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Alumni Profile – Kingston

Andrew Morawski

VISUAL & CREATIVE ARTS, 1983

BY LEISA PRICE-STOREY

"ANDREW Morawski is one of Canada's most innovative and cutting-edge artists, specializing in metal art sculpture and painting. Andy is inspired by the beauty of nature, as can be seen in his creations of animals such as bears, wolves, butterflies and blue herons," declares his website at www.morawskiart.com.

An artist from a very young age, Andy was born and raised in Quebec and got his real introduction to art from neighbour and mentor, Edwin Holgate, known as the eighth member of the Group of Seven. Talented, inspired, and eager to learn more, Andy honed his skills in the Visual & Creative Arts – Fine Arts program at the Kingston campus of St. Lawrence College, graduating in 1983.

"What an experience in my life. I have great memories of college," says the 45-year-old Belleville resident. "I had a great time," he says, recalling a session painting actual sneakers all over the walls of Sneakers Pub on the Kingston campus. Andy also noted that the professors sup-

ported and encouraged their students, without hiding the stark realities associated with making a living in fine art.

Undaunted by the challenges ahead, and with his hard-earned diploma in hand, Andy decided to visit Spain for a two-week vacation. His brief holiday extended to two years! While earning a living by painting murals in bars and pubs – including one in Casablanca – Andy became the apprentice of Gomez Montoya, who had studied under Pablo Picasso.

With that experience under his belt, he returned to Canada excited and ready to pursue his career. So committed to his art, he was willing to make his own hammer, he says. His diligence and dedication to his dream has paid off.

Andy now has six sponsors, including Fortune 500 companies Dewalt and Lincoln Electric, who have given him over \$50,000 of brand new equipment. But he still uses his homemade hammer every day!

A recipient of the Toronto Junction Art

Festival's 'Peoples' Choice' Award, Andy's art was detailed in several magazines and was featured on two covers, *Canadian Metalworking* and *Metalcraft*. His wolf sculpture was unveiled on Breakfast Television. He'll be demonstrating his talents at Toronto's Home Workshop Show in February 2008 and also at Canada Blooms in March 2008.

Scheduled for unveiling at the American Welding Society show in Las Vegas in October, Andy's life-sized kodiak "Spirit Bear," a work currently in progress, may be featured at the 2010 Olympics in B.C. His butterfly sculptures are on exhibit at Infusion Art Gallery in Los Angeles and his steel roses can be found at Saatchi in London, England. A Discovery Channel program about Andy's passion is in the discussion stages.

Andy's 16-year-old son, AJ, has been following in his father's footsteps since he was nine. "He is a fabulous artist and an incredible welder," says single dad Andy, proudly.

Environmentally conscious – "I love recycling," – Andy has created "some incredible pieces" from recycled materials. "It's so exciting, so rewarding," to take something old and discarded and to make something new and beautiful, he says. And he learns from his mistakes, stating, "Failure inspires me."

When he's not working on huge sculptures that can take two to three years to create, Andy supplements his income with custom pieces, such as a large white-tailed deer and fish memorial and two geese in full flight sculptures.

Andy hopes someday to work at St. Lawrence College in some capacity, inspiring young students to pursue their dreams in the art field and teaching them "street art" smarts. He also looks forward to showing some of his creations at the new Marianne van Silfhout Gallery on the College's Brockville campus. For more information on gallery activities, see the related story on page 12.

For more information on the Fine Arts Diploma Program, contact Lynn Walker, (613) 345-0660, ext. 3145. ■



Alumni Profile – Brockville

Janet Beaton

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSING, 2006

BY ROXANNE DELAGE

"IT TAKES a certain amount of discipline and many late nights," says Janet Beaton, of her experience with long-distance education through St. Lawrence College, Brockville Campus, but the Nova Scotia resident found her virtual studies a very positive and rewarding experience.

Having worked as the Occupational Health and Safety Officer for the previous nine years at Saint Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Janet – a self-described perpetual learner – felt that her learning curve at work had reached a plateau.

While looking to build her career and gain better understanding of her job, Janet was introduced to the Occupational Health Nursing program – Distance Education, by a friend, who had just completed the course herself.

Janet was very impressed by the layout of the program, calling it "user friendly." "It was set up for the learner," she says. "You knew exactly what was expected of you: objectives, learning out-

comes, and assignment due dates." She explained that everything was right there in the modules; she didn't have to worry about what to read or where to find it.

Janet cannot say enough about the program itself and the wonderful support she received from her course facilitator, Angie Dukelow, who was a key element in her success. "Angie was very informative and always returned my calls in a timely manner," says Janet.

Being an adult learner, with three children and a full-time job, it would have been difficult to pick up and relocate to get this training. The long-distance education opportunities offered through St. Lawrence College made it possible for Janet to achieve an academic credential not offered anywhere in Nova Scotia. This program has ensured her employability for the future, she says.

Course facilitator Angie Dukelow says that graduates from the three-year course are employed in a wide variety of compa-

nies including casinos, airports, and city corporations.

"There is a great deal of work out there for this type of nursing," says Angie, "and nurses have found this specialization to be very rewarding." As an Occupational Health Nurse, one works in a preventative capacity with the same group of people consistently and is able to see things through from beginning to the end. Occupational Nurses are in charge of assessing risk and preventing injuries before they happen. "Proactive nursing" Angie calls it.

Distance education is growing in popularity and has become a viable option for those who can't attend the College in person. In fact two of Angie's students have taken their long-distance education from halfway around the world. Paula Bichel, who relocated with her husband and children to Indonesia, is continuing her course from there, and another student, a military flight nurse, works on her assignments while stationed in Germany between missions to Iraq.

The program, which requires registered nursing credentials as a prerequisite, includes such courses as emergency preparedness, ongoing health status assessment, counseling, and health education. Mid-term testing is done in an open-book format, and finals are given by a college-approved proctor in the home community.

Adding to her learning, Janet says her internship, working with the Occupational Health Nurse at a local hospital, gave her invaluable experience and perspective in a different work environment.

Janet, who graduated "Class of '06 – with distinction" is now researching other programs to take through correspondence with St. Lawrence College. The life-long learner is proud of her success and especially the positive role model she is being for her three children.

For more information on this and other Distance Education Programs, contact Angie Dukelow at 613-345-0660 ext. 3150 or our Recruiting Team at dreamit@sl.on.ca, 1-800-463-0752. ■



Alumni Profile – Cornwall

Terri Forrester

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN, 2005

BY ROXANNE DELAGE

WHEN HER seventh and last child was three years old and would soon be ready to start school, 42-year-old Terri Forrester knew that she was ready for a new challenge. She'd lived her life for her family, and now the more independent her children became – the eldest being 22 at the time – the more she realized she needed something of her own. "Although not without some trepidation, hard work and blind faith, it was serendipitous," Terri remembers, "the way everything fell into place like it was meant to be."

She'd been out of school for over two decades, and although she had no idea where it would lead her, Terri attended an information session, after seeing an ad announcing a new course being offered at St. Lawrence College's Cornwall Campus.

The components of the two-year Environmental Technician program seemed to be everything she'd always been interested in as a young girl: chemistry, microbiology, ecology, health and safety, and, of course, environmental studies.

Even as a child she'd felt a kinship to nature, performing experiments with her chemistry set and catching frogs for observation that she kept in the wading pool in the back yard. She recalls going off on her bike to pick up garbage from the side of the road. Even then, her sense of stewardship guided her actions.

As she was researching her future possibilities, there was a strong focus on water quality, following the Walkerton affair, and environmental awareness was growing. After the introduction of the course at that information session, she said, "I was sold right away."

Terri remembers that although not all the students in the program were fresh out of high school, she realized on orientation day that she was the oldest in the class and felt terribly out of place and became convinced that she would not be able to return for class the next day. She credits the support and 'pep talk' offered by Program Coordinator Donna Orwell with keeping her in the course.


In fact, Terri gratefully acknowledges the College and praises all her

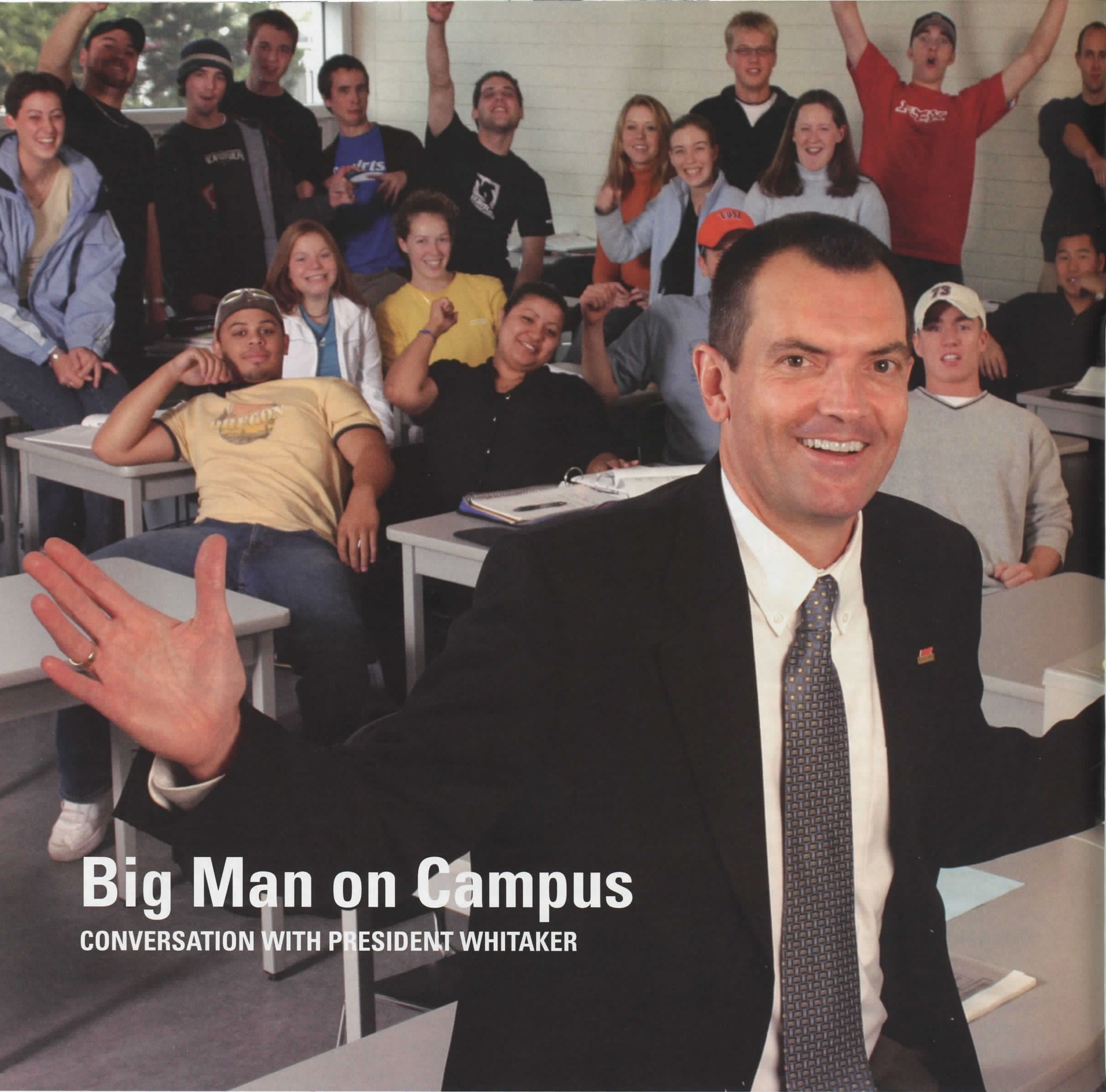
professors, whose expertise contributed to her success. "The teachers bent over backwards to help their students," Terri says. "They really enriched the program. If you wanted more information, they would get it for you, or hook you up with volunteer opportunities, if that's what you wanted."

Terri also feels the association with the River Institute on site, and their facilities that are made available to the students are an invaluable asset to the program. "The course," she says, "covers such a wide spectrum of information and issues in the field that the career possibilities stemming from the training received are endless. Students who graduate from the course are very well prepared for the outside environmental work world." A very high percentage of her class is now working in related fields, such as consulting firms, conservation authorities, water and waste water treatment plants, or doing lab work.

Now a Sr. Environmental Officer with the Ministry of the Environment – a position she admits she still pinches herself in disbelief over – Terri is in charge of enforcing environmental regulations and responding to complaints pertaining to industry, business, and the private sector. She says the best thing about her job is the constant learning. "I love my job," says Terri. "I love the challenge. There isn't a day that I'm doing the same thing as the day before."

Terri can't say enough about the high quality of education she received while at St. Lawrence College, and especially the fact that it took place in her own community, without which, she says, "it simply wouldn't have happened."

For more information on the Environmental Technician Diploma Program on the Cornwall Campus, contact Donna Orwell at 613-933-6080 ext. 2238, or our Recruiting Team at dreamit@sl.on.ca, 1-800-463-0752. 



Big Man on Campus

CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT WHITAKER

WITH THE August 2006 announcement of Volker Thomsen's retirement as St. Lawrence College's President and CEO, the College Board of Governors launched a comprehensive search process for a new President and CEO. Over a period of eight months, the board evaluated a pool of talented leadership candidates from across Canada and beyond from

the fields of education, business and industry. In the search for the best person to assume the position of President and CEO, the Board of Governors were delighted to discover that the best candidate came from within the institution: Chris Whitaker.

Chris has been a member of the St. Lawrence College team since 1987 and

has had a range of progressive leadership experiences as both a teacher and a senior leader on the College's Executive Committee. Over the years, he has worked collegially in all three employee groups of the College including Training Consultant to business and industry, Professor of Management, Dean of Business, and, most recently, as the Kingston



Campus Executive Director and the Vice-President, Academic. In addition to his duties as President and CEO, Chris is currently completing a Ph.D. in the Community College Leadership program at the University of Toronto/Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE).

We sat down with Chris shortly

after the announcement to talk about his vision for the near and long term for St. Lawrence College.

Q: Chris, you're brand new to the role of President and a familiar face to many at St. Lawrence. What skills and experiences do you bring that will be of greatest assistance to you in this position?

My experience with the College will be an advantage to me and hopefully to the organization as we move forward. Having been here for about 20 years, and working on all three campuses in a variety of roles, I think I know what the College is about, and I think I know what our strengths and our challenges are. I understand the needs and the uniqueness of each of the communities we serve and the culture of each campus.

In terms of skills, my ability to communicate and work with people to build relationships, both within and outside the College, will be important for our success. My approach is one of collaboration. I view us all as contributing in different ways to the goals we have as a College – we all have a job to do. I think one of the big jobs of a President is to set the tone for what we want to do and to work with others to help articulate how we will get there.

Leadership's an interesting thing. It's not about everybody following the leader, but it's about making everybody realize that we're all leaders, and if we all get behind the common goals, then we can achieve our objectives that much quicker together.

Q: What are your top three goals for the first year?

First, **we need to develop and communicate a college-wide academic plan that ensures consistency, quality, and viability in all our programs, and the right program mix across our campuses.** We want to continue to encourage and support the individual campuses in terms of identifying local programming needs, but we need to do that under the umbrella of a college-wide academic plan and within a sustainable model. For example, we offer a number of similar programs at each

campus, and if those are all strong, viable programs with appropriate market demand, then we should maintain and improve them. If they're not, we should ask ourselves if it would be better to invest our resources in a smaller number of programs with greater prospects for success.

Second, **we must renew our focus on teaching and learning, as it is the core business of the College.** To do this, we need greater support and investment in the people we have working here and in the support mechanisms that contribute to student success. This is the reason behind the recent hiring of additional academic managers – not because we think faculty and staff need to be managed more closely, rather that people need to be better supported. If people feel that they're valued and supported, they will do great things; they will take risks and they will be willing to change. We need to improve student success and retention rates in many of our programs. This is obviously in the interest of helping students achieve their goals, but it is also in the College's interest to keep programs healthy. By working with academic program teams, student services, and also with our student associations, who are very keen and very willing to get involved and support those activities, we can make a significant difference.

Third, I will stress the idea that we are one College. I don't think we should be afraid of that idea, or see it as a negative thing in any way. We should be proud of our history and our accomplishments. Here we are in our 40th year, and we really need to celebrate our success as a College and the strength that comes from having three campuses from Kingston to the Quebec border united in a common goal. We need to find the right balance between respecting local community needs and seeing those within the context of one College that collectively has a lot of knowledge and expertise to draw on. **We need to get past the fear and sense of competition between the three campuses and recognize that we are stronger by working together as one College,**

as opposed to operating as separate, autonomous, and individual campuses.

Q: What sort of communication strategies will you rely on? Will you have a blog?

I haven't ruled out the idea of a blog. There's also email and other written forms of communication, but I think nothing really replaces face-to-face. Email is nice, memos are nice, blogs are nice, but they're all one-way communication. The best way to build confidence, trust, and positive relationships, I think, is to talk to and listen to people. Whether we are dealing with staff, students, or external stakeholders, it is important to establish dialogue and ensure people feel they have been heard and consulted with. I do think we need to improve our communications generally around the organization, in particular tri-campus college communication. We have to use all the different means available, because different people need to be reached out to, listened to, and engaged with in different ways. I'll spend a fair bit of time at each campus, as it's important for people to have an opportunity to talk to me, as well as to other College leaders.

Q: What opportunities do you see for us in the Ministry's direction for greater integration across the educational system?

There's tremendous opportunity because there's so much separation between those levels right now. In the Ontario system, historically we have not done a good job of bridging between the various systems, whether that's from high school to college, or from college to university; our systems have all developed in relative isolation from each other. The goal of having seamless pathways between the different systems is to help the student succeed. Education should be viewed as a continuum where transitions between systems are made easier for students, and they understand options open to them.

The Ontario government has the *Learning to 18* strategy to increase graduation rates from high school. We also

have the *Reaching Higher* post-secondary plan, with the goal of increasing participation in post-secondary education. Where I see an opportunity is to bring those two strategies together. Some of the things that we've been doing at the college, and piloting within the province, such as dual credit programming between high schools and colleges, for example, offer tremendous opportunity. It gives students the chance to experience college by taking a course or a series of courses that gives them credit toward both their grade 12 and a college diploma at the same time. That's a model that's been proven highly successful in many other jurisdictions. The success rate of those students completing high school, and their subsequent retention once they get into college, is phenomenal compared to students who don't have that experience.

There are also opportunities for improvement in the relationship between colleges and universities. There is a push now for greater transferability and mobility within the post-secondary system, a lot of it being driven by the learners, the students, the consumers of education who are asking: Why can't we get full credit if we want to take our college diploma and continue on to pursue a degree? This is a complicated issue and one that is being taken seriously by the government with the creation of the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario.

Q: Do you expect us to expand our own degree offerings?

That's an interesting question and one I get asked a fair bit. There are no plans to expand at present, and my primary objective is to stay true to our mandate and mission as a College of Applied Arts & Technology. We offer very valuable and highly respected credentials of our own. The reason colleges got into degrees in the first place is because gaps were identified in the capacity of existing postsecondary programming to meet educational needs related to new emerging skill sets. St. Lawrence got



Photo by Henry Petrynska

into degrees to meet that need, not because we wanted to be like universities. I think we have a lot of great universities, and I think we have to view universities and colleges as complementary, and not necessarily as competitive.

The other reason we have been getting into degrees is to address unmet needs within our communities for degree education. We have two degrees offered now in collaboration with Laurentian University to respond to these needs: Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Business Administration.

Q: What role do you see for alumni in our future?

Our past, current, and future students will have a huge impact on our success as an institution. We need to continue to engage alumni in many ways because they are ambassadors of the College. It's those folks who can talk with pride about their experience at the College. Whether they realize it or not, they have a role in determining our future by spreading the word about their experience at the College and what they thought, what they think, about the institution.

Many of our alumni are also parents of children who are now, or someday will be, considering their options for post-secondary institutions. We continue to draw a lot of our students from our local communities and they stay in their local communities after graduation,

College Announces Academic Restructuring BY CHRIS WHITAKER

A MAJOR review of the structure of the College's Academic Division that was undertaken over the winter of 2007 has resulted in a restructuring plan that began to take shape over the summer and continues to roll out through the 2007-2008 academic year.

The primary purpose in restructuring the academic division is to strengthen our focus on learning and student success. Our success in securing a sustainable future lies in our willingness and capacity to work together, valuing the diversity and distinctiveness within and across campuses, while recognizing we are stronger together. The new academic structure will support our efforts to advance our strategic directions within the context of a challenging and dynamic environment.


Congratulations to Lorraine Carter as she moves to the role of Vice President, Academic from her position as Executive Director, Brockville Campus. Following the completion of her Master's Degree from Queen's University and doctoral work in Legal Studies at La Trobe University in



Australia, Lorraine worked with Ministry of Corrections in Kingston. Joining us in 1986 as an academic counselor and later teaching full time in Human Studies, Lorraine has held progressively more responsible academic leadership roles in Futures, Student Services, Applied Arts and the college-wide Schools of Continuing Education and Engineering Technology and Trades before taking on the lead role in Brockville seven years ago.

Under Lorraine's leadership, our academic structure on the Kingston Campus will consist of six Academic Schools organized into two Faculties. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts is Sally Granger, and the Dean of the Faculty of Science is Don Young. Each School will be led by an Associ-

ate Dean. Programs have been aligned according to field of study and projected numbers of students. The two Faculty Administrative Offices will each have a Manager of Academic Operations, providing leadership to support staff to ensure effective and accessible delivery of service to our students and staff.

In addition to new positions associated with these changes, we have filled vacant leadership positions created in Brockville and Cornwall, as a result of Lorraine Carter's appointment and the retirement of Pat Finucan. Reporting to the Vice President Academic, Campus Deans will continue to provide academic leadership, supervising academic faculty, staff, and program activity and will be the lead for the College in their respective communities. They will work collaboratively with the Dean of Arts and Dean of Science to ensure consistency of programming on a tri-campus basis and in support of an integrated academic plan for the college. 

SLC says goodbye to some dear friends BY LAURA TULCHINSKY



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CORNWALL CAMPUS RETIRES

After 37 years, Patrick Finucan, Executive Director, Cornwall campus, announced he would retire at the end of 2007.

Pat began his career at the College in 1970 as teacher in the English and Human Studies programs, and by 1975, began working in management roles. Pat has managed academic programs in all areas of the College on all three campuses. In 1992, he came to Cornwall to lead the Business department and fell in love with the campus and the community. In 2001, Pat was appointed the Executive Director of the campus.

"I am very proud to have had the opportunity to lead St. Lawrence College's Cornwall campus for this significant period of time," said Patrick.


Pat's many achievements for the College include establishing numerous new programs and building enrollment. During his tenure more than 100 international students have studied in Cornwall. He led initiatives to promote and advance the campus's ability to be more environmentally sustainable, including erecting a wind turbine on the South lawn and installation of an array of

solar panels to provide warm water to the campus residence. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences on campus.

Pat also counts among his successes the establishment of the OPTYC (Opportunities in Trades for Youth in Cornwall) and TOPIC (Technology Orientation Program in Cornwall) programs, providing information about trades and technology opportunities to thousands of young people, as well as initiatives in Youth Mentorship and Family Literacy that have benefited the entire Cornwall community.

"We thank Pat for his outstanding leadership and support of the greater Cornwall Community," says Don Fairweather, former Chair, Board of Governors. "He has provided a solid foundation on which to secure our future."

"I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to lead the campus," says Finucan. "I hope to be able to assist in small ways in the future as a volunteer, but my golf game needs a little work and there will be many other interesting things to do in my retirement life. This community and our Board of Governors have expressed ongoing commitment to this campus. It gives me a warm feeling as I take my leave."

For news of many other recent retirements of College faculty and staff, see Staff Echoes on page 32. 




DEAN OF HEALTH SCIENCES RETIRES

After 39 years of service to the College, Marg Smith retired at the end of August. Marg began her teaching career in 1968

at the School of Nursing, Kingston General Hospital. In 1973, she joined our faculty when the School of Nursing transferred to St. Lawrence College. Since 1976, she has taken on more formal leadership roles as a Continuing Education Coordinator, and as the Chair, Director and Dean of Health Sciences. Marg's contributions over the years span the three campuses of St. Lawrence, as well as provincial and national organizations and committees.

We are indebted to Marg for her leadership and dedication to excellence in all aspects of nursing and science education. Students and staff have benefited greatly from her commitment to healthcare training and the development of partnerships with universities such as Queen's and Laurentian. Marg has also been instrumental in facilitating numerous program accreditation reviews with third-party professional associations.

Marg's professional demeanour is matched by her sense of humour, love of adventure, and dedication to her large and expanding family. Between this, her RV, music and garden, we wish her a well-deserved and rich retirement. 

In Brief

ALUMNI IN ACTION BY ANGELA FARMER

OUR GRADUATES are doing all kinds of remarkable things, contributing to their personal growth and making a difference – in our communities and around the world. If you're 'up to something' and have an interesting tidbit to share, send it along to alumni@sl.on.ca



**Andrea Andrecky, Brockville, ON,
Graphic Design 1999**

On May 20, Andrea snagged two bronze medals at the 2007 World Disabled Water Ski Championships in Townsville, Australia, winning the medals in both tricks and slalom. Andrea was profiled in the Winter'07 issue of *Voyager* – read the article online at: <http://www.sl.on.ca/alumni/voyageur/Winter/VOYAGEUR07-W03.pdf>.



Denise Bowes, Athens ON, Fine Arts 2004

Denise has had her oil portrait of Hon. Judge John Ross Matheson accepted by the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa. Judge Matheson, who was injured at Ortona in WWII, was the "father" of the Canadian flag while MP for Leeds County and originated the Order of Canada.

He is currently writing a book about the Order of Canada for which this painting was solicited.

**Justin Chenier, Kingston, ON,
Advertising and Public Relations 1997**

Justin's production company, Beyond Time Media, (www.beyondtimemedia.com) is currently in production on a feature-length, reality-based mockumentary, titled *CabFair*. It follows a fictional Kingston taxi driver and incorporates extreme naturalism, non-professional actors, non-intrusive filming techniques, hand-held camera, genuine locations, and naturalistic sound with limited

post-production mixing. Some of the filming has taken place on the Kingston campus of SLC. The film is but one of many projects on the go for this busy guy. In addition to producing all of K-ROCK's TV commercials, Justin's company has also produced public service announcements for the United Way and the Enhanced RIDE Program.

**Jack Chiang, Kingston, ON,
Honorary Diploma Recipient 2000**

On May 30, 2007, Jack was officially sworn in as Kingston and Eastern Ontario's Justice of the Peace. Jack may be familiar to many of our readers as the Photo Editor and a columnist for the Kingston Whig Standard, having worked there for almost 30 years. He has been a chair or co-chair for many Kingston area charities (the United Way, The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Kingston, and the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper Campaign to name a few). We wish him all the best in his new position.



**Patrick Hickey, Columbia, SC, Nursing 1976;
2006 Premier's Award Nominee**

When last we wrote about Pat, he was well on his way to accomplishing his goal of climbing the Seven Summits (the seven highest points on the seven continents of the world). Having climbed five of the seven, only Mount Vinson in Antarctica (4892m) and Mount Everest in Nepal (8848m) remained.

Pat reached Mount Vinson's summit on December 22, 2006, and on May 24, 2007 at 9:30am, he enjoyed a view from atop Mt. Everest that left him breathless. While going up was difficult, coming down was even more so! Read about his descent from Mt. Everest on his blog: www.myeveryest.com.

Karen Parent, Harrowsmith, ON, Nursing 1986

The "I'm an Extraordinary Ordinary Person with a Dream" contest was introduced by Karen Parent, Nursing '86 grad and founder of The Dreamkeeper's Project™. Winners of the contest attended Idea-City, a conference that brought together 50 of the world's brightest individuals to speak to an audience of 500 about issues that interested them.



Pictured here are this year's winners: left front: Maryam Ahmed, Computer Engineering Technology '07; right front: Darcy Voutt, 1st year Business; left back: Chris Henderson, Pre-Health Sciences '07; right back: Patrik Snajdr, 1st year Energy Systems Engineering Technology.

**Blake Van Winckle, Kingston, ON,
Hotel and Restaurant Management 2003;
Civil Engineering Technology 2006**

Blake is President of RenoTube.ca, a website that shows the world the first real-time house renovation via a live webcam and where viewers can participate in the design process. On June 1, 2007, Blake raised \$500 for Habitat for Humanity Kingston skateboarding from Kingston to Gananoque. Way to go Blake!



For more pictures from the Habitat for Humanity event, or to check out RenoTube.ca's renovation action visit www.renotube.ca.

Donna Wilson, Brockville, ON, Retailing 1979

Donna is a mother of four and the Director of the Healing Arts Centre & Yoga Studio in Brockville. She is a registered Yoga practitioner with 15 years of yoga experience and specializes in the application of Yoga Therapy. Donna has partnered with SLC to offer both on- and off-site yoga classes this fall. Watch for new student lunch-hour Yoga Programs on-site at the Brockville Campus and Encore Yoga classes off-site at the Yoga Studio. Donna welcomes inquiries at 613-345-7757, or visit her website at: www.thehealingartscentre.com



View towards Blue Mountain, watercolour, 2000
by Marianne van Silfhout

Marianne van Silfhout Gallery Opens on Brockville Campus

BY LEAH WALES

AFTER 35 YEARS of being a centre for arts education in the region, primarily through part-time course offerings, this Fall marks a new beginning on our Brockville campus, with the launch of our full-time, two-year Fine Arts Diploma program.

Both full-time and part-time students alike will be delighted with the spectacular, modern gallery now located at the front entrance of the campus, in which to showcase their work.

The gallery took shape over the summer, thanks to a lead gift from the estate of Marianne van Silfhout. Fundraising continues to meet the capital costs and to establish a permanent endowment for operating costs. An inaugural show featuring Marianne's work runs through the end of October.

The College is pleased to partner with private donors and other funding agencies, in order to provide the Brockville community with a dedicated visual arts space, in which to present and celebrate the artistic talents of emerging, developing, and professional artists, from across the region and beyond.

The gallery will also offer space for loan exhibitions originating in Canadian public galleries, for traveling international exhibitions, and (if appropriate) for exhibitions from private collections, thereby enhancing the economic impact of cultural tourism and enriching our community's quality of life.

We are confident that the Marianne van Silfhout Gallery will quickly become a valued community, cultural asset for year-round enjoyment by students, residents, and tourists to the region. We look forward to welcoming you through the doors – there's never been a better time to visit the Brockville campus. ➤

MARIANNE VAN SILFHOUT GALLERY FALL & WINTER EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

Sept. 19-Oct. 29 Works by Marianne van Silfhout
Nov. 5-23 Work of local College Fine Arts Alumni
Nov. 29-Dec. 20 Retrospective: Henry Vyfvinkel
Jan. 7-25 Signature by 18 – B&W Photography
Feb. 4-22 Regional Artists, Juried show
Mar. 3-20 Fine Arts Students (watercolour)
Mar. 31-Apr. 18 Fine Arts Students (oil & acrylics)

COLLEGE NEWS IN BRIEF

Cheese, Fish, and Behavioural Intervention – Applied Research is off to an interesting start at SLC

BY CAM MCEACHERN

The Kingston region once had a vibrant cheese-making industry, but consolidations in the agricultural, industrial, and retailing sectors dramatically reduced this local industry over the past thirty years. The changes have gone hand-in-hand with other shifts in local industries, demographics, and consumer preferences along the St. Lawrence River region, as globalization profoundly alters the economic and social landscape.

St. Lawrence and other Ontario colleges see a role in helping our communities to be competitive, not only through first-rate teaching, but by developing an applied research program that strengthens programming and helps local industries to flourish. St. Lawrence is matching its instructional strengths with local industry needs to pursue new economic opportunities. The college has established its own Research Ethics Board and has secured NSERC eligibility, which means it can meet grant and research administration standards set by the National Science and Engineering Research Council. Now in its third year, the college's fledgling applied research program has seen several faculty members lead small teams in preliminary studies to focus on ideal research programs.

Take CEBRIC for example. St. Lawrence Kingston is drawing on its combined programming in Human Studies, including its new Behavioural Psychology degree program, to conceive



Tibrata Gillies (in black) and colleagues at Pan Chanco Bakery in Downtown Kingston

a new Centre of Excellence in Behavioural Research and Intervention in our Community (CEBRIC). The vision is complete and grant-writing is underway. In Cornwall, a partnership with the St. Lawrence River Institute has Environmental Technology faculty developing a study of mercury levels in fish. Police Foundations classes on all three campuses are becoming involved in developing fitness standards for specialized, emergency tactical teams. The College's vision is to see applied research at work in classroom equipment and process trials, industry-focused workshops, research facilities, and other assistance to help people live and work better... Which brings us to the cheese.

Preliminary studies in both the School of Business and in the College's Culinary Arts program point to research opportunities to help local agriculturalists thrive. The College can help business people find technologies and markets to develop and sell their products better. And cheese is a case in point. Tibrata Gillies, a part-time Culinary Arts instructor and local chef, possesses years of experience in food handling and a long-standing interest in soft-cheese production. She is representative of the two dozen college faculty seriously exploring research programs that can enrich their programming and serve the St. Lawrence region. "It's an inspiring opportunity," she says. ➤


**St. Lawrence
College**

Marianne van Silfhout Gallery

For more information on shows, or to exhibit,
contact Lynn Walker, (613) 345-0660, ext. 3145.



Faculty Spotlight

JIM HAMILTON – Sales & Marketing Professor, Kingston Campus

BY LEISA PRICE-STOREY

SALES and Marketing Professor, Jim Hamilton has been passing on his skills at the Kingston campus of St. Lawrence College for almost three years.

Jim moved from Cornwall to the Limestone City in grade seven and attended The University of Western Ontario achieving an Honours Undergraduate Degree in Actuarial Science.

What amazes me the most is how these students grapple with families, kids, jobs, and a full-time courseload. To me, that's one of the most inspiring things – that they're able to achieve success with all those extra responsibilities.

He also received a Masters in Business Administration from The Richard Ivey School of Business in London, Ontario.

Teaching was not a goal that Jim originally had in mind. Besides owning his own company, he'd been Vice President of Marketing for several organizations. "Most of my work experience has been with start-up companies," he explains.

When he heard about an opening at St. Lawrence College, Jim's interest was piqued. Talk about being in the right

place at the right time! "The opportunity was in an area where I had a lot of experience: sales and customer relationship management. I saw it as a way to determine whether or not I liked teaching," admits Jim, whose wife, Kate, is a teacher with the Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. The couple has two sons: five-year-old Joe and three-year-old Kevin.

This new position would enable him to, "teach at a very practical level," says Jim. Teaching students not only what they need to do, but also how to do it "is something that really appeals to me."

With "both students coming out of high school and adults coming back to school, you get a mix of very, very motivated individuals. What amazes me the most is how these students grapple with families, kids, jobs, and a full-time courseload. To me, that's one of the most inspiring things – that they're able to achieve success with all those extra responsibilities. It bodes well for them," he says.

After testing the waters with a part-time position, Lady Luck was again on Jim's side: a full time position uniquely matching his skill set became available and he was fortunate to be selected.

"The folks at the College are just phenomenal," he says, commending professors – some of whom he's deemed mentors. They "really know how to engage and inspire the students," he explains, noting a few have graciously passed on some of their tips and tricks of the trade.

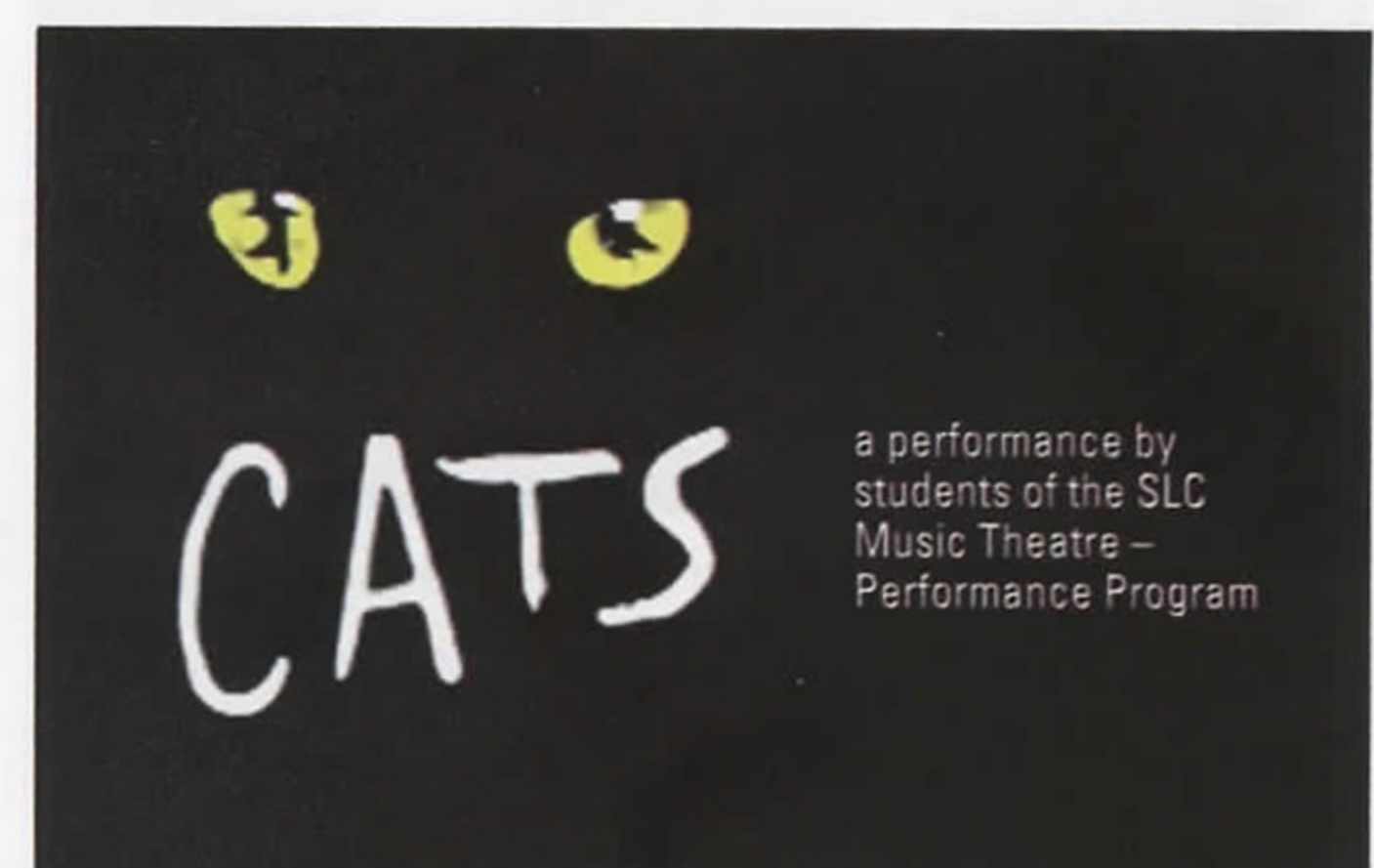
Although Jim admits that he tries to "emulate what the good ones do," he does have his own personal and successful approach to teaching his students. "I really like getting the students engaged in role-playing situations that simulate real business scenarios that I know happen everyday. As soon as they walk out the door, it's stuff that they're going to see." He incorporates extensive role-playing and video self-analysis into his classes. "Certain educational technologies really support and enable the learning process to happen in both a self-directed and group manner," he

explains.

Jim also allocates a portion of his time to applied research. A year ago, he and office-mate Al Parkin, took notice of the substantial activity in the organic food market and the commercial issues affecting local farmers. "We decided to do some basic research," he says to examine how the market was evolving in the Kingston area and what could be done locally. "We've just completed our initial phase of that and now we're onto very specific projects," he adds, to help enable farmers to compete more effectively in this expanding and rapidly changing market.

Community- and sports-oriented, Jim was co-chair of the Hockeyville Bid Committee, serves on the board of the Kingston & District Sports Hall of Fame and organizes the College's annual Volker Cup, a faculty-student ball hockey game that raises funds for the United Way.

Teaching at the College has been a learning experience for Jim, as his knowledge about the campus, its facilities and its opportunities has grown. "SLC is great and getting better every day!" he says proudly. ☞




Join other Kingston Alumni & Friends
to see Andrew Lloyd Webber's

CATS

Friday, December 7, 2007

Tickets just \$40, including transportation, show and a meet-and-greet reception with the cast following the performance.

For tickets contact the alumni department at alumni@sl.on.ca or branch representative Amy Compagnat at amy.compagnat@oxfordseminars.com



Spring 2007 Convocation – Honorary Diploma Recipients

BY ANDRÉA COLE

HONORARY Diplomas are the highest form of recognition that the College can bestow. They are awarded to individuals or organizations whose accomplishments are of such a high degree of excellence that they can be held up as role models, and serve as an inspiration to our graduates and the College community. *Voyageur* congratulates this year's recipients on their remarkable achievements and contributions!

CORNWALL CAMPUS



Sister Annette Valade (right)

Sister Valade's crowning achievement is the 1983 introduction of the concept of palliative care as a specialized discipline at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Cornwall. For Sister Valade, care of the dying was an essential part of the mission of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph. Palliative care is largely taken for granted today, though less than 25 years ago it did not exist as a formal part of health care in our community.

Born in St. Raphael's, Ontario, Sister Valade's early career saw her working as a secretary for National Defence in Ottawa. She entered the order of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph in 1944 and embarked on an illustrious nursing career, which began following her graduation from the Hotel Dieu Hospital School of Nursing in Kingston in 1952 and spanned the next four

decades, including a specialization in paediatric nursing. She studied theology at Mariallac College in St. Louis and achieved a Masters in Pastoral Studies from St. Paul University. Sister Valade has been a member of the Board of Directors of the RHSJ health centre and St. Joseph's Continuing Care Center for 30 years.



Angelo Towndale (left)

Angelo Towndale works tirelessly in Cornwall on behalf of traumatized children. He was the driving force behind the creation of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization in Cornwall. The achievement for which he is best known today was the establishment of the Children's Treatment Centre. In the early 1990s, Angelo responded to reductions in government funding of programs for abused children. He raised a sum of money and gave it to the government, anticipating that it would be matched. The government of the day chose not to respond and sent the money back to its donors. Undeterred, Angelo organized community leaders to raise enough money to treat abused children without government support.

It has been said of Angelo that he has a deeper vision of why he is here on earth. He is relentless in his pursuit of services for the abused child. The result is that the Cornwall community has a Children's Treatment Centre funded entirely by private donations raised by our community – the only one of its kind in the country. Not long ago a student in one of Cornwall's high schools stood in front of her class to explain why she was proud to be a Canadian. She said that our country was great because abuse victims like herself could be cared for at the Children's Treatment Centre.

BROCKVILLE CAMPUS

Ben TeKamp (left, in photo, above right)

A beloved member of the Brockville community, Ben TeKamp is an outstanding contributor to both the community and St. Lawrence College, including a term as a Director on the Board of the St. Lawrence College Foundation.

Mr. TeKamp is the past mayor of Brockville, a position he held for nine years. He is celebrated



for his active community volunteer work, above and beyond that required in his political role, and also for his self-deprecating sense of humour, which is best displayed by his willingness to support local causes by dressing up like Elvis for Riverfest, like a flower for Communities in Bloom, and like Charlie Chaplin for the St. Lawrence Stage company. He traveled to Belarus in 2004 in support of Canadian Aid for Chernobyl and is an active supporter of the Safe Communities Coalition. He has also refereed prestige rowing competitions at an international level, including two Olympics. In 2006, TeKamp was chosen as Brockville's Citizen of the Year.

KINGSTON CAMPUS



James D. Brown

James Brown is an impressive spokesperson, an ardent advocate, and one of St. Lawrence College's most visible supporters in all three of our campus communities. He was the founding Chair of the St. Lawrence College Foundation and served two terms as Governor on the St. Lawrence College Board of Governors.

Among Mr. Brown's many passions is support and advocacy for youth and education because it speaks to the future and to potential being realized to its fullest, a passion that also extends to the disadvantaged. His community involvements are extensive, including as the Chair of Health Care 2000, an active membership in Junior Achievement, a strong support of the local Big Sisters/Girls Inc. program, as well as a volunteer sponsor for Pathways for Youth and also H'ART Studios (a literacy, computer literacy, and life skills program for adults with intellectual disabili-

ties that incorporates the fine arts for inspiration and motivation).

His nominators say that "He is, quietly, St. Lawrence College's strongest advocate;" and "Jim has worked tirelessly as a community volunteer for decades; his enthusiasm and spirit shines in everything that he does, and he certainly exemplifies the core values of this prestigious award. James is an inspirational soul; his passion is infectious!"



Peter Kingston

Peter Kingston is an engaged community leader who gives generously of time, talent, and support to numerous community organisations. Born in Kingston, Ontario, Mr. Kingston is a graduate of Regiopolis College and Queen's University. He is a former director of the St. Lawrence College Foundation, including three years as Chair, during which he was the volunteer leader of the extremely successful Kingston Expanding Opportunities Campaign.

In his professional life, Mr. Kingston is an Investment Advisor with CIBC Wood Gundy, and is a partner with Burkom, Hopkins, Kingston, Kingston, and LeBlanc Investment Team. His volunteer and philanthropic life is a rich one: he is a former advocate and leader for Junior Achievement; the current Vice Chair, Kingston Family YMCA; and Co-Run Director, Run for the Cure. Mr. Kingston was a member of the 2004 CIBC Wood Gundy "Climb for the Cure" team that climbed Kilimanjaro in Africa to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research.

Peter states, "I became interested in giving back to my community by watching my parents. I am a big believer in the synergy that results from community members, who have different interests and talents, coming together to make their community a better place to live and work. I feel very fortunate that I can live and work where I was raised. Kingston is a great city with a bright future. My hope is that I can continue to contribute in some small way to making Kingston a vibrant community that cares for all of its citizens."



Kim Donovan

Born in St. Thomas, Ontario, Kim Donovan is President of Kincore Holdings. In that position, he has made a tremendous contribution to the Kingston community by his willingness to take risks, to take a long-term view, to turn once decrepit buildings in downtown Kingston into historic and architectural jewels. His company name, Kincore, means "Kingston's Core".

Mr. Donovan was introduced to downtown Kingston and other local real estate development opportunities while working on a recreational community project on Wolfe Island during the late 1980s, which provided him an opportunity to appreciate the vitality of the heritage streetscapes within downtown Kingston. He is now dedicated to nurturing downtown Kingston as a desirable place to live, work, shop and gather, for residents, students, and visitors.

In addition, Kincore has adopted a "Thinking Green" mindset to existing and future development projects and is committed to incorporating sustainability principles in all new buildings, achieving a healthy balance among environmental, economic, and social/cultural considerations. Kim also supports efforts to create new opportunities for youth to be attracted into the skilled trades through our local educational institutions, apprenticeship programs, and skilled trade job shows.

Mr. Donovan has been involved with every major charity in the community, including work as the Campaign Co-Chair, Kingston's Historic Market Square Restoration; 2007 Leadership & Major Gifts as well as Past Chair, United Way Campaign; Past Chair, Hospice Palliative Care; Past Governor, Kingston General Hospital; Ambassador, Kingston Community Foundation; Member, St. Lawrence College Community Council.

His current community service goals are guided by the objective of helping to strengthen the social fabric of our community, including securing improved venues and greater awareness of the importance of arts and culture within our community, and assisting in the redevelopment of brownfield sites to accommodate affordable housing projects and other forms of sustainable community development.




Keith Watson (left)

Keith Watson is a catalyst: as a community leader and organizer, he brings together others to advance important social causes, including education and public safety. An avid community supporter and successful fundraiser, Mr. Watson has initiated several bursary funds at St. Lawrence College and CFB Kingston, Kingston Police Services, the OPP Children's Youth Camp, and the Canadian Military Blind Children's Fund.

Mr. Watson is the driving force behind promoting education for law enforcement officers on both sides of the border since the early 1990s, and is the Founder of the International Law Enforcement Seminars program. An aviation enthusiast and licensed pilot, he has helped to change regulations regarding emergency safe-landing for planes and is the Founding organizer of Fun Fly Day. He has traveled to Russia to speak on free-market insurance and has also organized a program to help raise money for flood victims in Iowa.

Mr. Watson has been the recipient of several other awards and honours, including the Rotary International Paul Harris Awards, the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award, the New York State Troopers' Community Service Award, and an OPP Police Commissioner's Citation for Community Service.

One of his nominators says: "Mr. Watson has helped turn dreams into realities for countless young people; he has made marginalized members of society into worthy and successful contributors; and he has done it through selfless commitment and perseverance. By example and through his passionate commitment, he promotes economic development, social development and cultural development for Kingston generally, and for young people in particular." 

SLC Alumni Branch Activities

BROCKVILLE CHAPTER

Alumni Comedy pub for the Student Emergency Fund Wow, what a night at our 4th annual comedy Pub! Yuk Yuk's comics Tony Krolo and Brian Lazanik entertained a SOLD OUT crowd last March at the Brockville campus pub. Proceeds from ticket sales and a silent auction raised \$1,000 for the campus Student Emergency Fund, doubling our target! Special thanks go to our event sponsors from Rehau Industries and PSI Compressors. We could not have brought this level of professional entertainment into town without them, and we can't thank them enough for their continued support.

Don't miss out on another great evening of stand-up comedy planned for Saturday October 20th. The Branch is teaming up with the Brockville Student Administrative Council to bring you the "SLC Great North Comedy Pub." The evening will feature three great comics from the new Great



Tony Krolo performs at Alumni Comedy Pub in March '07.

North Talent agency in Ottawa. Once again, tickets are \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Don't wait long; this is sure to be another sellout.

The Alumni Family Tree project

After three years of generous donations to our Family Tree project, the "Alumni Drive" phase (the entrance to the Brockville campus) is complete and looking great. It is now time to focus on the front lawn of our campus and officially begin our "Alumni Park" phase. It is our dream to fill this area with trees and create a park-like setting that will one day rival any of the beautiful parks in the city. We have a few donors in place for this fall, but are looking for a few more. If you are interested in donating for Fall 2007, contact the Branch now. A \$75.00 tax deductible donation to the SLC Foundation is all it takes. Dedications will take place in October.

Active Member Update

David LeSueur connected with other Branch volunteers just before the March comedy pub and played a key role in helping us sell out the event. Thanks, David! Jason Marchildon is taking a leave of absence while he focuses on a new business venture. We wish Jason the best of luck and hope to see him again soon.

We are always on the lookout for new members who can contribute to Branch activities. The group meets about once a month from September to June for about an hour. We also participate in community events such as the Brockville Corporate Challenge, Palliative Care Trivia Challenge, and United Way 8-Ball Challenge. Join us! For more information contact Brockville Branch President, Keith Hare at 613-345-0660, x 3777 or email: AlumnibranchB@sl.on.ca

FINE ARTS CHAPTER

Several members of our newest active Chapter participated in a workshop in May, on painting landscapes in acrylics. It was a great turnout, with alumni enjoying the opportunity to interact and share ideas with other grads.

The Chapter had an exhibit of varied member works on display at the Brockville Arts centre for the month of August.

A particularly special show is currently in development – the first exhibit of the work of members of our Fine Arts Alumni Chapter at the new Marianne van Silfhout gallery on the Brockville campus. This show will run from November 5th to 23rd, with a reception hosted by the alumni relations office planned for Thursday, November 8th.

For more information, contact Chapter representative, Jean Noel by email at jean-noel@cogeco.ca.

CORNWALL CHAPTER

Following a highly successful fundraising evening of dinner theatre in February, current branch members are taking a short hiatus from event planning. The Branch is seeking new active members to carry on the tradition of great evenings that entertain and engage Cornwall area alumni, while also contributing funds in support of the branch bursary for students in need. If you're interested in getting involved, email the alumni office at: alumni@sl.on.ca

KINGSTON CHAPTER

The Kingston Branch is planning a special evening of entertainment to 'support our own'. Don't miss out on our trip to the Brockville Arts Centre on Friday, December, 7th to take in a production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's beloved musical, CATS, staged by the incredibly talented students in our Musical Theatre Performance Program. It promises to be a great evening, with transportation, theatre ticket, and a post-show meet and greet with cast members all included in one low price of \$40 per person. The bus will leave from the Kingston campus at 6:00pm, returning about midnight. This event is open to all alumni, students, and friends. For tickets and further information, contact Amy Compagnat, at amy.compagnat@oxfordseminars.com



Want to learn more about careers in the skilled trades?

Visit the Career and Skills Trades Learning Experience (CASTLE) at St. Lawrence College, Brockville campus

**Thursday, October 25, 2007
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

For more information, contact Sharon Pritchard at (613) 345-0660 x 3119

CYW Class of '76 Hosts a Fun-filled Reunion Weekend

BY JO-ANN BARRIAGE

CHILD & Youth Worker graduates from 1976 gathered in Kingston in August for a reunion weekend. It was a very successful event, with grads commenting on how amazing it was to see everyone together again after so many years. Many had not seen each other for 31 years, so it was quite an emotional reunion and great fun for all. Participants attended a Blue Rodeo concert Friday evening, a meet & greet at the home of Janet & Dave Pentney on Saturday afternoon, followed by a fantastic dinner at the Kingston Brew Pub, and finished the evening off with some dancing to Filet of Sole (great band!) at the Slip Lounge. Sunday morning, everyone met for brunch to say our goodbyes (until next time)! All in all, it was wonderful, and we left each other with assurances that we'll stay in touch, now that we've reconnected over such a special weekend.



Back row: Ross Anderson, Dwayne Mountney, Loretta Gaffney, Gerry Laurin, Andy Vandenboogerd & Bruce Paterson; **Middle row:** Cheryl Kennedy-Batten, Janice Marjoram-Rhiness, Dorothy Abrahms-Thompson & Kathie Wadsworth-Nicoles; **Front Row:** Shirley Gould-Gilcrest, Marlene McDougall-Hanisch, Jo-Ann Weatherby, Sharon Scissons-Vickers, Janet Bowes-Pentney



Volker Thomsen heads off for 'Greener' Pursuits

WE CELEBRATED Volker Thomsen's tenure as President of St. Lawrence College with an evening of entertainment, reminiscences, laughter and song on June 21st. The event featured many accolades and presentations recognizing Volker's contributions to various groups and important causes during his time at the helm of SLC, including aboriginal issues, apprenticeships and trades, and renewable energies.

Volker was designated an honorary alumnus by Glenn Vollebregt, Senior VP, Advancement and Corporate Services, and feted in speech, poem and song by many colleagues, friends, and supporters. More than one glass of red wine was consumed, and there was more than one touching moment, in particular words from Volker's family, represented by his eldest daughter, Andrea. There were also many moments of good humour, highlighted by a vocal tribute, complete with Lederhosen costumes – we just couldn't resist publishing that photo for the family album!

Volker is now devoting himself full time to his many other passions, including the development of renewable and sustainable energy and environmental

practices, in Canada and around the world. He has taken on the role of Co-Chair, along with Brent Kopperson and OSEA (Ontario Sustainable Energy Association), for the World Wind Energy Conference, which will be held at our Kingston campus June 24-26, 2008. This international conference has in the past few years taken place in China, India, and Argentina, and comes to North America in 2008. Aptly, when coming for the first time to a city with a population of less than 500,000, it will feature the theme: 'Community Power.' For more details, visit the conference web site: www.wwec2008.com. 🍷

Photos, counter-clockwise from top left: Gord MacDougall and Chris Whitaker offer a tribute to Volker's Danish roots; Words of sincere appreciation from Donna Cansfield, MPP, former Minister of Energy; Volker gets the last word.

Alumni Discount Program

Being a St. Lawrence College graduate has its perks! Take advantage of these exclusive discounts and value-added incentives for SLC Alumni. Become an Alumni Discount Provider: Businesses and service providers interested in reaching thousands of college graduates are encouraged to contact the Alumni Relations Office to learn how to sign up as an Alumni Discount Provider. Participating businesses and service providers include:

Travel

AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

An incredible 'Alumni Rate' of \$49.95 per suite, per night, plus applicable taxes, at any **Residence & Conference Centre** location (Toronto, Ottawa, Windsor, Kitchener, Welland, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Brampton, Oakville, Hamilton, Oshawa, King City, Brockville, and Kamloops B.C.). A portion of the proceeds goes back to the St. Lawrence College Alumni Association. Rooms are primarily available May-August. For reservations, call 1-877-2-ALUMNI and ask to be transferred to the location of your choice. Mention your St. Lawrence College Alumni affiliation to receive the special rate. Check out www.checkintothecentre.com for a full list of locations and services.

If a summer camping adventure is in your plans for 2008, consider a visit to beautiful **Bon Echo Family Campground** — a scenic, natural getaway, located an hour-and-a-half north-east of Kingston in Cloyne, Ontario, very close to Bon Echo Provincial Park. This facility is now owned by Rob Gentile, Business Admin-Marketing grad (1993) and his father. Rob is offering a special SLC Alumni discount of 15 % off overnight camping, camper-trailer rentals, and seasonal camping sites. Visit www.bonechofamilycampground.com for further details and campground photos.

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Corporate rate to St. Lawrence College Alumni who sign up as new members. This represents savings of nearly 20% off a Basic Membership, and 13% off a Plus Membership. Contact: Peggy Andrews, (416) 806-2557. Email: jpandrews7839@rogers.com

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News In Brief

Med Lab Graduates Excel in National Exams

BY JAN FOX

ALL THOSE involved in teaching the 2007 graduating class of Medical Laboratory Scientists can sit back and take a moment of justifiable pride in the success rate for these alumni in recent national exams.

The national pass rate was 80% and our grads blew by that number, with a pass rate of 89%.

A big 'Thank you' to all who were involved in the academic preparation of these students and of course, to the graduates themselves – you make us all proud. Well done! Congratulations to all of you. ~



Foundation, College, Students, and Alumni all win!

BY FRANK LOCKINGTON

THE St. Lawrence College Foundation held its 14th annual golf tournament on May 24th at Smugglers Glen on the Thousand Islands Parkway. The event drew over 150 friends of the College. Golfers played under perfect summer conditions.

Over \$18,800 was raised during the day. Proceeds have been used to create our new "Engaging Alumni Fund." The fund will help to support the College's strategic objective of connecting alumni with students to enhance student success. Students, faculty, and alumni will be able to apply to

the fund to seek support for such projects as alumni mentoring programs, hosting alumni guest speakers on campus, alumni/career days, and student field trips to alumni workplaces. If you're a grad with an interest in connecting with current students from your program, get in touch with the Alumni Office to see how you can get involved!

The tournament is the Foundation's largest annual fundraising activity and was organized this year by Kathy Gray in the College's Development Office and a team of enthusiastic volunteers. ~



Veterinary Dental Program

THOUGH now retired, former member of SLC Veterinary Technology faculty, Barb Donaldson, is still coordinating the Canadian Veterinary Dental Technician program.

A group of students taking a wet lab course in May at Hale Veterinary Clinic in Guelph, included three SLC alumni. The course was prepared and taught by Dr. Fraser Hale, a board-certified Veterinary Dentist. The CVDT program, the only one of its kind in Canada, has been running since 1997 and offers post-graduate training to veterinary technicians in dentistry. The program is open for registrations all year, with the wet lab held annually in May. For more information, alumni can contact Barb by email at mmeadows@kingston.net.

Congratulations to Barb Donaldson on being selected by CAAHT as the AHT/RVT of the year, 2007. The award is given annually to one who exemplifies an outstanding professional. Barb, we're so proud of you – well done! ~

Pictured above from left to right are Kelly Hume, Veterinary Assistant (1998); Amy Mastine, Veterinary Technician (2002); Kerry (Prosperine) Lorraine, Veterinary Technician (2000); and Barb Donaldson.



Student Receives Support for Energy Conservation

BY LACEY MONK

KUI HUANG is entering his second year of the Energy System Engineering Technologist Program (ESET) with a sense of relief. He is the recipient of the prestigious Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship (GWMS), granted in recognition of the potential the recipient has shown to make significant contributions as a leader in the community. Kui has been living in Kingston with his wife and daughter since 2003, when they first landed in Canada as new immigrants. This scholarship will help Kui not only to support his family, but also to concentrate on full-time study in pursuit of his passion in renewable energy.

In 2005, an article about St. Lawrence College's ESET Program in the local newspaper caught Kui's attention. After consultation with Program Coordinator, Steve Lapp, Kui immediately decided on his new career path and began his research in the field. Kui and his family moved from China, and he credits his appreciation and desire to protect our natural resources to the benefits he has experienced since living with fresh air, clear water, and green

land here in Canada. The ESET program is one of the newest of its kind and covers a wide range of studies in renewable energy, integrating conventional power with building alternative energy systems.

Kui states, "Particularly, I would like to thank Volker Thomsen, our former President, who has been fighting so hard in the battle for renewable energy. His passion greatly inspired me, and I appreciate his attention to and support of every student." The GWMS National Award is much more than a financial commitment; there is access to summer funding to support the community and to enrich the learning experience. Kui believes not only in striving for outstanding academic performance, but being proactive in the community to promote his belief, put it into real action, and contribute to the challenging, and highly rewarding field of sustainable development.

More information on the Garfield Weston Merit Upper Year Scholarship for Colleges can be found at: www.gwmisc.ca.

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1967 2007

Happy 40th SLC!

TEXT AND CAPTIONS BY ANGELA FARMER
AND LEAH WALES

THIS YEAR, St. Lawrence College celebrates its 40th birthday. To mark this occasion, we've collected some archival photos from our first five years (1967-1972), along with a few pictures from recent years. We hope you enjoy seeing how much has changed – like the facilities, programs, and hairstyles – and how some things just seem constant – like the smiles and tremendous sense of accomplishment on graduation day.

BUILDINGS

Following an Act of Provincial Parliament in 1965, the College system was founded through the visionary leadership of then Minister of Education, Bill Davis. A Board of Directors was appointed, and led by our first Chair, Walter T. Ziegler. The Board immediately approved a plan to create St. Lawrence College, and in 1966, it was initially determined that Brockville was to be the site of the main campus. In 1967 the 59-acre former Ontario Psychiatric Hospital farmland at King St. and Portsmouth Ave. in Kingston was acquired for a \$1 government transfer.

Shovels were soon in the ground at sites in all three communities, and buildings quickly took shape. At the same time, program offerings were advertised, with the earliest courses offered in temporary quarters in local high schools.

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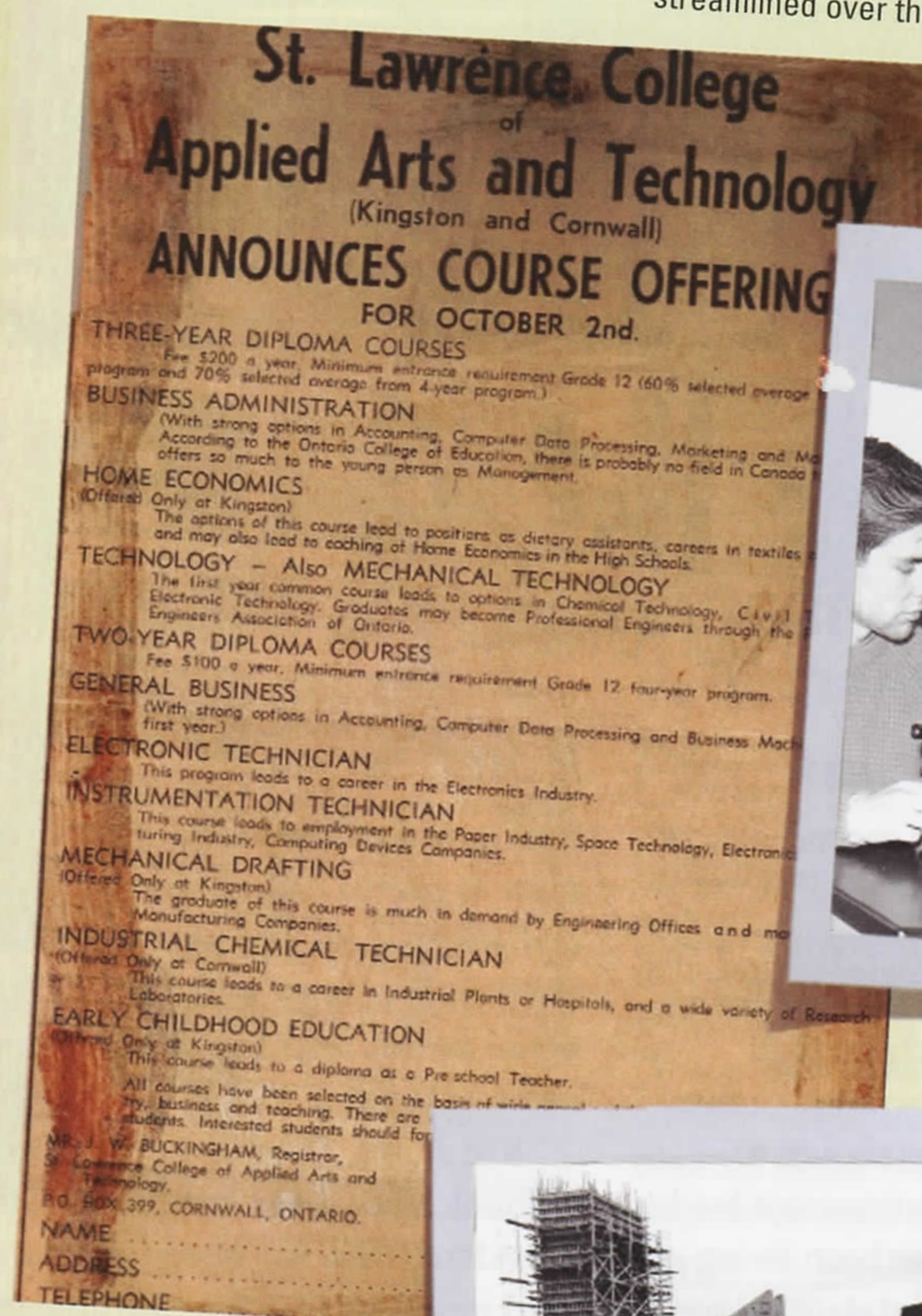
Long before our first buildings opened, SLC began its proud history of delivering quality programs. In 1967, the Kingston campus opened to 250 students in temporary quarters in the basement of Loyalist Collegiate and Vocational Institute, while Cornwall got its start at General Vanier Secondary School, and Brockville first offered evening courses to 70 students at Thousand Islands Secondary School.



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Construction of Stormont Hall, November 1970

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LIVING IN

As students began to arrive at SLC from farther and farther away, including other provinces and nations, demand for on-campus housing grew, and our first residence opened on the Kingston campus in 1997 with 300 beds. Over the last five years, our residence operations have grown to include facilities on all three campuses, now accommodating more than 700 students, in both private and double rooms.

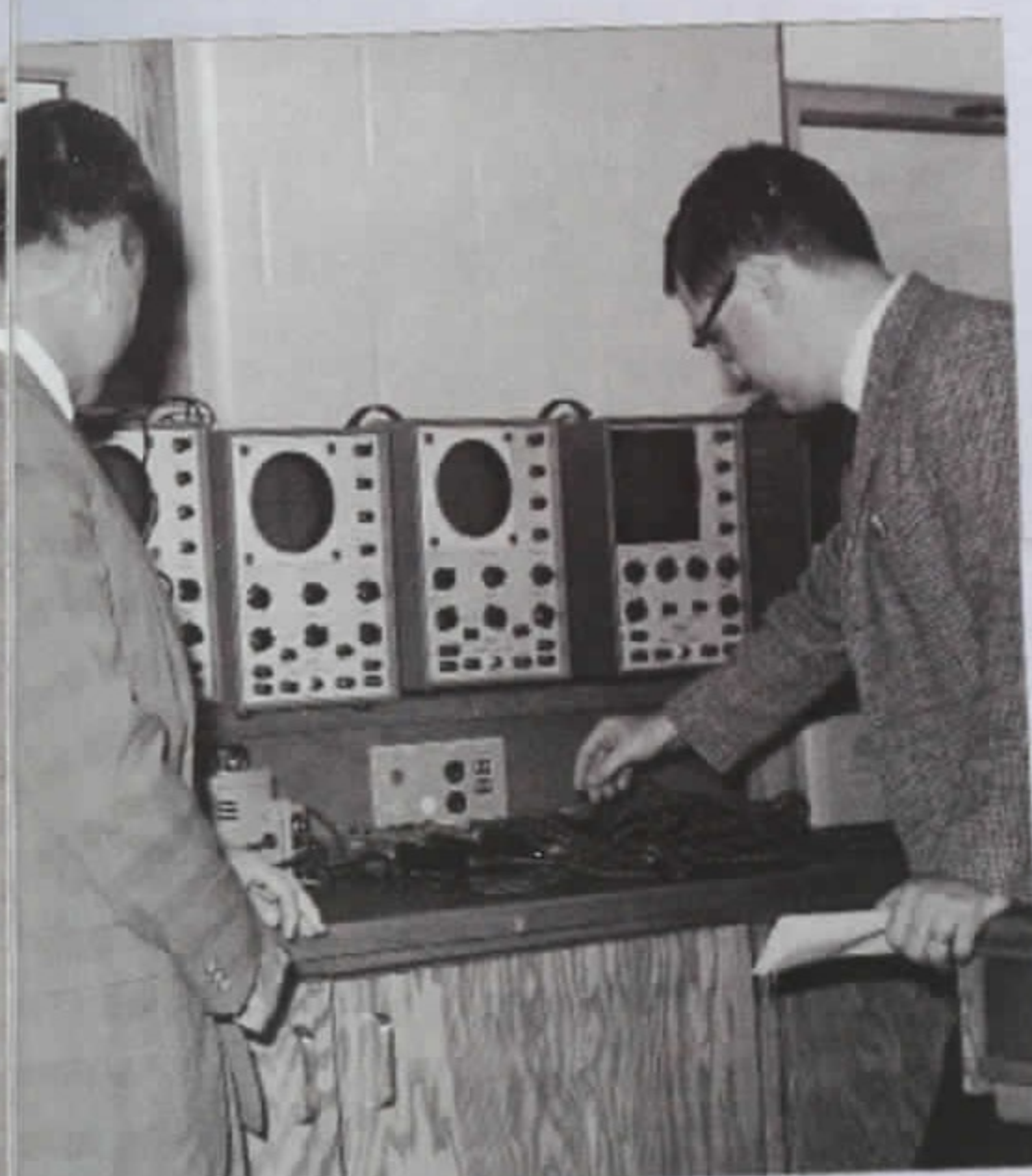


PEOPLE AND PROGRAMS

In our first years, we offered three-year programs in Business Administration, Home Economics, Chemical, Civil & Electronic Technology; two-year Technician programs in Electronics, Instrumentation, Mechanical Drafting and Industrial Chemicals, as well as Early Childhood Education and General Business; and one-year programs in Secretarial Arts.

Today, St. Lawrence College has approximately 5,000 full-time students and 20,000 part-time registrants in over 80 academic programs in Business, Health Sciences, Human Studies, Trades & Technology, and Creative Arts. We employ over 1,000 full-time and part-time staff.

While hairstyles and fashions have changed, and the tools and technologies are vastly different, the passion for teaching and learning has been a constant throughout the years.

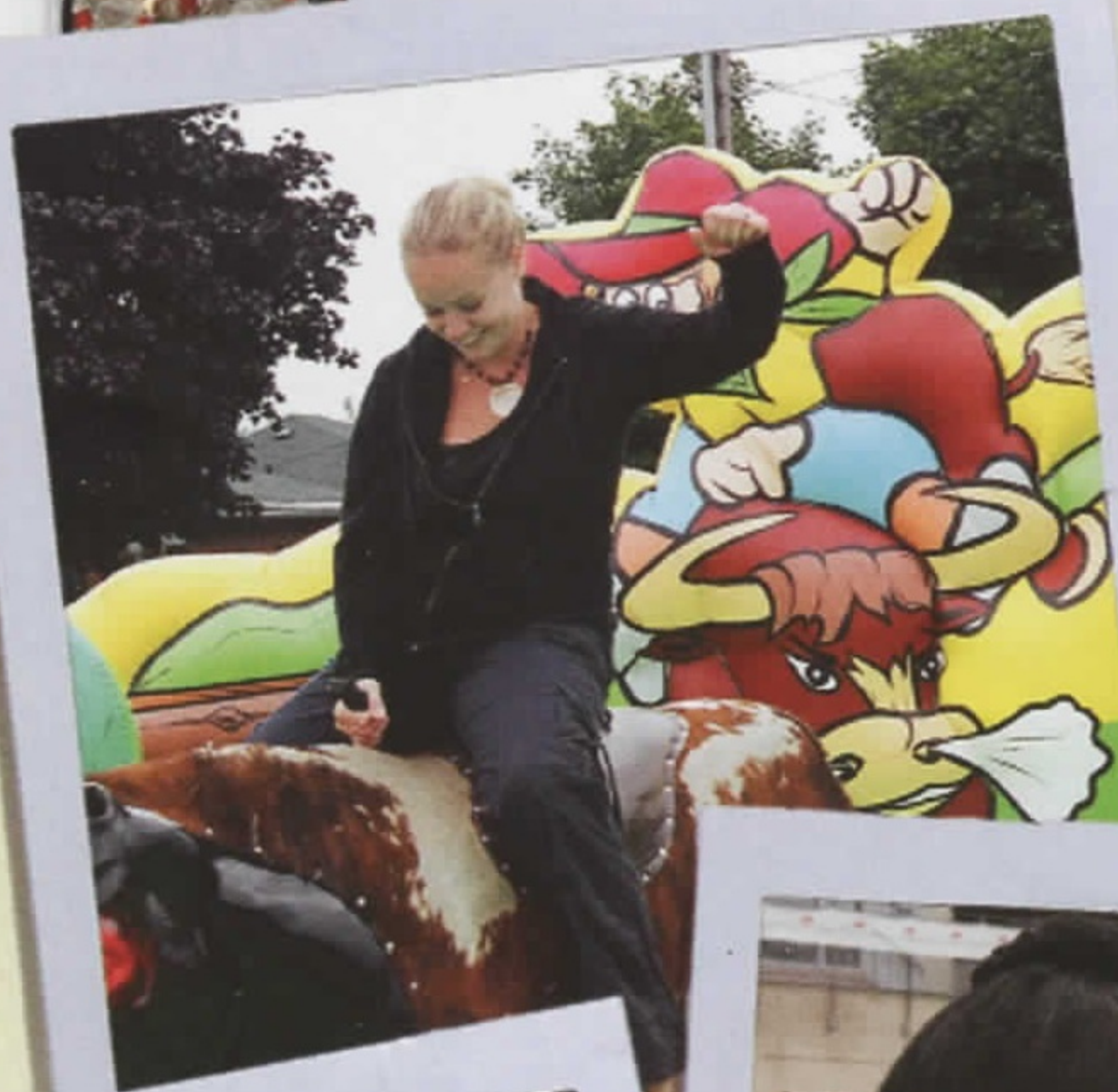
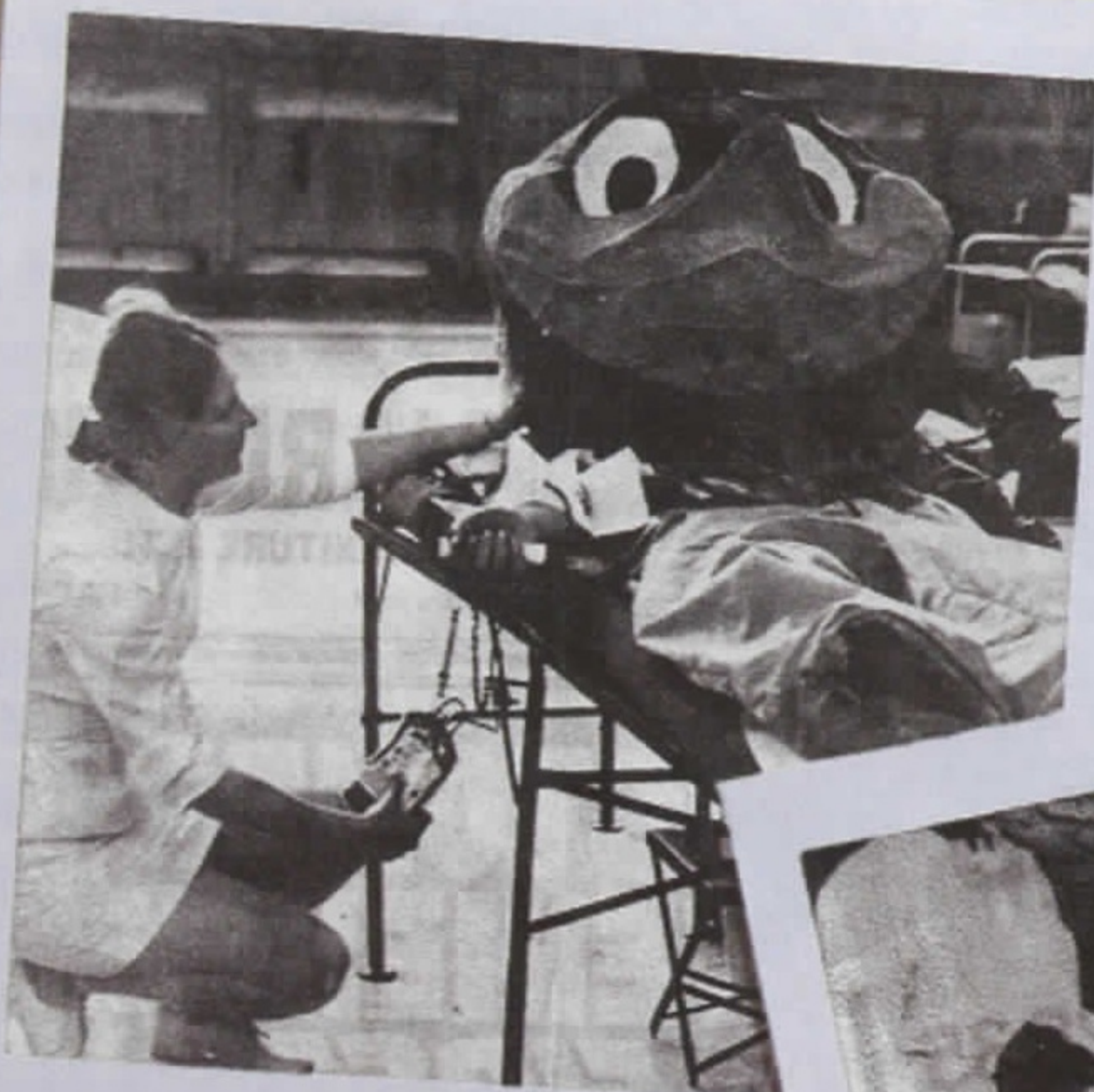


LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Another constant through the years is that students, faculty, and staff have always found almost as much to enjoy and learn outside the classroom as inside, and we never miss an opportunity to celebrate and have fun.

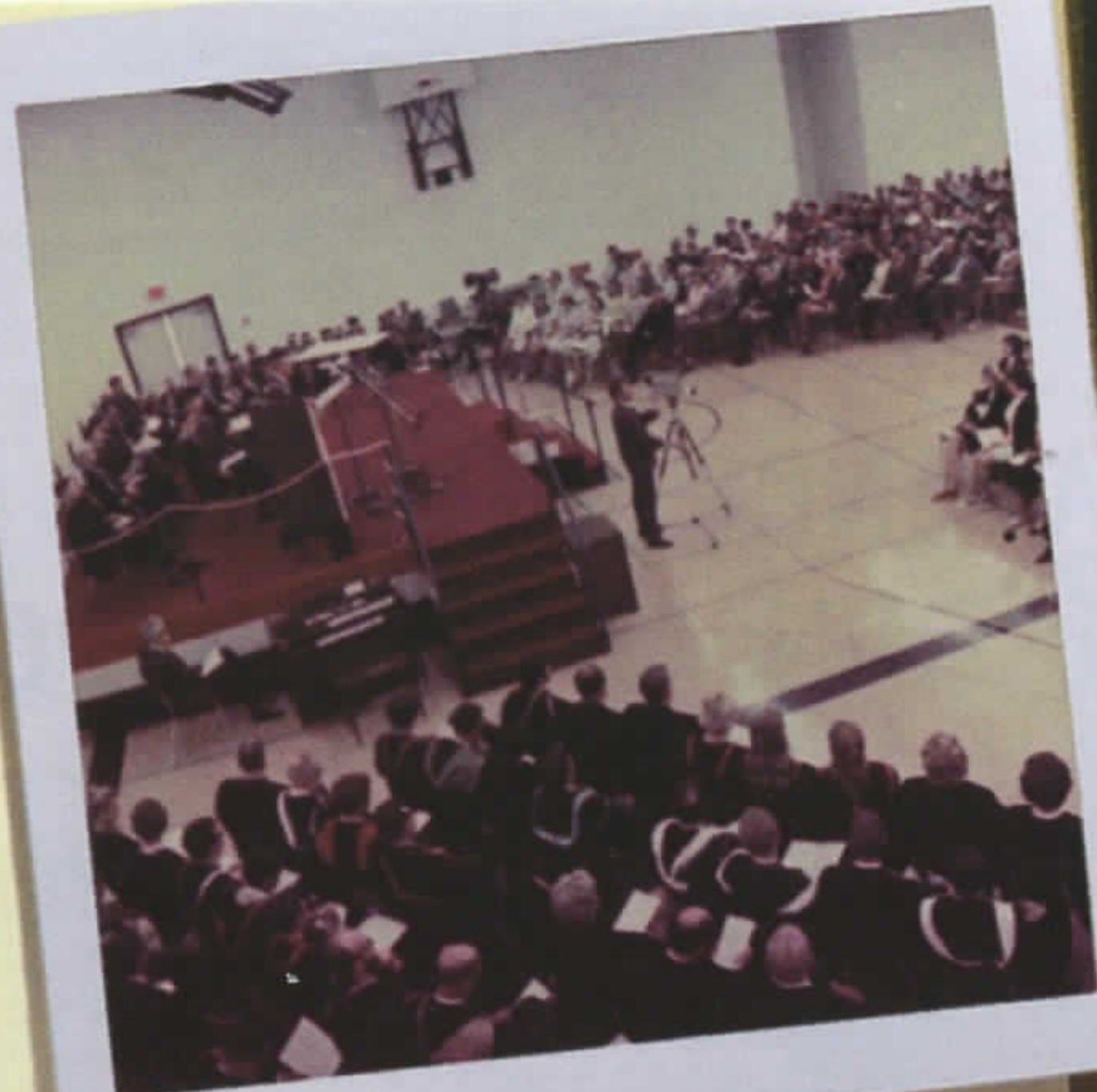


Let them eat cake! In recent years, we've encouraged healthier options on our dining hall menus, but cake was on offer (5 ft high!) for the official opening of the Kingston Campus (June 6, 1970) and for our 20th anniversary too! Both were created by staff member Emelia Neuberger.



Cornwall frosh give shoeshines for charity;
Cornwall's campus mascot donates blood;
Orientation day shenanigans!

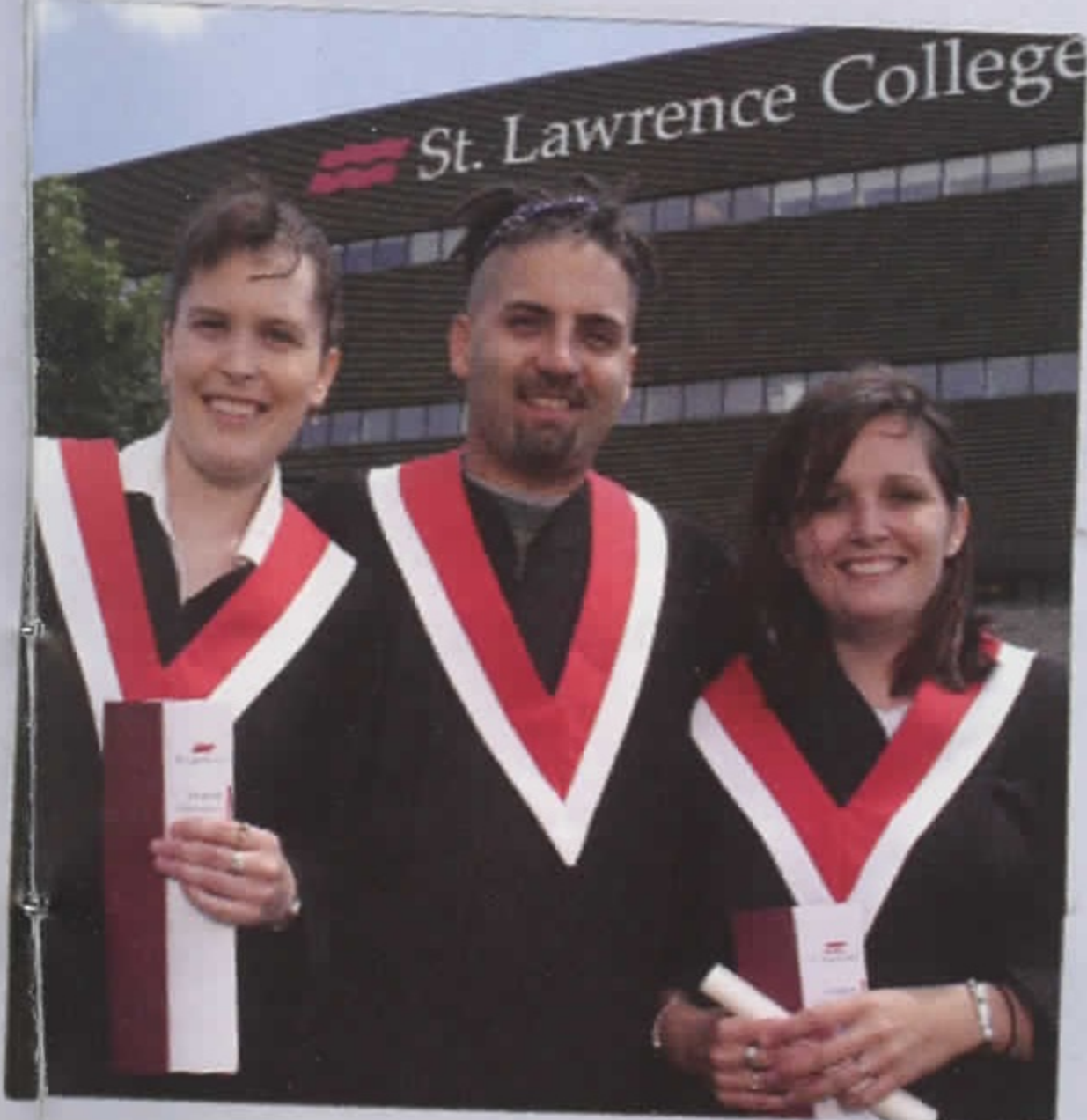
Seems like the library's a little more 'interactive' than it used to be, although do you think maybe that student is checking out more than the books??



TOP SCHOLARS at St. Lawrence College of Applied Arts and Technology pose in a few shovel-fulls of earth around the tree planted earlier in Saturday's convocation to symbolize the graduates' roots in the college. From LEFT to RIGHT are Robert Montgomery, Beverley Ann Atchison, Robert Overby, Donald Hugh Macdonald, and Judith McDonald, all metallurgy and scholarship winners. (Photo: J. Paul Photo)

15 Prizes, Scholarships Awarded At Convocation: Ceremony Held On Lawn

Convocation remains the greatest annual celebration in our academic calendar. Our inaugural graduation ceremony, when 82 students became the very first SLC alumni, was held May 28, 1969 in Grant Hall at Queen's University. Whether it's 1969 or 2007, the smiles and the pride of accomplishment radiate just the same.



THE PRESIDENTS OF ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE

In our forty year history, the 'Top Job' has been held by only six men (and yes, no women ... yet!)

1967 – R. C. Short, St. Lawrence College's first employee and President. Appointed in September 1967, he stepped down three years later to head the Canadian Cable Television Association.

1971 – W. William Cruden (Bill), Director of the College's then Polytechnical Division. Appointed President on January 1, 1971, he led the College for more than two decades stepping down in 1992. He received an Honorary Diploma from St. Lawrence College in 2006.

1992 – Dan Corbett was appointed President in 1992 and stepped down August 31, 1999.

1999 – Charles Labarge was appointed Interim President in September 1999 and served until the end of September 2000 when the new on-going President was appointed.

2000 – Volker Thomsen was appointed President on October 1, 2000 and retired from the position July 31, 2007.

2007 – Chris Whitaker was appointed President on August 1, 2007.

For a more detailed history of the College, check out the three-part series entitled "A Reader's History" that ran in Fall 2005, Spring 2006, and Fall 2006 issues of *Voyageur*.

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In 2006/2007, the St. Lawrence College Foundation continued its work supporting St. Lawrence College in achieving its mission. The foundation was active in advocacy, fundraising, management and stewardship of funds held in trust for donors, and initiating strategic expenditures in St. Lawrence.

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ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE FOUNDATION: ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The St. Lawrence College Foundation has completed another successful year. While revenues for the year were slightly below that of 2005/2006, many significant objectives for the Foundation were achieved.

Student award and recognition events are sponsored by the Foundation each fall, and this year a record number of students received financial assistance. Donors came together with the award winners and college staff to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of student leaders in Cornwall, Brockville, and Kingston.

On the fundraising front, the Foundation, with the support of the Development Office, surpassed its target of \$250,000 in donations destined for our endowed bursary funds. Under the Province's Ontario Trust for Student Support, we were able to secure significant matching funds for these donations.

Our Brockville campus has enjoyed the fruits of our efforts exhibited through the Expanding Opportunities Campaign. While the Campaign officially wrapped up in May 2006, many of the initiatives that were born out of this fundraising effort were felt across the campus. As well, our plan to extend the appeal to include the construction of a new art gallery at the Brockville campus received a major boost. The lead gift of \$250,000 from the estate of former Fine Arts graduate Marianne van Silfhout was realized. Construction on the Marianne van Silfhout Gallery at St. Lawrence College is expected to be completed in 2007.

Stewardship of our donors is critical to the future success of our Foundation. In 2006/2007, our board went through the preparation of an extensive "Investment Policy" document. This work will



help guide our financial advisors as we aim to earn a significant return on our Bursary Endowment Fund while protecting our capital funds.

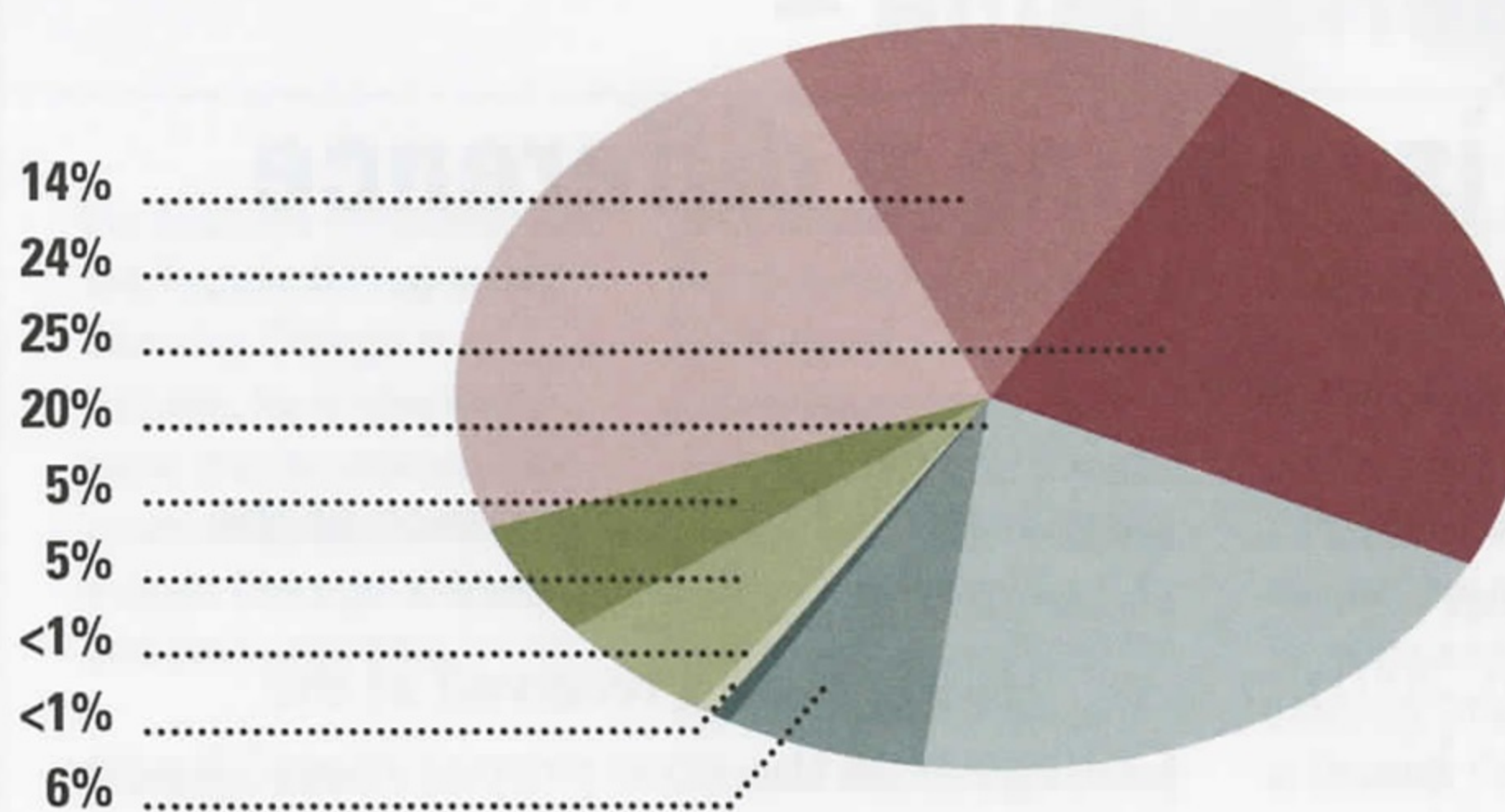
The St. Lawrence College Foundation also made several strategic expenditures back into the College and our students this year. Our Bursary Endowment Fund grew by \$725,000 and at March 31, 2007, exceeded \$3.8 million. Over \$750,000 was invested into capital renewal projects in Brockville, Kingston, and Cornwall, and students received \$144,000 in financial awards.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank all those who have entrusted The St. Lawrence College Foundation to help fulfill their philanthropic interests. We sincerely appreciate your financial support but more importantly your ongoing commitment to our community's college. It has been my personal pleasure to serve as Chair of the Foundation over the past two years. I look forward to continuing my involvement as Past Chair in 2007/2008.

David Beatty, Chair
The St. Lawrence College Foundation

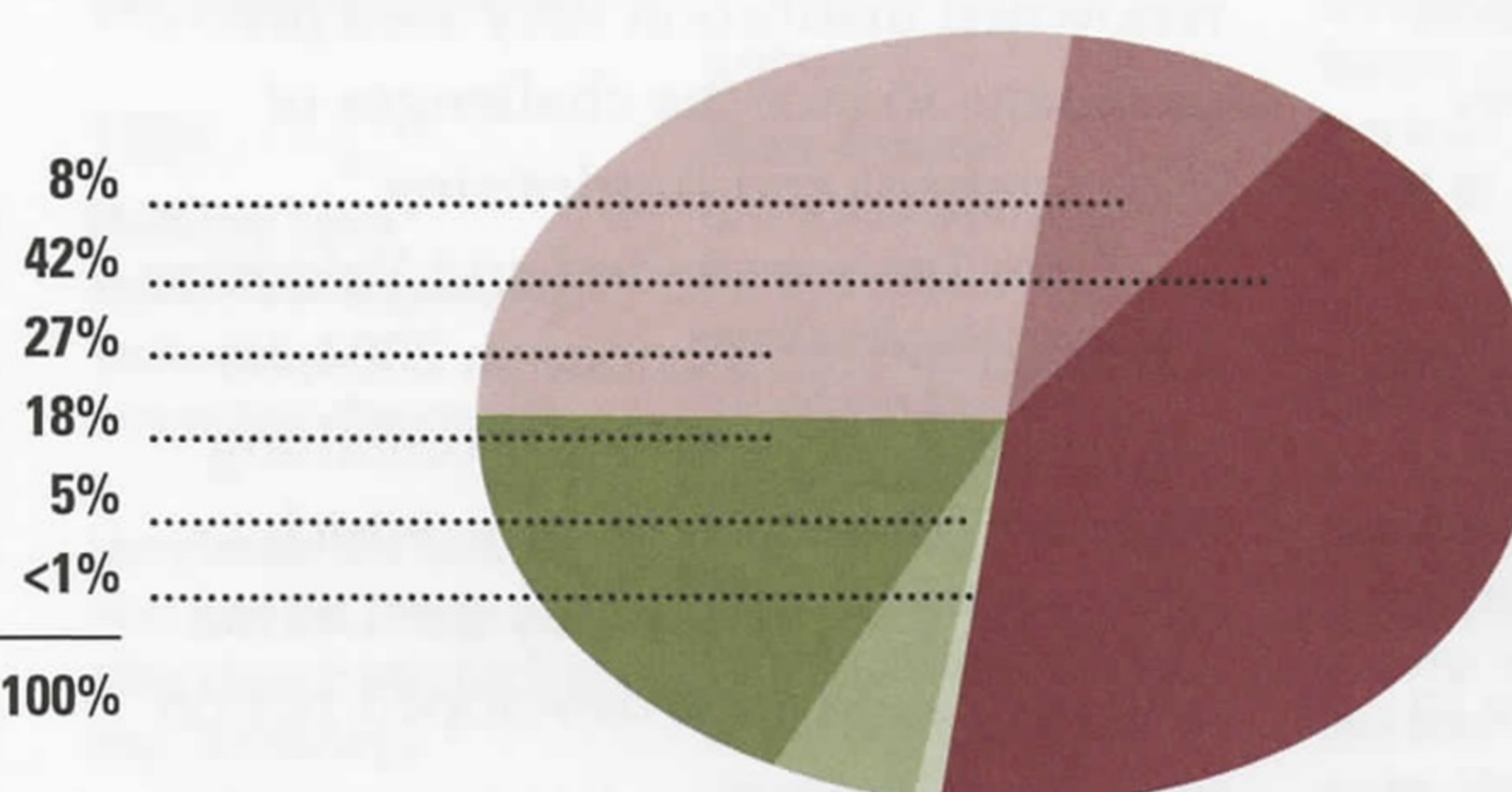
FUND RAISING

OTSS new in year gifts	\$ 266,755	14%
OTSS matching funds	458,135	24%
Exp Opp – Kingston payments	458,274	25%
Brockville Campaign gifts/payments	373,755	20%
Annual in year Award Sponsors	91,154	5%
New directed special gifts & grants	92,577	5%
Gifts made "in-kind"	12,623	<1%
Interest income	9,523	<1%
Endowment interest income	113,152	6%
Total resources secured	\$ 1,875,948	100%



STRATEGIC EXPENDITURES (EST)

Student Awards	\$ 144,050	8%
Transfers to the Endowed Bursary Fund	724,890	42%
Kingston redevelopment costs	458,274	27%
Brockville redevelopment costs	300,000	18%
Special projects	78,670	5%
Instructional equipment	2,214	<1%
Total Investments	\$1,708,098	100%



St. Lawrence College Foundation Elects First Alumni Chair

BY LAURA TULCHINSKY

THE St. Lawrence College Foundation Board of Directors held its Annual General Meeting at the Cornwall campus on June 6th. At the meeting, the Board elected Cornwall businessman and St. Lawrence grad Peter Gault as its next Chair. This is the first time the Foundation has called upon one of its own alumni to lead the Foundation. "I am happy to be in a position where I can give back to an organization that created the foundation for my career and success," said Peter Gault. "If St. Lawrence College is to grow and be successful, we must continue to invest in its infrastructure with an eye towards long-term sustainability."

Peter Gault succeeds David Beatty of Brockville, who has held the position for the past two years. "Peter has held many leadership positions in our community and is a very successful graduate of our campus," says Pat Finucan, Cornwall Campus Executive Director. "He cares enormously about the success of our communities and our College. He is ideally suited to lead our Foundation." ■

Rebuilding in Sierra Leone – one of our own is making a difference

BY HELEN CHADWICK

AFTER 13 years in Canada, Valentine Sualley (Business Administration – Human Resources Management, 2001) has found a way to contribute to his native Sierra Leone, which is rebuilding after a decade of civil war. Computers for Schools Sierra Leone (CFSSL) is a new non-governmental organization founded by Valentine in November 2005. The organization's purpose is to distribute refurbished computers throughout the country's educational institutions.

Valentine is from the eastern part of Sierra Leone, where the brutal civil war began in 1991. He came to Canada in August 1994, as part of the delegation to the Commonwealth Games being held in Victoria, British Columbia. With civil war still raging at home, Valentine successfully sought refugee status and was able to stay in Canada.

Once his status as a convention refugee was established, Valentine set about the task of gaining an education. His lawyer referred him to St. Lawrence College, and he was admitted to the Business Administration program on the Kingston campus. Valentine gives

much credit to his experience at the College.

"The training I received at the College was the core preparation I had for what I am doing today," he says. "The quality of education and training I received from this prestigious and renowned institution very well prepared me to face the challenges of management and fundraising."

After the war ended and Valentine returned to Sierra Leone in 2004, he realized he wanted to do something meaningful for his country, which has twice been ranked by the United Nations as the least-developed nation in the world.

"There was no doubt in my mind that by establishing CFSSL I was going to make some contribution to rebuilding my war-torn country," he says. The organization has already received and distributed about 500 computers from several countries, including 200 refurbished by high school students in Sharbot Lake, Ontario.

Valentine has built some great partnerships with individuals and organizations to aid in the cause, but he admits



there is a lot of work to be done to bring CFSSL to another level. "We are at the point where the entire Sierra Leone school system now depends on us for computers, as this facility now gives hope for Sierra Leonean students to be able to compete globally."

With one of their major computer sources closing recently due to funding difficulties, there are challenges ahead. However Valentine and CFSSL remain committed to finding the used computers and the funds to ship them to Sierra Leone. "So one would agree with me, that there is still a lot to be done," he says. ☞

Members of the St. Lawrence College family who are interested in learning more about Computers for Schools Sierra Leone or contributing to its efforts can contact Valentine directly at vsualley@hotmail.com until the CFSSL website becomes active.



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Alumni Echoes



1970

den Ouden, Paul
Instrumentation
Engineering Technician –
Industrial – K
pdenouden@shaw.ca
Paul is happily retired
from being an electrician
at a pulp and paper mill in
Powell River, BC.

1972

Beal, Sydney
Public Administration – K
sydbeal@sympatico.ca
Sid retired from working
for the City Of Toronto on
July 31, 2006 after 33
years.

1973

Murphy, Gilbert
Instrumentation
Engineering Technology –
Process C – C
rupert@brucetel.com
Gilbert is currently retired
and enjoying travelling
and golfing.

1976

Barriage, Jo-Ann
Child & Youth Worker – K
jbarriage@cogeco.ca
Jo-Ann would like to hear
from grads from her pro-
gram. (See reunion story,
page 17)

1977

Jones, Jennifer
Fashion Merchandising – K
After graduating from
SLC, Jennifer worked as a
designer in Toronto for 10
years and also did some
teaching at George Brown
College. She returned to
school to train as an Ad-
dictions & Mental Health
Counsellor. She studied
at the Toronto Centre
for Psychodrama and
Sociometry, opened a
private practice for five
years, and then moved
back to her home town
of Ottawa in 2001.

1979

Cooper, Susan
Medical Laboratory
Technology – C
After 25 years in the Lab
at Brockville General Hos-
pital, Susan joined the

new South Eastern On-
tario Infection Control
Network as the consult-
ant/educator in December
2006. She obtained Inter-
national Certification (CIC)
in March 2007. A direct
result of the SARS out-
break, regional infection
control networks were es-
tablished by the MOHLTC
in 2005 as an added layer
of support for front line
healthcare workers. As
one of the first four net-
works in the province,
SEOICN began providing
education and consulta-
tions throughout South
Eastern Ontario in 2006.
Susan is happy to be
based back in Kingston.
She can be contacted at
coopers@kgh.kari.net.

Weir, Brian
Mechanical Engineering
Technology – K
brian.weir@sympatico.ca
Brian is living back in
Kingston and is a part-
time volunteer at Queen's
for energy conservation.
He is on permanent dis-
ability after a hang-gliding
accident in 1993, but is
getting better.

1982

Stapley, Gerald
Business – Advertising
and Public Relations – K
jebe31@hotmail.com
Due to health reasons,
Jerry had to quit teaching.
He occasionally does
freelance work and tries
to keep up his computer
and artistic skills from
home.

1983

Baker, Kenneth
Child & Youth Worker – K
therevkenbaker@shaw.ca
Kenneth is back at school
taking some law classes
and enjoying the educa-
tional experience once
again.

1984

Juby, David
Visual & Creative Arts –
Fashion Design – K
djuby@sympatico.ca
David is currently teaching

the costume component of
the Technical Program at
Sheridan College in
Oakville. He is also work-
ing in the film industry as a
costume builder. Credits
include Chicago, X-Men,
and Cinderella Man.

Merpaw, David

Mechanical Engineering
Technology – C
dmerpawc@cogeco.ca
David has three children:
Dan, Melanie, and Jenna

1986

McHenry, Larry
Mechanical Engineering
Technology – K
larry.mchenry@sympatico.c
a
Larry would like to recon-
nect with the 1986 gradu-
ating class in Mechanical
Eng. Technology.

1987

Sudds, Mary
Business – Advertising
and Public Relations – K
jsudds2@cogeco.ca
Since graduating, Mary
has spent most of her
career in sales: 18 years
in newspaper sales and
more recently in radio
sales. She finds it funny
that she used to sell
space and now she sells
air! She enjoys the cre-
ative aspect of her job,
which never gets tire-
some because every day
is different and is what
you make it.

1988

Chant, Lisa
Office Administration –
Legal – K;
Legal Assistant – K
Lisa has been with Court
Services since 2000, and
she loves her job. She has
a wonderful husband,
Doug Chant, a son,
Bradley, who is 14 years
old and a daughter Logan,
11. They have a small
horse farm just outside
the village of Athens.

Pray, Jacqueline

Nursing Assistant – K
Nursing – K
prayjm@msn.com
Jacquie moved to Tampa,
Florida, in 1992 after grad-
uating. She is divorced
and a mom to a 13 year-
old boy named Marcus.
Jacquie has been working
in clinical research at
Moffitt for the last two
years and is loving The
Sunshine State.

1989

Allan, Jennifer
Office Administration –
General – K
jennifer.allan@sympatico.ca
Jennifer is the proud
owner of Kingston's hip
pet boutique "Urban
Paws." She has also been
a childbirth educator and
doula for the last 14 years.
Jennifer is the mother of
four children: two boys
and two girls.

Evans, Doris

Medical Laboratory Tech-
nology – K
evans_4@umsn.com
Doris is married with four
children and is currently
pursuing a Bachelors
Degree in Nursing Sci-
ence. She expects to
graduate in summer 2008.

Halliwell, Elizabeth

Accounting – C
liz_halliwell@hotmail.com
Elizabeth is a self-em-
ployed bookkeeper for
several small businesses
in Cornwall.

1990

Evans, Janet
Nursing Assistant – B
janet731@hotmail.com
Janet graduated from
The Nursing Assistant
Program in Brockville.
She found work as a RPN
while studying success-
fully towards her RN in
1994. She then continued
her studies, graduating
with her BScN (2005) and
maintaining full-time em-
ployment with SCOHS in
Ottawa. Currently, Janet
is studying towards her
Masters in Nursing, while

still working full time at
SCOHS. She has recently
accepted a teaching posi-
tion at the local college
starting in September.
Janet has been happily
married for more than
10 years and has two
children. They are living
in Ottawa.

Pelling, Melody

Behavioural Science
Technology – K
shaneandmelody@shaw.ca
Melody is the mother of
two boys: Tyler, 10 and
Blake, 7.

1991

Crane, Jennifer
Social Service Worker –
Gerontology – K
pjleggett@sympatico.ca
Jennifer is the mother of
two boys: Blake, 5 and
Aiden, 2 1/2. She works
full time as an accounting
clerk for the Township of
Montague located just
outside of Smith Falls.

Marshall, Leslie

Legal Assistant – K
lmarshall@cogeco.ca
Leslie has spent almost
10 years in the childcare
field. She has been mar-
ried for 18 years and has
three boys, ages 15, 15
and 11.

Miklian, Tracey

Early Childhood
Education – K
mtracie99@yahoo.ca
Tracey would love to hear
from past E.C.E. graduates
from SLC Kingston, espe-
cially any alumni that
resided at Princess Tow-
ers or Walden Towers
from 1987-1992.

1994

Harding, Brent
General Arts & Science – B
Business Technology –
Information/Communica-
tion Sys – C; General Arts
and Science – B
brentharding@sympatico.ca
Brent and Lisa got married
May 31, 2003. Beautiful baby
Bryanna, born April 4 2006,
has blessed their lives.

Morgan, Brian

Civil Engineering
Technology – K
Brian.Morgan@ottawa.ca
Brian is looking to contact
fellow grads from Civil
Engineering Technology
(1994)

Wilson, Brian

Veterinary Technology – K
bwrvt94@yahoo.ca
Brian has two beautiful
children: a daughter,
Jillian who is 15 months
old and a son, Curtis, who
is three weeks old.

1995

Buschemeyer, Lisa
Medical Laboratory
Technology – K
lbuschemeyer@hotmail.com
Brian and Lisa have two
daughters, Ava and Anna.
Lisa is working in the
Microbiology department
at MDS and Brian teaches
high school in Ridgetown.
What's everyone else
doing?

Hayes, Corey

Practical Nurse – K
hayesredskinsbass@
yahoo.com
"Janice Hines ... where
are you, buddy?"

1996

Asselstine, Jennifer
Early Childhood
Education – K
jenasselstine@sympatico.ca
Jennifer was married in
1997 and now has two
children, Alec and Maeve.

Forrestall, Jeanette

Legal Assistant – K
sjforrestall@sympatico.ca
Jeanette is married and
has two children, ages 7
and 4.

Hesse, Barry

Social Service Worker – C
Barry says hello to all his
fellow graduates in Corn-
wall. Attending SLC as a
mature student was a
great decision. Since his
graduation in 1996, he has
continually worked in the
field of his study. He says,
"Never lose hope of your
dreams and always live

Alumni Echoes



life to the fullest. If you want it, you can achieve it, but you have to work hard to get it."

Lessard, Deborah

Veterinary Technology – K
debrvt@hotmail.com
Deborah would love to get e-mail from classmates.

McDonald, Kathleen

Business Administration – Human Resources Management – K
Kally and her boyfriend Jason recently purchased a house in Gananoque. They are very happy home owners and Gananoquians.

Prieur, Steven

Nursing – C
traumanurse@yahoo.com
Steven enjoyed his time at SLC and misses the friends he made in the program. Steven has been living in the U.S. for 11 years and loves it! Never misses the snow! He is married with two children: Neil, 12 and Jordan, 8. He is proud that both do well in school.

Roblin-Hanson, Andrea

Early Childhood Education – K; Autism and Behavioural Science – K
scout_r1@yahoo.com
Andrea has three sons: Emmett, 8 yrs, Brecken, 6 yrs and Lyndon, 4 yrs.

Stretton, Hope

Legal Assistant – K
cdnhopey@gmail.com
Hope has been living in England since 1999 and has upgraded her diploma to Legal Exec (ILEX). She has three great step-children and a husband who all keep her busy.

1997

Richardson, Lori

Social Service Worker – Gerontology – K
richardson5falls@igs.net
Hello, all Gerontology classmates of 1997. We are planning a ten-year reunion this year. Please contact Lori by e-mail for more information.

1998

Guy, Donald

Computer Engineering Technology – K
mostly_harmless@acanac.net
Donald bought a house in 2006.

Kirkham, Melinda

Early Childhood Education – K
alumni@melindakirkham.com
After graduating in 1998, Melinda was employed by Carnival Cruise Lines as a Youth Counselor and Teen Host and spent six months living in Australia. She has returned to Canada and is working in Ottawa teaching school-age children. Melinda would love to hear from former classmates of ECE.

Mcgrath, Shawna

Business – Advertising and Public Relations – K
vincente178@rogers.com
Shawna says, "Hi all!"

Silver, Danielle

Social Service Worker – Gerontology – K; Personal Support Worker – K; Office Administration – Medical – K
divalions@hotmail.com
Danielle is still employed at Providence Manor and loves it. She has been married for two years and has an eight-month-old daughter.

1999

Hunt, Amy

Child & Youth Worker – B; Office Administration – General – B
a_hunt26@yahoo.ca
Amy and Dan are planning their wedding for the fall of 2007 and are proudly expecting a child in February 2007. Amy would enjoy hearing from her classmates from either program.

Trueman, Amanda

Child & Youth Worker – B
a.hibbett@sympatico.ca
Amanda was married in June 2006 and honeymooned in Mexico. Her

husband Dale is in the military, and they are posted to CFB Borden. Amanda has recently been hired as a casual client service rep.

Tysick, Heather

Medical Laboratory Technology – K
heathergoulding@hotmail.com
Since graduation, Heather has been working at Lake-ridge Health Oshawa. She was married in 2005 to Rob Tysick. "How the time flies!"

2000

Bowman, Rob

Business Administration – Human Resources – K
This past summer Rob was named head coach of the Gananoque Islanders JR. B Hockey Club.

Carman, Michelle

Business Administration – Accounting – C
carm_715@hotmail.com
Michelle will soon be graduating from university with an Honours Bachelors degree in women's studies and sociology. After graduation, she plans to pursue graduate studies in sociology.

Fanning, Sandy

Business Administration – Information Systems – K
sandyfanning@sympatico.ca
Sandy was married in January 2007 to Jeff Fanning.

Green, Nikole

Correctional Worker – K
sequinnikole@hotmail.com
Paul and Nikole got married in 2004 and now have a little boy named Nathan.

2001

Addison, Peter

Computer Engineering Technology – Microcomputers – C
paddison12@gmail.com
Peter Fraser Addison would love to hear from any of the guys that went through the micro program with him.

Gareau, Kelly

Computer Networking and Technical Support – K
gareauk@gmail.com
Kelly has recently started a new job with Coley Pharmaceuticals Canada as a help desk support specialist.

2002

Hamilton, Amanda

Business Administration – Human Resources – K
bradandamandahulton@hotmail.com
Amanda has been working in HR for three years and was married in August 2006.

Porter, Robin

Computer Engineering Technology – K
Rporter@RESolutionsTECH.com
The company I founded, RESolutionsTECH Inc, continues to grow. We have completed the development of our Awards Management Solution that will assist schools to better manage their student awards, bursaries, and scholarships. We like to hire other SLC grads. We are now looking for a Data Specialist and a Business Development Manager. "Thank you, SLC, for providing the skills needed to grow a technology company that is making a difference every day!"

2003

Lake, Notasha

Correctional Worker – K
notashalake@hotmail.com
Notasha moved to Alberta in June, 2004 with her family and absolutely loves it! If any graduates of social work, corrections or child & youth care need a job, Alberta is the place to be. The demand and pay rate is awesome!

Laming, Ashley

Law and Security Administration – B
ashley_laming@lycos.com
After working as a security guard and for an alarm company, Ashley

has entered the world of law enforcement as a Communications Officer with the Ontario Provincial Police.

Marston, Mary-Anne

Early Childhood Education – B
marstonmills@3web.com
Mary-Anne is enjoying the field of early childhood education tremendously.

2004

Carroll, Neil

Business Administration – Marketing – K
neil_slc@hotmail.com
Just prior to graduation from Carleton University, Neil was hired by Seabrook Associates, an Ottawa-based advertising specialty firm. Seabrook Associates specializes in various branding activities, including logo promotional material, such as corporate apparel, gifts, and employee recognition programs.

Harps, Kenneth

Child & Youth Worker – B
ftlux2003@yahoo.ca
Ken is back in Ontario after three long years in Nunavut working with individuals with intellectual disabilities. After originally doing placement for six weeks, Ken realized that work was what he was truly meant to do. Ken enjoyed the North, but as they say, it is nice to be back home. Ken owes a lot to SLC for giving him the opportunity to expand horizons and experience learning at a totally different level.

King, Chris

Graphic Design – K
chriskingdesign@rogers.com
After graduation, Chris spent a four-month internship with Netcorps working in West Africa. Since then, he has had employment with advertising agencies, real estate developers, newspapers, and Canadian Geographic Magazine.

Lavoie, Kathryn

Nursing – K
lavoie.katie@gmail.com
Katie married Cpl. Jay Lavoie on July 20, 2006 in Kingston and they currently reside in Petawawa. Jay returned from a six-month tour in Afghanistan in Feb. 2007.

McLennan, Tracey-Lynn

Business – Marketing – K
thatgirl7575@hotmail.com
Tracey-Lynn is now running the office of the largest firearms retailer in Eastern Ontario.

2005

DiCola, Rebecca

General Arts & Science – K
rebeccadicola@hotmail.com
"SLC is a wonderful place, and I enjoyed my time there!"

Sexsmith, John

General Arts & Science – K
north_of60@hotmail.com
John is glad to have moved back to the Northwest Territories.

2006

Barr, Brianna

Digital Arts for Musicians – K
barrb@mail2superstar.com
Brianna is currently attending Fanshawe College, studying Music Industry Arts.

Halladay, Elizabeth

Business – B
lizhalladay@hotmail.com
Elizabeth had such a great time during her years at SLC Brockville campus. The staff and students are wonderful, and she is so happy to be working within her field of education.

Staff Echoes

It is with great sadness that we inform you that **Audrey Abraham** passed away in April 2007. Audrey was a long-time teacher in the Cornwall campus Business School and had been retired for about ten years. Her son Dan is currently teaching in our Carpentry Program. Her grandson Russell attended the College a few years ago and was a student leader. We extend our condolences to Dan and his family. Audrey had been part of the retired business teachers group that created a scholarship for a deserving Business student. She remained committed to our students in her retirement years.

Practical Nurse Program Coordinator, **Jennifer Adams** retired in June from the School of Health Sciences, Cornwall campus. Jennifer was also founding Coordinator of Cornwall's Paramedic Program.

In March, **Namakau Akatama**, a graduate from Algonquin College, and currently enrolled at Carleton University, took on the role of Resource Centre Attendant, Job Connect, in our bustling downtown Ottawa office.

Patricia Allan, Communications Professor in the Business Core and Office Administration programs in the School of Business, Kingston campus, retired in June.

Marc Aylesworth, a graduate of St. Lawrence's three-year Advertising – Integrated Marketing Communications program, moved from his role as Awards Officer to the challenging position of Resource Centre Attendant in our Job Connect Centre on the Kingston campus in March 2007.

Penny Bahm accepted a position with the Follett Higher Education Group to manage our Brockville Campus Bookstore in April 2007.

Romy Baur and **Clint Lawrence** joined the College in April 2007 to lead the new Wind Turbine Technician program. Romy has been teaching with us the past few years in the Electrical Apprenticeship program. She is a double-graduate of St. Lawrence College, having completed two apprenticeship programs. Clint Lawrence is also a graduate of St. Lawrence College, having completed a Motive Power Trades Certificate and apprenticeships in both Machinist and Millwright. Romy and Clint were off to Germany in mid-April for a five-week 'train the trainer' program with the German Wind Industry Training Centre.

Two trees in memory of **Louise Boulay** and **Danielle Laflamme** were planted in the vicinity of

Mary Ann Levere's memorial patio, set near the waterfront at the SLC Cornwall campus. These trees were planted in November 2006, and a commemoration ceremony is planned for the Fall of 2007.

Grant Bradley joined Student Services in the position of Athletics & Student Life Coordinator, Kingston campus, effective in March. Grant is a member of the Fitness and Health Promotions faculty team, and before coming to St. Lawrence, he held both administrative and faculty positions at several other institutions, including in his home country of New Zealand.

Tracey Corrigan returned to her role as Student Information Systems User Support Specialist (Student Finance) in May, following a leave of absence during which she was employed by Deloitte as an Oracle/PeopleSoft project consultant.

Mary Anne Dunster took on the role of Clerk/Receptionist position in the School of Health Sciences, Kingston Campus in March 2007. Mary Anne has had a number of part-time positions with the College and is also a graduate of our Business Administration-Accounting Program.

Vincent Durant has been appointed to the position of coordinator for the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree program being launched on the Kingston Campus this Fall.

In June, **Eartha**, Aboriginal Programs Officer, Native Student Centre Kingston campus, embarked on a new adventure, accepting a position with the Katarokwi Native Friendship Centre as the Aboriginal Community Mental Health Coordinator.

After 33 years of service to the College, **Darlene Fontaine** retired from her full-time position as Continuing Education Clerk on the Cornwall campus effective in June. To ease into this new stage of her life, Darlene has accepted an ongoing part-time position of 24 hours per week in Student Services, providing assistance to the Director of Student Services. In her career at the College, Darlene has occupied several positions – in Government programs, Athletics, Student Services, Business, Applied Arts and Trades, to name a few. She looks forward to a reduced workload and the opportunity to enjoy more leisure time at home. Darlene's full-time position in Continuing Education was filled in June by **Diane Godard**, who was previously working as Receptionist and Payroll Clerk in Human Resources on the Kingston campus. The Cornwall staff are delighted to have Diane return to the campus after an absence of 10 years.

Larry Godard retired in July 2007 after 33 years of service. He worked in Physical Resources on the Kingston campus for the last 10 years, spending his earlier years at our Cornwall campus.

Lynne Gardiner, Program Coordinator, Behavioural Science Technology & BST – BA Option resigned June 29, 2007 from the School of Human Studies and Applied Arts, Kingston campus to be at home with her family.

Kristina Gardner is the new Employment Consultant in the Ottawa Job Connect office effective January 2007. Kristina replaces **Melanie Banks**, who made a life-style decision to spend more time with her new family. Kristina has been working out of our Ottawa office and serving as Melanie's maternity-leave replacement.

Tom Harpell, Advertising and IMC (Integrated Marketing Communications Program) professor; **Brian Hoobin**, Program Coordinator, Business/Business Administration – Human Resources; and **David Hurley**, Law Clerk Professor all retired this summer from the School of Business, Kingston campus.

Marie-Line Jobin has joined the faculty in the Behavioral Psychology degree program in Kingston. Marie-Line holds a Master's degree in Psychology from Laval University and is currently completing her registration as a Psychological Associate.

Diane M. Lalonde, Program Coordinator of all Business Programs, Cornwall campus, retired in June.

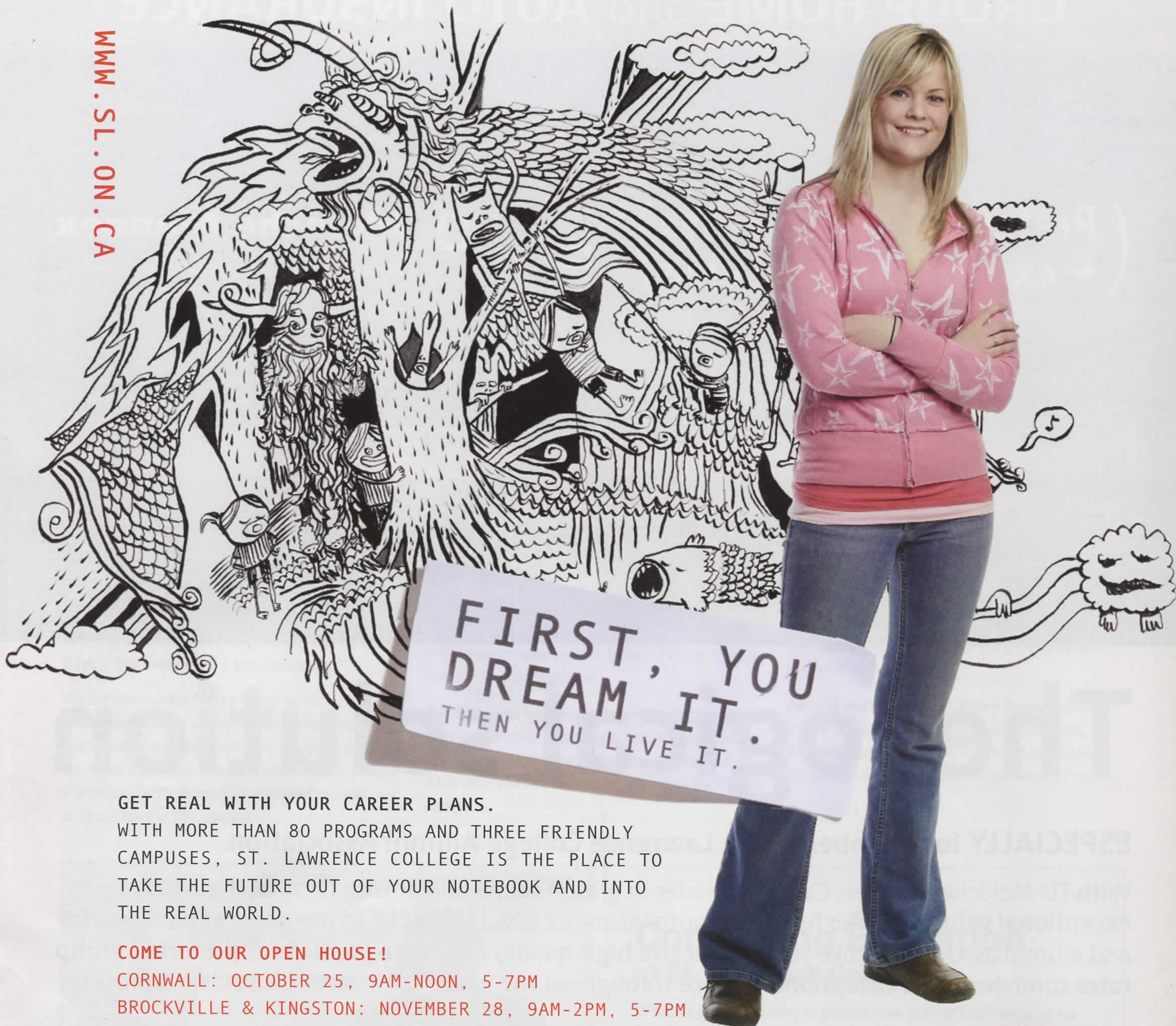
Verna Lee, Clerk in the School of Health Sciences, Kingston Campus, retired in February with 29 years of service.

Jennifer Margetts is our newest Recruitment Officer on the Cornwall campus. Jennifer is a graduate of Queen's University in Communications, Culture and Information Technology. She is currently enrolled in the Human Resource Management program at SLC.

Carey McCartney joined us in May in the role of Purchasing Manager based in Brockville. Carey comes to us from the City of Cornwall, where he had over 20 years experience in finance and purchasing for the public sector. He is a St. Lawrence grad and also holds a professional purchasing designation.

Sharon McKenty, Secretary in the School of Health Sciences, Kingston campus, retired in August after 25 years of service. Sharon will be enjoying more time for shopping, yard sales, and crocheting.

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