

Feeling mysterious?

Schulich alumnus, Rory Scherer, creates an online interactive movie game

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"Mystery at Mansfield Manor", is an online interactive movie game by Rory Scherer, a Schulich graduate, in which the players take on the role of detective Frank Mitchell and attempt to solve a murder case before the midnight deadline.

It is described as a combination of a film version of the popular board game "Clue" and the choose-your-own-adventure book series. This intriguing crime case involves the murder of Collin Mansfield Sr., the founder and the president of Mansfield Oil & Gas.

Frank Mitchell, a detective who has only a few hours remaining before his retirement, is appointed to solve the murder case. He arrives at the Mansfield Manor to interrogate a number of possible suspects and witnesses. Not surprisingly, the detective finds some differences in the stories presented by each character regarding what happened before the murder. This allows a player to decide exactly which characters are telling the truth and which ones are pretending to be innocent.

Interestingly, the game provides the player with the option to suspect characters as the guilty murderer based upon a number of different reasons. These motives include a personal stake in the late Mansfield's property, holding a grudge after being treated rudely by Mansfield, and an expressed urge to make Mansfield Oil & Gas environmentally-friendly.

This game showcases the creative talents of Rory Scherer as he has incorporated a suspenseful level of drama into the game. In today's society, it is unique to discover a video game which is actually performed by 14 professional actors instead of cartoons.

Customers can play this game for only \$7 and they do not have to leave their houses to rent or return the game since it is played conveniently online.

This game is a must-play because it is not only has high-quality graphics using flash-player and videos, but also it allows the players to have a snapshot of the outside world of ulterior motives.

To play this intriguing game visit www.mysteryatmansfieldmanor.com and meet Rory Scherer, Schulich's exciting entrepreneur in person on Tuesday, October 17th at 11:30 am in N109.



Connections made

September 30th 2006 saw hundreds of Schulich alumni from four generations of graduating classes reunite for a day filled with development and memories

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The Connect 2006 Committee set out with an ambitious plan to reunite four decades of leaders during Schulich's third Annual Alumni Forum. With a mix of personal, professional, and social programs, along with the Godiva Alumni Chocolate Café, the event boasted workshops and sweet treats to meet everyone's taste.

When asked mid-day what they thought of the events, Paul Chan, MBA 1992 remarked, "The collection of sessions is interesting – it's really living up to what I've read about."

In terms of the quality of the programs, alumni were dazzled by the presenters. After hearing Blair Steinback, Director of Innovation of the Institute of Health and Human Potential present his seminar on emotional intelligence, Richard Cantin, MBA 1986 commented that the workshop was excellent. "If you know personalities, they way [Blair] presented was such that, anybody who wanted to listen and learn, had the tools to do so."

Henry Noble, one of the first graduates from the part-time MBA program in 1970 was enthused with the breadth of topics at Connect 2006. "The nature of topics reflects the values of both the individual and society. Most business schools never dream of discussing these issues and the program reflects the values of the Dean and the School."

With seminars about leadership development from volunteer boards, parenting without anger, conquering the mysteries of wine, and lessons from the technology sector, Schulich alumni went back to class to learn and discover new interests. Henry Noble continued, "The day is inspiring, influential, and dramatically affecting my personal growth."

Nobles' partner, Judy Aubury labeled the day as "Fantastic!" She went on to say, "Rarely have I left workshops more energized then when I came in."

Nobles' only complaint that was Lady Godiva was a noblewoman known for riding the towns naked on horse-back and while the chocolate was delicious, the attendees at the Godiva Alumni Chocolate Café were far too appropriately dressed for the occasion.

For some younger alumni, the day was an opportunity to relive their Schulich experiences. Paolo Lorenzoni, BBA 2005 and Connect 2006 Committee Member, explained that his decision to participate in Connect basically, "boils down to maintain-



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ing a connection to the School." Through mentorship or faculty assistance, Lorenzoni seeks ways to integrate himself as an alumnus into the Schulich Community.

Raff Bruno, MBA 2000, shared that, "It is only through large well-attended alumni gatherings such as Saturday's event, that you can meet new and interesting alumni from other graduating years, not to mention the bright and interesting students that will be shortly joining the alumni ranks."

After hundreds of hours of hard work and relentless enthusiasm, Dave Chan, MBA 2005 and Connect 2006 Committee Co-Chair remarked "For me, what made it all worthwhile was seeing all those people on Saturday! We had over 500 folks!"

Ann Marie Yamamoto, MBA 1983 and Committee Chair for Connect 2006 explained that "involvement in the Schulich Alumni Association has broadened and deepened my connections in the alumni community and with the school on both a

professional and personal level."

She continues, "I made some new friends and managed to reconnect with old friends from my graduating year (1983). The Alumni Relations department is absolutely tremendous to work with and the success of Connect would not have happened without Pamela Shanks' and Adeline Chew's efforts and support."

The Connect 2006 event coincided with the 40th anniversary of the establishment of York University's Faculty of Administration. As the program evolved into the Schulich School of Business, alumni donors have been instrumental in its growth. Connect 2006 concluded with the unveiling of the prestigious Alumni Door Wall in the Student Commons to recognize alumni for their gracious contributions and financial support.

Connect 2006 succeeded as an opportunity to reconnect alumni with fond memories of their university days and the future of the entire Schulich Community.

