sits on his comic book collection. Albert has been collecting comic books since his childhood and has recently started to collect again. His all time favourite comic book character is Batman.

Photo by Nam Phi Dang



Alain Laliberte has been collecting wine labels for over 30 years, and he has an estimated 160,000 different wine labels. Along with collecting wine labels, he also has a vast selection of wine crates that hang on the walls of his basement.

Photo by Tom Hicken

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Ron Cookman, 68, has been collecting "wheels" – what Cookman calls any vintage/antique toy with wheels attached – since the 1970s. Cookman also collects Royal Dalton Toby Jugs as well as fishing lure and tackle.

Photo by Jessica Nyznik



Hockey fan, James Nixon, shows off his collection of Chicago Blackhawks merchandise. Nixon has been collecting items from his favourite hockey team for over 40 years, and still continues on the hunt to add to his collection.

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