

with the CBC network television drama, "The Play's The Thing."

Over the next 10 months, he helped produce a 13-part series of one-hour commissioned dramas by Canada's top writers, like Richler, Pierre Berton and Margaret Atwood.

"This was the most amazing first job experience I've ever had," said Cudmore, adding it was the first drama series shot entirely on videotape, not film.

Cudmore was then hired in 1974 as floor director/production assistant for the CBC National News and two year later moved to Halifax as assistant to the director of CBC in Halifax.

He returned to Toronto in 1979 to initially manage the CBC News. In 1981, he moved again to Sudbury where he became manager of CBC Northern Radio.

Cudmore left the CBC in 1987 and entered the education field, becoming dean of the school of communication and creative arts at Cambrian College in Sudbury.

He completed his Masters in Education from Central Michigan University in 1993 and is currently in the process of writing his thesis on college funding for his Doctorate in Education through the Edith Cowan University of Australia.

In 1996, the family moved halfway around the world to the United Arab Emirates where Cudmore became manager of communication technology for the Higher Colleges of Technology. They resided in Abu Dhabi until moving to the Quinte area in 2002.

"It was a great experience for both myself and my wife," he said. "We loved the climate and the culture and the ex-pat lifestyle."

Family reasons brought the Cudmores back to Ontario in the summer of 2002 and, subsequently, to Loyalist. His wife, Katie, also works in the college's special needs office.

The school of media studies — the largest school within Loyalist — boasts about 600 students and offers 10 programs ranging from radio and journalism to public relations and animation.

Cudmore loves being part of the Ontario college system.

"The biggest strength of the college system is the value-added we can bring to students ... there is a focus to their outcomes and to see a student blossom and find rewarding careers, it's fantastic to play a role in their lives."

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