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Mike Bulanda is just one of many alumni who have found themselves in familiar hallways, tackling unfamiliar subject matter. *Feature story, page 8.*

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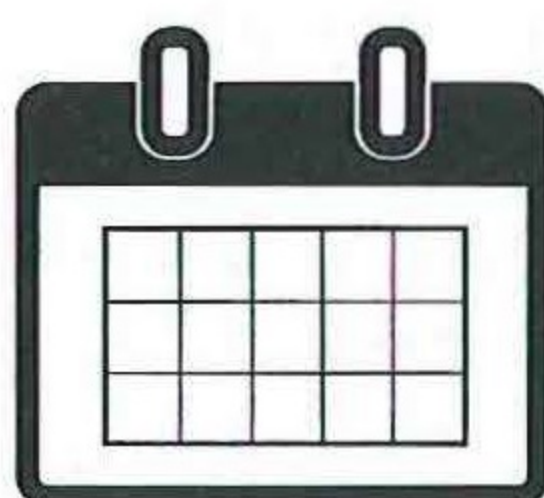


Notes from the Editor

BY JANINE FOSTER | MANAGER, ALUMNI &
ANNUAL GIVING, ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE

What does it mean to be an alumnus of SLC? The answer to the question can be as unique as the individual. To some, it's a shared memory – a great time with good friends. To others, it's a start on the road, a step to a new career, life, or outlook. And to the alumni featured in our cover story – and many more – it's a lifelong association.

Whether you decide to return to re-learn, like Emily Shaw (pictured page 10), or maintain connections through simply keeping in touch, like Paul Chin (pictured in Alumni Echoes), St. Lawrence College will always be a welcoming place for its alumni and we, in turn, hope you'll welcome us as well. 



**Save
the Date!**

Coming Events

October 16,17, 18: Rocky Horror Picture Show
live stage musical performance by the students of the Music/Theatre program. Call Brockville Arts Centre at 613-342-7122 for tickets.

October 23: Open House, Brockville Campus
Alumni volunteers needed to help answer questions from potential incoming students: 9-Noon and 5-7pm. Contact alumni@sl.on.ca if you can help out.

October 24: The Call of Creativity, 7:30pm
Brockville Arts Centre. Find out how internationally recognized photographer Freeman Patterson taps into his creative inspiration. Call 613-933-8060, ext. 60 for tickets.

October 22-November 3: Odysseys & Beyond
An exhibition and sale of photographic prints by Freeman Patterson at the Marianne van Silfhout Gallery at the Brockville Campus. Meet the photographer on October 26 from 1-5 p.m.

November 26: Open House, Cornwall and Kingston Campuses
Alumni volunteers needed to help answer questions from potential incoming students: 9-Noon and 5-7pm. Contact alumni@sl.on.ca if you can help out.

February 18, '09: Students 4 Students, Grand Theatre, Kingston
Watch for more information.

Coming Spring: CET 1998 reunion is being planned by Corinna Rake. Email alumni@sl.on.ca for details.

Don't miss out on all the latest events. Subscribe to *Explorer*, the alumni e-newsletter. Send your email address to alumni@slc.on.ca to add yourself to the list in time for the November issue of *Explorer*.



Precious Cargo

COLLEGE COMPUTERS GO TO AFRICA WITH THE HELP OF AN SLC ALUMNI

WHEN Valentine Sualley (Business Admin – HR, '99) graduated from St. Lawrence College and shortly after, returned to his native Sierra Leone, he considered his education a gift.

Now it's the gift that keeps on giving.

Sualley returned to SLC on a hot August day nine years after graduating with a couple of tractor trailers in tow. When he left only hours later, he had filled those trucks with computers destined for the children of his country, courtesy St. Lawrence College.

Sualley started the NGO, Computers for Schools, in Sierra Leone in 2005 as a way to distribute refurbished computers throughout the country's educational institutions. Sierra Leone has been twice ranked by the United Nations as the least developed nation in the world, and continues to face tremendous challenges in rebuilding its educational infrastructure. Since 2005 Sualley's organization has distributed approximately 500 refurbished computers to schools in Sierra Leone.

"This donation from St. Lawrence

College is fantastic," says Sualley. "The College did so much for me when I arrived in Canada, and now to have them give back to my native country in this way is very gratifying."

The donation came about when the College's IT Technology Renewal Plan for PC Systems began implementation in August 2008 – resulting in a number of retired computers. As part of the recent announcement of Dell Canada as the College's technology partner, desktops, monitors and laptops across all campuses are gradually being updated and replaced with energy efficient models.

"Donating our old equipment to this program is a win-win situation," says Stephen Runions, director of IT for St. Lawrence College. "We're happy to be able to contribute in this way to the education of students in Sierra Leone." ❧

Calling all CYW Alumni AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME

CHILD and Youth Workers unite! Literally.

That's what a dedicated but small group of alumni are hoping will happen if they should be successful in forming a CYW Alumni Chapter in time for a major conference in February of next year.

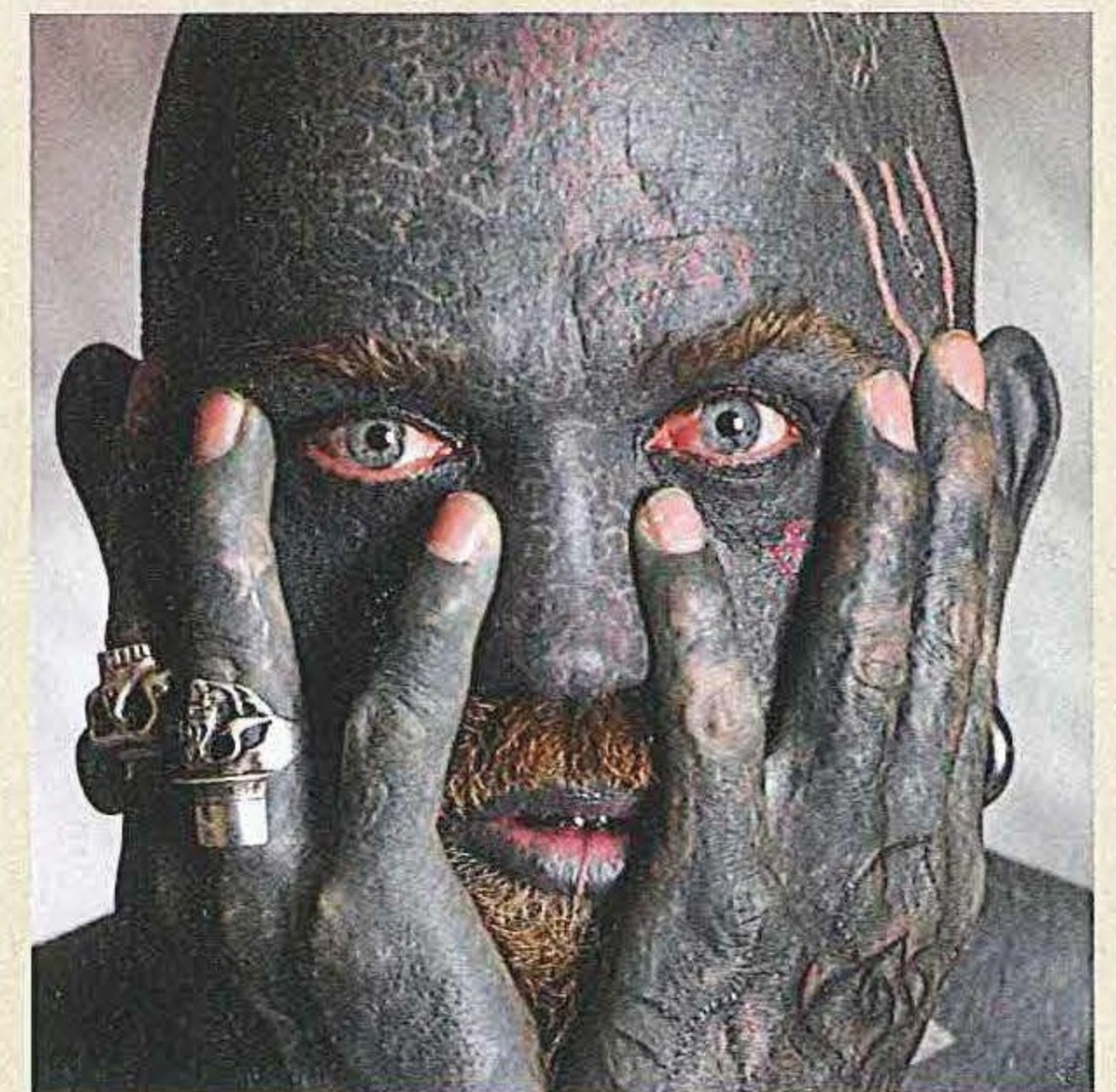
According to Terri McDade (CYW '79) associate dean of the School of Community Services, it's an idea that's been bubbling up repeatedly at meetings of the Ontario Association of Child and Youth Counsellors (OACYC) group for some time, and another CYW alumni has stepped up to try and move it from idea to reality.

Lee Anne Campbell (CYW '02) has been an active alumni member of the program's advisory council, and a part of OACYC. When a recent College program review elicited feedback from alumni about how the program could be improved, a greater role for alumni and opportunities for alumni interaction were the messages sent back loud and clear. It's then that Campbell stepped forward to help get the movement off the ground.

The start-up group, which includes Lee Anne and Paul Pennell (CYW '98), with support and guidance from McDade, and program coordinator Michael Burns, is asking those interested in getting involved to contact the group at alumni@sl.on.ca. It is envisioned that a small steering committee will need to meet over the fall to put the structure in place, and begin recruitment of members, and, ultimately, the election of an executive.

As one of the longest-running programs in the College's history, there are almost 2,000 CYW alumni, but almost half are "lost" – their addresses are no longer up-to-date in the alumni database. If you are in contact with CYW alumni, encourage them to update their address by emailing the address above, or going online at www.stlawrencecollege.ca.

Watch for more information in upcoming editions of *Explorer* – the alumni e-newsletter. If you're not getting *Explorer*, update your email address at www.stlawrencecollege.ca. ❧



Bernard Clark (Photography, '85) curated a show of his works (including the one pictured here) along with the works of fellow photographers Chris Miner, Stephen Wild, Tristan Willis, Randy-deKleine-Stimpsan and Preston Schiedel at the Sandra Whitton Gallery in Kingston in August. The gallery was jammed for opening night, and Bernard will be making a return appearance at the gallery as part of another group show in December. ❧

An Inspiring Example

THE 2008 HONOURARY DIPLOMA RECIPIENTS HAVE COMMUNITY IN COMMON | BY MAGGIE STEVENS

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.



Left to right: Milton Ellis; David Jones; the Honourable Justice Rommel Masse; Doug Hogeboom; Vicki Keith; Leslie Myles

CORNWALL CAMPUS

Milton Ellis Milton Ellis has had a very successful publishing career at The Standard Freeholder, as well as an extensive background as a supporter and volunteer for community charities including the Cornwall Community Hospital Foundation, United Way, the Children's Treatment Centre, just to name a few. He is the founder of the Standard-Freeholder Great Kids recognition program and has extended this program to five other Ontario communities. He has shown a particular dedication to charities that deal with abused children and adults who suffered abuse as children. Ellis was also named volunteer of the year for 2003-04.

Ellis has made, through his active involvement and support of many charities a great difference in the lives of those in need. He is a true and genuine humanitarian, a committed and dedicated volunteer, and a tireless worker for the many charities he has become involved with over the years and St. Lawrence College was honoured to present him with an Honourary Diploma.

BROCKVILLE CAMPUS

David Jones As a businessman David Jones has achieved tremendous success in the sporting goods industry in the Brockville area with the Dave Jones Sports Shop, Leslee Sports Inc, as well as Calbrock Enterprises Ltd. He was honoured by the

Brockville Chamber of Commerce in 2003 as Business Person of the Year.

Jones' history as a successful entrepreneur and community supporter is extremely impressive, as is his championing of local charities, in particular the Brockville General Hospital. He has taken great pride in giving back to the community. His history of community involvement and ongoing support of St. Lawrence College, made him an outstanding candidate for this very special honour.

KINGSTON CAMPUS

The Honourable Justice Rommel Masse

The Honourable Justice Rommel Masse is currently a member of the Ontario Court of Justice in Kingston. He delights in addressing elementary and high school students as well as civic groups in order to foster a better understanding of the judicial system, particularly where young people are concerned. He is also a frequent guest lecturer at College and University classes.

Justice Masse has consistently been one of Kingston's most generous and giving citizens in support of The Sky is the Limit, the Ontario March of Dimes, the Kingston Police Department, The Youth Diversion Programme, and the KFLA Children's Services Steering Committee. In particular, Justice Masse is an important supporter of The Boys and Girls Club of Kingston and can be seen

frequently taking children on tours of the courthouse. He thoroughly enjoys answering their questions and spends a considerable amount of time with at-risk youth.

His work has given him unique insight into today's social problems and by all accounts he has gone above and beyond to address these issues with compassion.

Doug Hogeboom As a visionary leader and the former President of Empire Life, Doug Hogeboom is a major contributor to the Kingston community. He is on the Board of the Providence Care Foundation and has previously been a board member for both the Kingston General Hospital and Ongwanada Hospital. In 2006, he was the Campaign Chair of the United Way of Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington.

One of his nominators noted: 'He leads by example. He doesn't just talk. He acts. He doesn't just organize, he donates, too.' This is the essence of Doug Hogeboom: a man who is prepared to commit both his time and resources to the local community.

Vicki Keith Vicki Keith's successful and extensive career as an athlete and coach, includes sixteen world records. In 2005 she came out of retirement to raise over \$200,000 for the Kingston YMCA, bringing her lifetime fundraising efforts to

over \$1,000,000. That, coupled with her role as an ambassador for the Kingston area while supporting a number of community initiatives and continued dedication to children with special needs made her an outstanding candidate for this very special honour.

With Keith "no" is not an option, it is just a minor hurdle on the way to "yes". She has dedicated her life to ensuring that the children she works with only see opportunity and success; in many cases these lives have been defined by closed doors and seclusion. Keith has redefined the mission of the local YMCA simply by the actions and events which she has put into place and her unwavering effort to succeed regardless of the circumstances.

Keith has been appointed as a

member of the Order of Canada and was inducted into the Terry Fox Hall of Fame in 1996.

Leslie Myles Leslie Myles is the successful franchise owner of three local Body Shop stores for the past 25 years. She has demonstrated exemplary business practices and provides a fair trade environment for all associated with her business. Over the past 12 years, Myles has committed over 1000 hours annually to various worthwhile organizations and charities, among them the 'Women of Courage Program', Outward Bound Canada and its Foundation, GALS – Girls Active Living and Sports, Board and Committee work with the Boys and Girls Club of Canada, Limestone Learning

Foundation, Interval House Kingston and the Downtown Business Improvement Association of Kingston.

Myles is an outspoken advocate for women and has spearheaded the Anita Roddick Award for Women of Courage (survivors of abuse). This is a woman who will inspire and motivate the students of St. Lawrence College to not only be the best that they can be, but to hold out their hands to help those around them.

Her passionate advocacy for disadvantaged women, her support of people returning to the educational arena, and believing in people who need and require that extra courage to move forward in their life, made Myles an exceptional candidate for a St. Lawrence College Honourary Diploma. 🏆

Looking for the 'Original' SLC Grads

ST. Lawrence College may have just celebrated the 40th anniversary of its founding, but another important anniversary is coming up – the 40th anniversary of our first graduating class.

"According to alumni records, there were 128 grads in 1969," says Janine Foster of the SLC Alumni Office, "and we believe we have good addresses for 52. We'd really like to update the records of as many of our Originals as possible in order to commemorate this important milestone. Community Colleges were an entirely new concept back in 1967 and these were and are special people."

Business student Dawn Free has spent part of the summer searching for our lost alumni, with some success. But we're still looking for the alumni listed at right.

If you're in contact with any of these alumni, encourage them to call the alumni office at 613-544-5400, ext 1343, email alumni@sl.on.ca or go online to complete an alumni update.

Watch for updates in Explorer, the alumni e-newsletter that is delivered four times a year. If you're not getting Explorer, update your record with your email address at the locations above. 🏆

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Rene Bourgeois
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Jacques Deschamps
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Margery Dunlop
Fay Eamon
James Fawcett
Judith Forsyth
Pierre Fortier
Maureen Gardiner
Linda Garvin
David Grant
Clare Grant
Brian Griffith
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Jeannete Henry
Joan Hogle
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Your 2008-09 Brockville Alumni**Branch members are:**

President: Keith Hare

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Treasurer: Sean Burns

Executive Members: Wendy Barkley,

Mike Bulanda, Amanda Dionne,

Jeff Ennis, Dan Leveille, Judy Lowe.

Project Assistants: Tara Chenier,

Shannon Hare, Rene Melchers,

David LeSuer.

Brockville Branch

THE Branch was happy to meet Janine Foster, the new Manager of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving at St. Lawrence College. We look forward to her input and advice as we continue to strengthen our connections with SLC Alumni in the community and with our current students. We wish Janine well in her new role.

**Live Stand-up Comedy Pub Raises \$1,200 for Student Emergency Fund**

Our 5th annual comedy pub & silent auction was held on March 29th with another sold out crowd being entertained by more great Canadian talent from Yuk Yuk's. Young stars Jeff McEnery and Mark Forward showed us why Canadian stand up comedy is in great hands. They had us laughing from start to finish and generously accommodated our schedule that allowed us to include a silent auction that raised \$1,200 for the campus Student Emergency Fund! Special thanks go to our event sponsors Motor Coils Mfg and the Comfort Inn Brockville, who helped us provide Brockville area alumni & friends with one of the best entertainment deals in town!

Hopefully you read the September edition of the college *Explorer* e-newsletter and had a chance to attend our October 4th comedy pub, presented in partnership with the Brockville campus Student Administrative Council. Jim McNally and Casey Corbin performed on campus for our 3rd annual

"SLC Great North Comedy Pub", and with another packed house it looks like we will continue to have two shows a year, so if you missed the October event please call or email us to be put on our contact list for the March 2009 event.

Help us bring stand-up back in '09! We are now planning another great evening of stand-up comedy for Saturday March 28th, 2009, but need your help! The Branch is a volunteer-based organization and is not funded by the college which means this event is not possible without the support of volunteers and sponsors. We require sponsors to help cover the cost of more great comedians, and project assistants to help set up and run the event.

Please contact Branch President Keith Hare at 613-345-0660, x3126 or email AlumniBranchB@sl.on.ca.

SLC Alumni & Students Team Up for Annual Brockville Corporate Challenge

In May of 2008 our Alumni joined with the Student Administrative Council to enter two teams in the annual Brockville Corporate Challenge, a fun-filled day of hilarious outdoor games. The student team - with a little help from their alumni friends - was judged "Best Team Spirit" for the second year in a row! It was such a great event that the Student Council decided to use some of the game ideas for their Orientation day.

We've had a great 2008 and we look forward to 2009 as we prepare to announce an exciting new project. Stay tuned! ➡



Jeff Ennis and Mike Skakum toss wet sponges over the heads of Stephanie Jones and Shannon Hare. Waiting to catch the sponges are Amanda Dionne and Melissa Perks.

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The Second Career Strategy is an Ontario-wide program that helps workers who have been recently laid-off retrain for high-skill occupations that are in demand in the local labour market. The program provides financial assistance based on individual need to help people with some of the costs associated with acquiring training, including tuition and books.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Cornwall Branch: Taking it to the Streets

RICK SHAVER SEES THE CORNWALL ALUMNI BRANCH AS THE COLLEGE'S COMMUNITY CONNECTOR

BY Rick Shaver's account, there have been five years in the 30 since he graduated from the business program at the Cornwall campus when he was not involved some way with the alumni branch or the College in Cornwall. And that's only because those were the years he left the city.

But since the early 1980s, and through both thick and thin, he's been on call when the College, its students, or his fellow alumni have needed him.

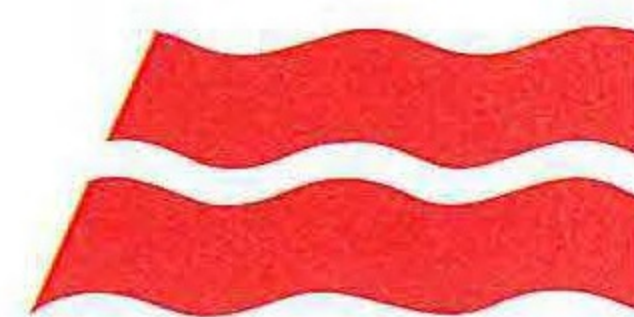
says Shaver, that the only thing lacking is the human power to make it happen.

It's why Shaver, past president of the branch, and Donna Ferguson (Business Administration – Finance '82), president, are hoping that 2008/09 will be a year of renewal for the volunteer-run group. They want to hear from fellow SLC alumni in Cornwall about how the alumni can strengthen their role as a vital connector of College and community, and they're hoping many will join them in the endeavour. According to Shaver, alumni have supported the branch's activities in the past – attending the annual dinner theatre and various other events over the years – but both he and Ferguson would like to see more take the next step from attendee, to organizer.

Shaver's resume is a who's who of community involvement, but St.

"It's been a great way to keep in touch with graduates, meet new graduates and help them along the way," says Shaver, whose day job is publisher of the Seaway News weekly newspaper in Cornwall. "It's very gratifying to me to know that, by keeping these connections, we've been able to help students."

Shaver enjoys the interaction with the young people he helps, and it's his fervent wish to see more of SLC's young alumni take an active role in the branch and bring with them new ideas and fresh perspectives. There are so many opportunities to connect current students with alumni and their community, and to connect alumni with each other,



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Lawrence College will always hold a special place for him as the place that gave him his start. Today, 50% of his staff at the newspaper are SLC alumni, and he's helped countless others in ways both big and small. "It's really fun and interesting to (meet other grads) and reflect on where we've come from," says Shaver.

But Shaver finds looking forward even more exciting. And he believes that with the right volunteers and a renewed commitment of support from the College, the future for SLC alumni in Cornwall can be very bright indeed. 

If you're interested in finding out more about getting involved with the Cornwall alumni branch, or would be willing to attend a brainstorming session planned for later this month, contact the branch at alumni@sl.on.ca.

A man with glasses and a grey button-down shirt stands in a workshop, surrounded by industrial machinery. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is filled with large, blue-painted metal components and pipes, suggesting a manufacturing or engineering environment.

Return to ReLearn

WHY SLC ALUMNI ARE FINDING THAT GOING BACK MAY BE THE SECRET TO GOING FORWARD

BY JANINE FOSTER | PHOTOGRAPHY BY BERNARD CLARK

MIKE Bulanda sat in his front row seat, clutching his convocation program, and looked at his watch. He had managed to arrive on time, despite a minor incident at a client's jobsite only hours before that had resulted in him being covered in machine oil. He managed to get home, clean up, change into a suit, and make it to the 2008 Brockville campus convocation in time to welcome the newest members to the St. Lawrence College alumni family.

Bulanda was not the slightest bit flustered. In fact, this was pretty familiar territory. He'd volunteered in the past to represent alumni at Convocation – handing out pins and speaking for a few minutes to the gathered graduates and their families. He had also done this – graduate from St. Lawrence, that is – four times himself. The convocation stage is almost a second home in a career that has spanned 27 years and includes a number of trips back to his alma mater.

"Continuous improvement comes from continuous education," says Bulanda, whose original diploma was in Electrical Engineering Technology in 1981. "That's the best way to be competitive."

Today, his continuous improvement has resulted in a rich combination of education and experience that has landed him exactly where he wants to be: a self-employed troubleshooter that industrial plants call on when their processes and machinery are in need of Bulanda's unique combination of theoretical knowledge and hands-on skills. Electrical engineering, he says, taught him how to think. His subsequent return visits to St. Lawrence in the electrician program, and in the Maintenance Management certification, have put theory into practice.

"Continuous improvement comes from continuous education. That's the best way to be competitive."

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, today's students will have had 10-14 jobs by their 38th birthday. Canadian trends suggest we will have more

Education Express

YOUR LIFE EXPERIENCE COULD FAST-TRACK YOUR WAY TO A NEW CAREER

When we leave SLC, learning does not end. In fact, it's often only the beginning. But how do you account for a lifetime of experience without the paperwork to show for it? Enter the PLAR, the Prior Learning Assessment. It's your ticket to the fast track.

The concept is relatively simple, but according to a report by the Canadian Policy Research Networks, it is primarily the colleges in this country that have taken this important step in improving the education for all Canadians. And it starts with the philosophy – shared by St. Lawrence College – that significant learning can and does occur outside the classroom and that academic credits should be awarded for an individual's learning without regard to where and how it was attained. The College recognizes that adults may acquire college-level learning through employment, volunteer activities, self-directed study, travel, or other life experiences.

The Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) process at St. Lawrence is designed to assist adult learners in identifying, describing, and demonstrating past learning that may be eligible for advanced standing or course credits towards the certificate or diploma of their choice. It is important to note that PLAR credits are awarded for appropriate learning that can be demonstrated, not just from the various experiences themselves. As well, in order to be eligible for credit, the learning achieved must be appropriate to the courses offered in the program of choice at St. Lawrence.

Any adult (19 years of age or older) or any secondary school graduate who believes she/he has prior learning that can be demonstrated and that is related to the St. Lawrence program of study may apply for PLAR.

than 6-8 careers in our lifetime. It's part of the reason why St. Lawrence College has become a lifelong learning partner for many of its alumni.

Whether it's continuing education in the form of returning to meet professional requirements – such as that required in nursing – or building upon the certificate or diploma already earned, there are as many paths to returning to relearn as there are alumni. And while the College is currently not tracking returning alumni as a separate group, an amazing 39% of recent grads questioned as part of the 2008 Key Performance Indicator (KPI) survey reported they had either completed or acquired some college or university prior to their most recent trip back to school.

For Lorraine Carter, Vice President, Academic, it's no surprise that so many former students find themselves in familiar halls. What started primarily in

Continuing Education, where course catalogues were a source for recent grads looking for what Carter calls "credentialism" to polish their resumes and enhance existing career choices, has grown to include: the recent launch of Second Career (see sidebar, page 11) to help those whose jobs no longer exist to get the education they need to find new ones; or Ontario Learn which provides online learning from the comfort of your home offered by a variety of colleges with credits transferable to all; or an ever-growing offering of post-graduate and degree programs. The College has adapted to the needs of both its traditional intake of high school students, and the returning, adult learner.

"One of the goals of the college system is accessibility. It's our raison

Opposite: Mike Bulanda, photographed at Motor Coils Mfg in Brockville

I've learned have helped me learn about myself. It's like layers."

Those "layers" are also becoming more prized in the workplace. According to Canada Job Futures, prior work experience is a significant indicator of career success for those who return to school. For example, 72% of graduates of college level social service worker programs with previous work experience found a job in their field within one month of graduation. Further, a re-

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port by Canadian Policy Research Networks found that in 2002, adult learners aged 25 to 54 were more likely to pursue a college diploma (36%) than a university degree (29%).

But what about creating the best of both – the combined practical applied learning at college with the theory of a university program? That's exactly what is happening this year with the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree program at the Kingston campus. This September the program will welcome its first batch of three-year Business diploma alumni into the degree program and Chelsea Frappier for one is excited but nervous.

"We've done all the reading online, but we're going in kind of blind-folded," says Frappier. Luckily, she's not alone. The "we" includes four of her fellow grads from the Business Adminis-

tration – Accounting program at Cornwall, who are all entering the program together. She's thankful for the company, but this valedictorian of the class of 2008 was determined to go into the degree program from the moment she read about it on the internet last summer.

"This is amazing. Not only do you get to transfer (your credits) but you get the best of both," says Frappier. When she graduated from high school, she had considered university, but was unsure what or where she wanted to study. It was her mother, also an SLC Business alumna, who inspired her to stay in Cornwall and go to the College and take Business. "I love that St. Lawrence College has that first year that's general in nature and lets you experience so many different things," she says.

Tragically, Frappier's mother was diagnosed with cancer and passed away during her daughter's second year, and now she's thankful she chose to stay close to home to get her diploma before obtaining a degree. And her discovery of the opportunities of entering the BBA degree program was a welcome distraction during a tumultuous time. "I'm just starting to get my focus and this has really helped," says Frappier.

The BBA is a collaborative degree program with Laurentian University. Coordinator Greg Libitz points out that it bears all the markings of the program of the same name at Laurentian, and that the same standards – from entrance grades to required courses and electives, to professorial qualifications – are required. After all, students may attend St. Lawrence College, but their degree will say Laurentian University.

So what's the benefit to the SLC business grad? How about the opportunity to get a degree without leaving home? Or class sizes that would make the Ivy League jealous? Or, perhaps best of all, the ability to finish the degree sooner?

According to Libitz, a business alum with a three-year diploma "will do it in three terms." And when you consider the math – three year diploma at college



A Second Chance

When the door closes on one career, can another one open? The answer is yes, and a new provincial government strategy can help pay for it.

Second Career is a new initiative launched over the summer to help the recently-laid off to get the training they need for a fresh start. And St. Lawrence College is a partner in the initiative.

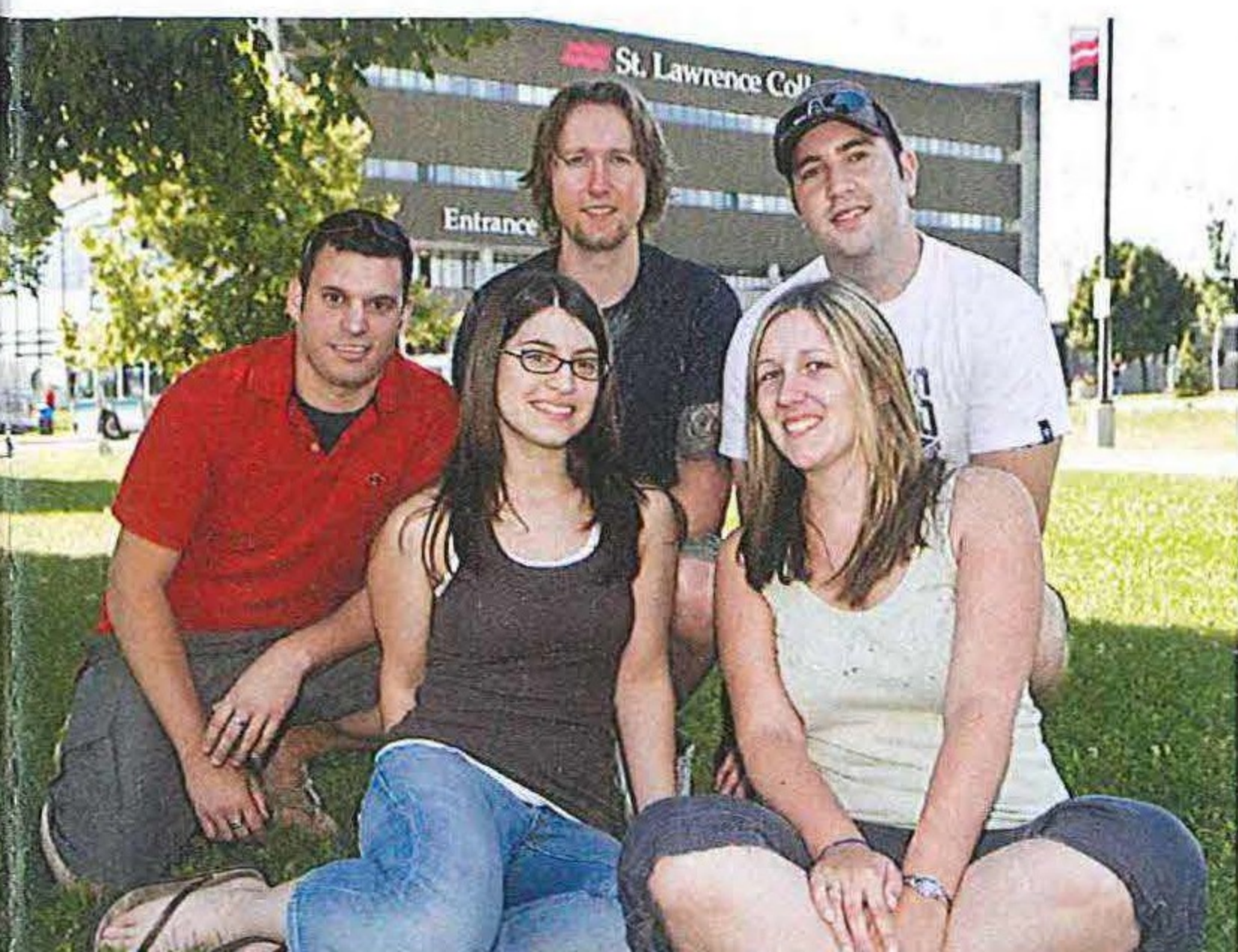
The aim is to re-train in areas where there is job sector growth – such as in healthcare and hospitality and tourism.

At SLC, programs such as Veterinary Assistant, Personal Support Worker and Business Administration – Human Resources are on the full-time program list. (For the complete list at SLC, go to www.stlawrencecollege.ca and look under Full Time Programs)

Interested applicants should first be assessed at an Employment Ontario assessment centre, where they'll be asked about their skills, education, interests and career goals. If Second Career is considered the right course of action, they'll help with the application.

To find an Employment Ontario centre in your area, go to www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/tcu/secondcareer/

Chelsea Frappier, front left, and fellow business grads



tuition rate, plus three terms at university (versus the traditional four years of university) – it doesn't take an accounting grad to see there's a significant advantage. "The most economical way (to get a business degree) is to complete the diploma and flow through to the degree," admits Libitz about the one of the best, unadvertised, opportunities in higher education.

Perhaps even more important to alumni who are working and raising families, the degree can also be taken

Degrees of Opportunity

SLC HELPS ALUMNI TURN THEIR DIPLOMAS INTO DEGREES

It's only been a few years since Ontario's colleges got into the degree business. For some, it's an "applied" bachelor degree – a best-of-both-worlds degree that combines the practicality of the College teaching environment with the theoretical foundations of university. For others, it's the "collaborative" degree, whereby the College partners with a university to deliver the university's degree program. And then there's Articulation Agreements. Consider them a pre-screening arrangement between SLC and the university partners to acknowledge the learning St. Lawrence alumni already bring to the table when applying for entrance.

Whether you're a Social Service Worker grad looking to turn your diploma to a Bachelor of Social Work at Ryerson, or a Hotel and Restaurant Management grad looking to turn your diploma into a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Guelph, there's more in store for St. Lawrence alumni.

BACHELOR DEGREE IN APPLIED STUDIES:

Approved by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and granted by the College.

- Bachelor of Applied Arts – Behavioural Psychology, St. Lawrence College degree (4 years)

COLLABORATIVE DEGREE:

Delivered in partnership with a university; credential is conferred by the university.

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN), partnering with Laurentian University (4 years)
- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), partnering with Laurentian University (4 years)

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS:

Agreements with universities to assist qualified St. Lawrence graduates to complete a degree in a shorter period of time. Graduates are subject to the admission requirements of the University granting the degree, and are advised to consult with the University's Admissions Office for specific transfer conditions. Many universities across Canada will negotiate for credit on an individual basis.

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Laurentian University
Lethbridge University
Mercy College
Queen's University
Royal Military College
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St. Lawrence College
University of Guelph
University of Ontario Institute of Technology
University of Western Ontario
University of Western Sydney Australia
University of Windsor

Want to know more? Go to the St. Lawrence College website at www.stlawrencecollege.ca to find out specifically which programs have articulation agreements – including the estimated time it would take to get a degree. Go to Full Time Programs and click on Degrees of Opportunity to get a complete list of programs eligible for fast-tracking to a degree.

Also, the Ontario College University Transfer Guide at www.ocutg.on.ca provides specific listings of opportunities available through agreements with various Ontario universities.

RETURN TO RELEARN

part-time. "We were very conscious about trying to make the core courses later in the day for just that reason," says Libitz.

Still other programs, like Hotel and Restaurant management for example, are offering post graduate opportunities to their grads with advanced placement in sister programs, such as the upcoming Tourism Management offering directed to

"It's all about choice and now that choice is in the hands of the learner."

Hotel and Restaurant grads this winter term. Since the two programs share much of the same courses, grads from either program can secure a second diploma simply by coming back to complete those courses specific to the program.

In some respects, St. Lawrence's varied options in 2008 may appear a radical departure from the days when the path to higher education followed a fairly straight route from high school, but in fact, it's as true to its mission today as it was in 1967.

"We're delivering education into the hands of those who require it," says Libitz. "It's all about choice and now that choice is in the hands of the learner." Whether those hands are that of a teenager or a fortysomething, the principles of accessibility, affordability and community development that were part of the original mandate for Ontario's colleges remains in effect. And best of all, it's the students who benefit most.

"There's nothing better than a classroom that has a broad range of ages and experience," says Lorraine Carter.

"I was 21 years old when I got out of college," remembers Bulanda, who describes himself as a "stubborn student" who actually finished high school after graduating – the first time – from St. Lawrence College. "I didn't know I'd like being a student so much," he chuckles, "but next time I go, it will be for fun. I think I'll take scuba diving." ■



REPORT ON GIVING

St. Lawrence College Foundation Annual Report 2007-08

which test student preparedness are but a few of the extraordinary learning opportunities we believe add value to the St. Lawrence experience.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the commitment of so many donors who have entrusted us with their philanthropic investments. The Province of Ontario has facilitated this spirit of investing by matching private donations destined for our endowed bursary funds. Together, we are increasing access to opportunities for students who choose St. Lawrence as a place where they transition from "dream it" to "live it".

I continue to be encouraged by the level of community support we receive. It is my sincere belief that this support will not only continue, but grow in the future. On behalf of the St. Lawrence College Foundation Board of Directors, thank you for sharing this belief and your ongoing support of our College.

Peter Gault, Chair
Business Administration
Data Processing '76

Letter from the Chair

As a graduate and a friend of St. Lawrence College, I am pleased to have served as Chair of the St. Lawrence College Foundation this year. As we celebrated the College's 40th anniversary, I can attest to just how far we have come.

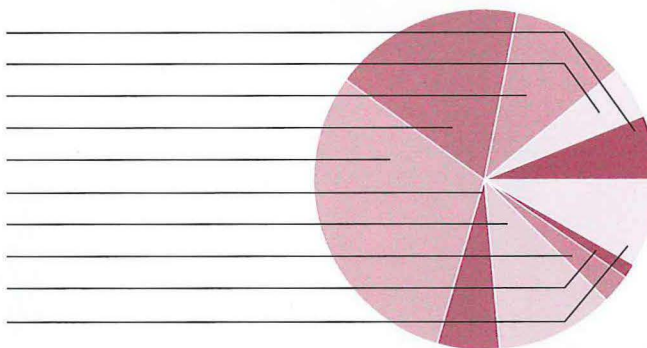
This year we also marked the tenth anniversary of the incorporation of the St. Lawrence College Foundation. Just a decade into our tenure, we can point to many significant achievements: two successful capital fundraising campaigns under the banner of "Expanding Opportunities" supported the redevelopment of our Kingston and Brockville campuses; an endowed bursary fund which is approaching \$5 million in

holdings continues to support over 350 deserving students at St. Lawrence College annually; a host of new academic offerings have been introduced in recent years and where resources permitted, the Foundation has lent support to help launch these new programs.

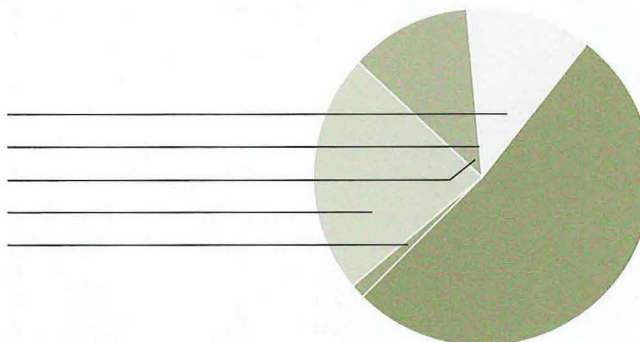
The Foundation has also invested in student learning experiences, inside and outside the classroom. New equipment for a variety of academic programs at all three of our campuses has been a priority. However, we also know that significant learning at college takes place outside the classroom. Our Foundation has made it a priority to support initiatives which bring together alumni and students. Student field trips, workplace tours and academic competitions

St. Lawrence College Foundation Financial Reporting* 2007-08**Secured Funds in 2007/2008****Fund Raising**

MVS Gallery	\$ 124,720
Exp Opp – Brockville payments	102,100
Exp Opp – Kingston payments	220,500
OTSS New in year gifts	359,720
OTSS Matching Funds	618,050
Annual in year Award Sponsors	116,750
New directed special gifts & grants	227,680
Gifts made "in-kind"	55,600
General Interest income	27,190
Endowment interest income	164,470
Total resources secured	\$ 2,016,780

**Expenditures 2007/2008****Strategic Expenditures and Investments**

Endowed Bursary Fund	\$ 977,770
Student Awards	220,000
Instructional equipment	2,200
Kingston redevelopment costs	220,500
Brockville redevelopment costs	430,000
Special projects	23,500
Total Investments	\$ 1,873,970



* Figures are unaudited at time of printing

**Giving at Work**

PROFESSOR Deborah Harrison, surrounded by her second year Early Childhood Education students, appreciates the redevelopment of their new ECE lab. The lab underwent a complete renovation over the summer months and was ready for class start up in September. The construction work was made possible through a gift from the Estate of Allan and Peggy Cohoe. The Cohoes had a long history with the College. Peggy was a founding faculty member of the College and instrumental in creating the ECE program. Allan Cohoe was a member of the Board of Governors in the 1980s and served as Chair of the Board for two years. A dedication ceremony for the new Cohoe Family ECE Lab is planned for October 30th.



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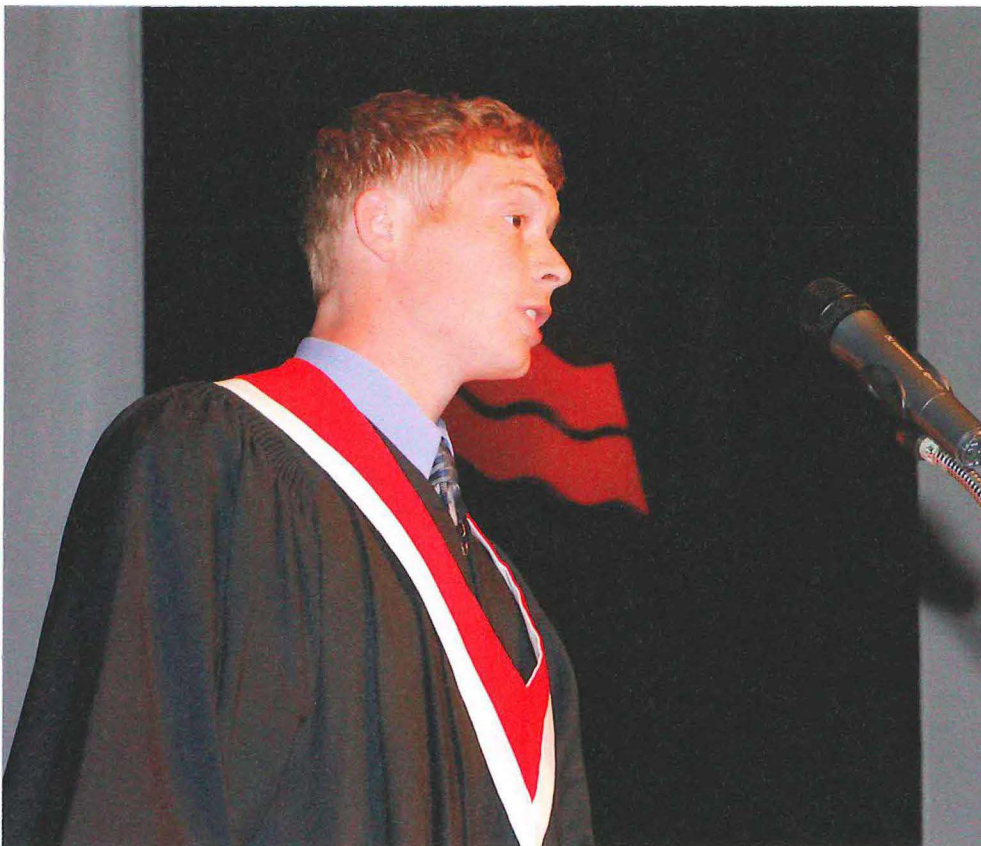
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Parting Words

THERE'S WISDOM FOR ALL IN THE WORDS OF VALEDICTORIANS

At seven convocation ceremonies, over four days and in three different locations, the Class of 2008 crossed the stages to become the newest members of the St. Lawrence College alumni family. With diplomas and certificates in hand, the graduates heard from their valedictorians some words to remember. . . we've excerpted a couple below:

COLIN COCKERELL – Cornwall, Motive Power Technician 2008

... The challenging part is speaking to every person and department in this room being only one person whose experiences cannot speak to all of yours. So my attempt at this task came rather naturally to me as I live by the simple philosophy: life is a car. This would involve trying to understand your individual roles and contributions in terms of a working automobile. Allow me to elaborate:

The general arts, sciences, and pre-health sciences can be considered the safety and emissions test which prepare every vehicle for the road ahead.

Next we must consider computer engineering, a crucial element of any modern vehicle: the electronic control unit.

Environmental studies are the catalytic converter which greatly reduces the harmful emissions produced by all vehicles.

And where would we be without maintenance: nurses, personal support workers, and automotive technicians are just that: providing services and general maintenance, and helping heal and support those in need.

Welding and carpentry are combined in the frame and the body, providing structure, strength, and aesthetic appeal.

The paramedics are first on the scene when something goes wrong and as such are the tow trucks of the automotive industry.

Administrative assistants are On-Star and business management is the steering and suspension: keeping you on track while those in human resources are the engine oil, lubricating and helping things run smoothly.


SHAWN HURFORD – Brockville Music Theatre 2008

... We have a greater chance of being successful because of the people who took the time and energy to make a difference in our lives. And I have no doubt that each of us here will find our own path and be successful. But we now, as graduates, have that same opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life.

Whether we contribute to an individual or to our communities, it is our responsibility to be involved. For some, our careers take us in that direction. Firefighters, Youth Workers, Nurses. But all of us could just walk out of this room today and do our jobs, collect our paycheques and finish off our days without a second thought.

But not one of us would be here right now if everyone before us had chosen to do that. Make the choice to make a difference. Affect someone else's life in a positive manner. Our training and the professionalism we have encountered at St. Lawrence College is a template for how we can choose to conduct ourselves as we head out into our professional lives. Our world now holds greater rewards for each of us because of the time we have spent here and the lessons we have learned, both in and out of the classroom.

But the only fair compensation for that reward is our willingness to give of our time, our life experiences, our energy, our money, our support and our attention to the issues that are affecting and will affect all of us.

I applaud each of us for our accomplishments. Well done. Congratulations. We are ready and we are eager. So, find the next part of your journey. Never stop learning. Never forget where you came from. Never lose sight of where you are going. But, most of all, make a difference. 



Culinary Kudos

**CHEFS-IN-TRAINING ORDER UP
1,300 PLATES OF PRAISE**

THEY came, they saw, they served! At least 1,300 plates of their signature samples were served by Culinary Arts students at the Prince Edward County Terroir to mark the opening of the summer tourist season.

The students, Cheyanne O'Driscoll, Etienne Chatelain, Scott Foster, Joanne Patterson, Maxwell Kenny, Samantha Goddard, Julio Lopez and Ernie Dean, served up a combination tasting plate of Pickerel Fritters with a Maple-Lemon Sour Cream Sauce and Smoked Trout, Goat Cheese and Apricot Pate with a Microgreen Salad. Along the way, they managed to hand out 300 Culinary Pro-

gram Information Sheets, 200 business cards and 300 "mini" program guides to the more than 1,100 attendees.

In fact, the students stood out not only for the quality of their offerings, but for stepping up when two of the other Ontario colleges who had agreed to participate failed to show up, and a third arrived one hour into the event.

"I had so many people come up to tell me how great our students and faculty were - how they rose to the occasion, surpassed everyone's expectations and turned what could have been a disaster into a great event," said Culinary program coordinator, Thomas Elia. "The chefs and restaurateurs were very impressed with the level of skill, professionalism and knowledge of our students."

Chef Thomas also gives credit to chef professors Richard Hendy and Leslie Leacy, who were praised by organizers "for their participation, professionalism and for jumping in to make sure that everything ran smoothly, in addition to manning the busiest booth at the function - OURS!"

Plugged In

ENERGY STUDENTS PUT SEVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ON THE CONSERVATION TRACK

WHEN alumni go back to school, it's called "Return to ReLearn". But when SLC students go back to the schools of the Limestone District School Board, it's all about energy.

In the ground-breaking partnership with the Limestone Board and the Ontario Power Authority, teams of students from SLC's Energy Systems Engineering Technician (ESET) and Technologist Program conducted energy audits at seven Limestone elementary schools over the course of last year.

The result is comprehensive energy cost reduction plans developed for the pilot schools, which the LDSB has already begun implementing. Approximately \$170,000 has been invested on the suggested recommendations from the audits.

The seven pilot schools were Lord Strathcona Public School, Harrowsmith Public School, Central Public School, Winston Churchill Public School, First Ave Public School, Centennial Public School and Welborne Ave Public School.

One PV system was installed at Central P.S. over this summer, and a second system was installed at Winston Churchill PS August 27 and 28. In September, three solar walls and two photovoltaic (PV) systems were to be installed at four schools in an effort to enhance energy efficiency and conservation. Solar walls will be installed at Central PS, First Ave. PS, and Welborne Ave. PS sometime early this fall.

Audits will be performed on a further 15 schools in the 2008-2009 school year.

"It is very exciting for the Limestone District School Board to be involved with this ground-breaking project which combines education, energy conservation, and school operating costs,"



says Brenda Hunter, Director of Education, Limestone District School Board.

This innovative partnership is assisting the Limestone District School Board in enhancing the energy efficiencies within its buildings as well as providing profound real-world learning experiences for both St. Lawrence College and Limestone students.



*In my
own words*

Writers in Waiting

BY JOY LESLIE,
WRITING CENTRE COORDINATOR

ALTHOUGH there are days when I wonder how to deal with one more comma splice, I do have the best job at St. Lawrence College. Why? It is my privilege, every day, to read the incredibly profound words of many of our students. What do community college students know about writing, you ask? What could our hands-on, practical learners have to say that would be astonishing?

The depth of wonder, reflection, analysis and moral intelligence in the writing I see every day is astounding. It can easily be found beneath the contractions, "sprinkled" commas, and instant-messaging language. It often emerges like a languorous sunrise from the dark-

ness of second-language surface errors. As students explore new writing styles and are encouraged to express themselves in more meaningful writing formats, they slowly begin to see themselves as capable of written expression. When asked to be concise and clear, rather than wordy and overly erudite, students begin to understand that they have something to say - something any reader would be interested in perusing.

One of my favourite tasks in this job is to tell students that they are good writers. Many of them have not been successful in high school English and firmly believe that their writing is unworthy. Those with specific learning challenges have a legacy of red "colouring" on returned assignments. The assumption that poor spelling, punctuation and grammar (which I

often do see) equate with poor writing is held dearly in our society.

No, we have not introduced a creative writing course at SLC. What we have done is to ask our students to become new writers in a learning environment where they can succeed. The C+ on their final high school English essay can be forgotten, and the resultant "I can't write" (which I hear frequently) can be reframed.

You would be interested in my job? Sorry, it is not available. I am too busy pondering the future of our college writers...

Student Dawn Free consults with Joy Leslie

Bursary announced for business degree students

BY LAURA TULCHINSKY

EARNING a university degree at St. Lawrence College just became even more accessible with the establishment of an entrance award available to an eligible student entering the Laurentian University Bachelor of Business Administration program at SLC.

The Bachelor of Business Administration Entrance Award will be awarded to a new student who is enrolled full-time in the BBA program and who has demonstrated great potential for success and academic commitment. Applicants will be asked to outline their career objectives and any experiences and/or achievements that will help them to achieve these goals. Students entering first year, as well as those who have been accepted into the program with advanced standing, are eligible to apply.

"This is great news for students considering the Laurentian BBA program at St. Lawrence," says Greg Libitz, Program Coordinator. "Scholarships, bursaries and awards are of enormous benefit in opening doors to higher education for deserving students." The BBA program provides students with the opportunity to earn a four-year Laurentian University degree at the Kingston campus of St. Lawrence College. In addition to the required business curriculum, students can choose from a range of university-level electives to configure a course of study that best meets their needs and career aspirations. (Find out how SLC alumni can benefit from the BBA by reading *Return to Relearn*, this issue) .

SLC moves to the front of Wind Power education

ST. Lawrence College has moved to the forefront of the "green collar" movement, by completing a bilateral agreement with Trillium Power Wind Corporation (Trillium Power) to establish a series of training and educational programs that will assist in the development of offshore and onshore wind developments in Canada.

Once these programs are in place, the College will be uniquely positioned as the only educational institution in North America to offer a comprehensive series of courses for maintaining offshore, near-shore and onshore wind developments.

Trillium Power president and CEO John Kourtoff says the agreement is an indication of the opportunities in the green economy and he thanked provincial environment minister John Gerretsen for connecting his company and SLC over a year ago.

"We have been working for over two years to develop this unique program in Ontario. Our strategic partnership with our European training partners, noted as the best in the world, will provide Ontario with cutting-edge skills for the development of green-collar enterprises and manufacturing in Ontario to meet the exacting requirements of offshore wind development," says Don Young, Dean of Applied Sciences at St. Lawrence College. "Trillium Power's support for our programs is very important because they are strategically committed to working together to implement clean energy and sustainable economic development solutions here in Ontario, and elsewhere in Canada."

Trillium Power's Kourtoff added: "Offshore wind in The Great Lakes is far more powerful and consistent (due to its inherent characteristics) and therefore able to reliably meet the energy demands of Ontario residents and businesses. Offshore wind is highly cost-effective when compared to similar sized onshore wind projects, and more so when compared to non-renewable energy projects such as natural gas and others on a lifecycle basis."

"Trillium Power Wind 1, planned for mid-Lake Ontario south-east of Prince Edward County, is an important green-collar enterprise that can assist in shifting Ontario's highly-skilled workforce to well-paying, sustainable, 'green tech' manufacturing and services jobs that are highly sought by all jurisdictions around the world."



SLC pays out in Saskatchewan

THEY'RE a small, but distinct group of St. Lawrence graduates. They've never stepped foot on any campus, nor have they attended any of the big convocation ceremonies. But for 212 graduates of the Leadership for Managers certificate program – delivered by SLC's corporate training office in Kingston – it's the education, not the location, that counts.

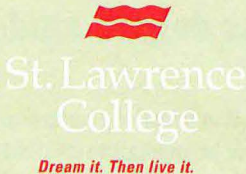
In Fall 2007, St. Lawrence College welcomed its most far flung graduates when the first class of managers of six Saskatchewan-based casinos received their certificates. And since then, a total of 212 students have graduated from the program, with even more planning to do so into 2009.

And best of all, they didn't leave home to do it.

When the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority was seeking management training for the mid-level managers of its six casino properties, they found the SLC program fit the bill. The Leadership for Managers instructional team delivered the first six sessions at the Wanuskewin Heritage Park in Saskatoon, before moving to the training centre at SIGA's newest property, Living Sky Casino at Swift Current.

During the intense, five-day program, students learn about topics such as Change Management, Strategic Planning, and Labour Law. SIGA has been so pleased with the results, they've committed to offering the certificate into 2009, and are in the process of reserving another 300 seats for a one-day Dispute and Conflict Resolution session.

The Leadership for Managers certificate was first piloted in the Kingston area, and another session is expected in Kingston in 2008-09.



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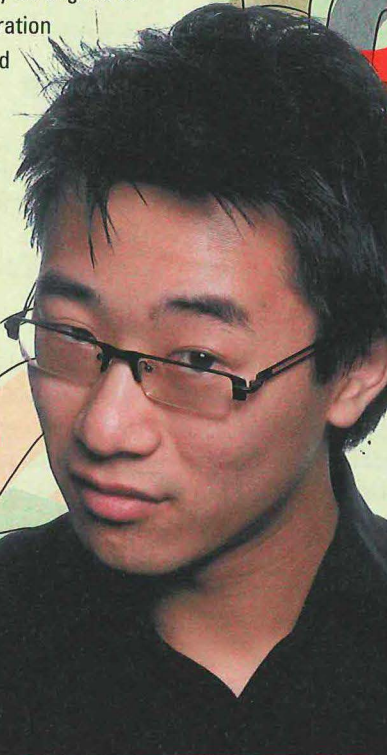
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ON CAMPUS



Student group “suits up” their classmates

BY ROBIN TIPPETT

ST. Lawrence College Kingston campus students are helping their classmates dress for success with a goal to give every first-year business student access to appropriate business attire.

The group, appropriately named Suit Yourself!, is responding to the need first-year students have to be professionally attired for their in-class presentations, and the reality that cash-strapped students aren't always able to put wardrobe enhancement at the top of their list.

Suit Yourself! is a student-run organization whose objective is to collect suits and raise funds to give students the opportunity to acquire proper suits for presentations and job interviews. The group is asking the public and the corporate sector to clean out their closets and donate suits, dress shirts, blouses, ties, suit jackets, dress pants or any other business attire (dress shoes, vests, cuff links) to the college.

They are also asking local businesses in the clothing industry to help with donations and discounts that can be offered to the students, and foresee expanding the program to young alumni who face a similar challenge with getting their first jobs out of College. After all, you only get one chance for a first impression.

For more information, contact info@suit-yourself.ca.

College athletes run for the hill

BY KELLY WILEY

THE Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) Cross Country Running Championships is set to take place in Kingston at Fort Henry, November 7 & 8, 2008. Cross country runners from across Canada are expected to take on the unique challenge of this historic venue and spectacular views of the running course.

"We are very excited that we can host the Canadian Cross Country Running Championships here this fall," says Wanda Williams, Director of Student Services, St. Lawrence College. "We had

a successful event with the Ontario championships and were awarded the Canadian event. The combination of the unique venue and the team that put on our event helped us in our bid."

Athletes from colleges across Canada will compete in their regional and provincial events during the fall. Based on their team's performances colleges may elect to take part in the Canadian championships in Kingston on November 7 & 8.

"We were proud of our athletes' performances at the CCAA Championships last year. Our team is looking forward to competing on home turf in anticipation of one of the largest CCAA cross country meets," says Grant Bradley, Faculty, Fitness and Health Promotion

program, St. Lawrence College. "Our event is going to be very unique and we have already received overwhelming support from local sponsors and volunteers. It will be an event to remember."

The race takes place on the course adjacent to Fort Henry National Historic Site of Canada, which was recently designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Athletes are set to arrive on November 7 and the races take place on November 8 beginning with the Women's race at 12:30 pm and Men's at 1:30 pm.

A website has been set up to support the event www.stlawrencecollege.xcnationals. Runners' Choice, Brooks, Fort Henry, and St. Lawrence College Vikings have signed on as key sponsors of the event. 

More computers, less energy


IN under one month, computer labs across St. Lawrence College have been stripped and re-fitted, marking a significant milestone in the College's information technology infrastructure, and making significant strides in energy efficiency.

At the beginning of August the College selected Dell Canada as the preferred PC Systems technology partner

for students, staff, and faculty members, and with less than 30 days before the commencement of classes, campuses were buzzing with new monitors, desktops and laptops – the first phase of a three year partnership with Dell.

"Dell exceeded all the selection criteria in our search for a vendor that would enable St. Lawrence College to meet the highest industry standards of energy efficiency and advanced personal computing power," says Glenn Vollebregt, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to the

Board of Governors for St. Lawrence College.

Over the next two years, Dell will upgrade up to 1,500 workstations and replace the College's desktop and laptop computers with its Optiplex and Latitude lines of product. Dell also will replace all CRT monitors across campuses with energy-efficient LCD technology. The Dell Optiplex 755 desktop, for example, can reduce power by up to 78 per cent compared with previous models. 



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Alumni Echoes



1976

CAREER BUILDING THE RIGHT WAY

Paul Chin (Civil Engineering Technology) has rarely let the grass grow under his feet since graduating from St. Lawrence College 32 years ago. In fact, in his present employment, Chin is very interested in what's under his feet.

Chin works for Hillsborough County in Florida, in the Right of Way (ROW) Management Office (ROWMO). A Right of Way Management Office is very new and unique to the United States, but it oversees any installation in the public ROW whether it be underground/aerial utility installation (gas lines, watermain, sanitary sewer work, or stormwater) as well as surface improvements such as curb and gutter, sidewalk, roadwork and landscaping. The big project he has been working on is the Verizon FTTP project – a complete build of a fiber optic network that carries phone, cable TV and computer lines.

Chin believes his diploma helped him get his foot in the door to employers, and upon graduation, he immediately found work in the largest consulting engineering company in Edmonton, Alberta. He returned to Toronto and met and married his wife and had two daughters who are now pursuing their own post-secondary educations – one in university in Florida, and the other working on her PhD in Chemistry in Taiwan.

1978

Deborah Richards Animal Care Technology – K grubette@sympatico.ca
Debbie celebrated 30 years of employment with the same veterinary practice in May, 2008.

Eleanor Stenhouse Diploma Nursing – B
elliemay.13@hotmail.com
Eleanor returned to Brockville from Strathmore, Alberta in October, 2007.

Lea MacFarlane Business – Legal Assistant – K
Lea has joined the Brockville campus as Manager, Academic Operations. Lea joined the College from the Upper Canada District School Board, where she held the Accountability/Alignment Officer position for the past two years and was the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Student Support Services from 1997 until 2006. Prior to joining the Upper Canada District School Board, Lea worked for 12 years with a local law firm as a Para-Legal Assistant. Lea brings extensive experience in project management, budget development, financial management, and planning and coordination skills for internal and external committee work to her new role.

1986

Heather Hall Business Administration – Marketing – K, hmkhall@sympatico.ca
Heather has always worked in her field and continues to do so and is a great cheerleader for the marketing program. She would like to teach at SLC Kingston campus someday and share her experiences with the up and coming business people.

1987

Rick Coupland Computer Programmer – K
Rick has been hired in a full time capacity with the SLC School of Business, Kingston. Rick has been teaching in the College for 21 years on a part-time/partial load basis in the day programs and with Continuing Education. Rick will be teaching computer application courses in the Office Administration, Accounting and in the core business programs.

1991

Robert Whiten Business Administration – Finance – B, rob.whiten@sympatico.ca
Robert is currently engaged to be married. After graduating, Robert had lots of jobs in retail and finance. In 1994, Robert was employed by Canada Revenue & Customs Agency as a Customs Officer. In 1999, Robert left Customs for a short time to return to school and obtained his MCSE and worked for Compaq computers for a short period. In 2000, Robert returned to work for Canada Customs as a Customs Officer.

1991, 2000, 2008

ANOTHER SLC GRADUATE ADDED TO FAMILY

by **Samantha Oxley** (Journalism)

St. Lawrence College student **Serge D'Aoust** followed the footsteps of his parents and sister as he crossed the stage of the Aultsville Theatre and received his diploma at Convocation last Spring. The D'Aoust family proudly boasts two generations of St. Lawrence College Alumni: father, mother, son and daughter.

"I learned a lot here," says D'Aoust, who spent two years enrolled in the Police Foundations program. "I have more knowledge about diversity and how to give back to the community."

D'Aoust's father, **Jacques**, graduated from the Real Estate Appraisal and Assessment program in 1991. "I would recommend anybody to come here," he said as he eagerly waited for his son's graduation ceremony to begin. "They've eliminated and added some programs and they're doing a good job marketing the college and attracting young people from across Ontario."

D'Aoust's mother **Louise**, who graduated with distinction from the Personal Support Worker program in 2000 explains: "I always wanted to help people. The program I took at St. Lawrence College gave me the skills to do that." Louise graduated the same day as her daughter **Angele**, who was enrolled in the Social Services Worker program and who also graduated with distinction.

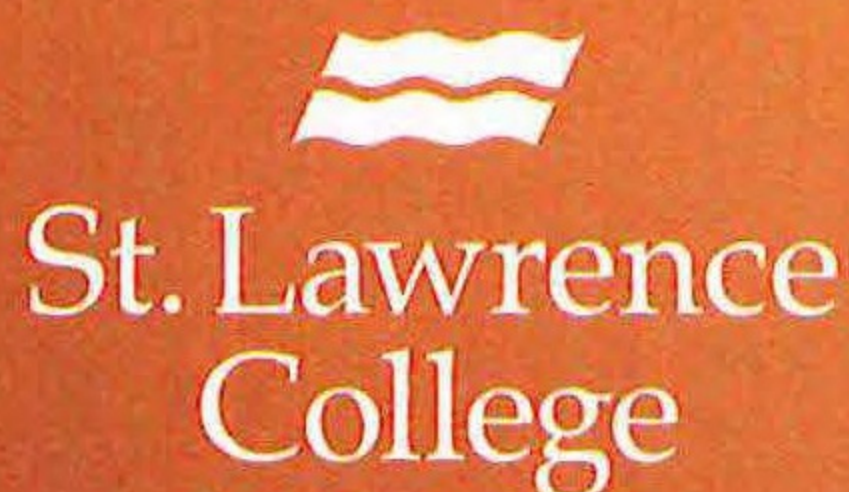
D'Aoust is not sure what lies ahead after graduation, but he's hoping for the best. "I've wanted to be a police officer for a long time," he admits. "Hopefully my diploma at St. Lawrence College will help me achieve that dream."

Since his parents and his sister are all working in their field of study, D'Aoust's odds are looking good.

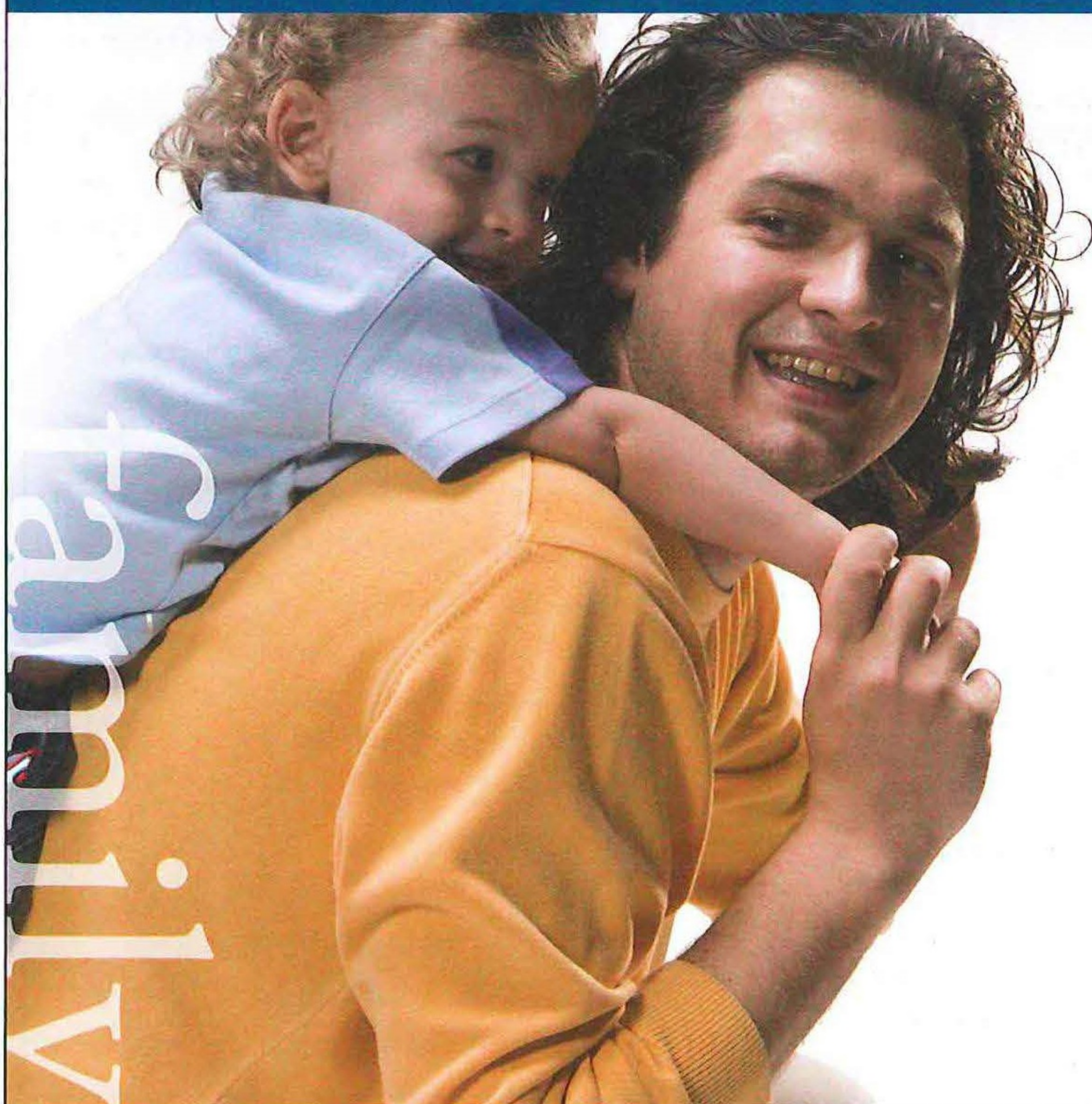
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Staff Echoes



Chris Wilding has joined the College as Associate Director, Emergency Planning, Security & Life Safety in Facility Management Services, located in Kingston. Chris will lead a number of initiatives under the broad umbrella of the development of a "College Emergency Response Plan", including security and communications issues which will ensure the safety of students and staff at all three campuses. It's a big task, but one for which Wilding is uniquely suited. He just completed a similar implementation with his former employer the Bridgepoint Health Centre in Toronto.

Grant Bradley has joined the Fitness and Health Promotion Program, Kingston campus, as a full-time faculty member. Grant is well known on campus in his former role as Athletic Director where he developed a comprehensive policy and procedures for varsity athletes. He brings extensive experience and expertise in both physical education and sports business to the Fitness program. In addition to his duties as Athletic Director, Grant has taught a number of courses in Fitness and Health Promotion, focusing on entrepreneurship/business plan development as well fitness and strength training.

Grant's passion for excellence, always delivered with a broad smile, inspires students and staff. His exceptional leadership skills have been honed in a career that has spanned New Zealand, British Columbia, and Ontario.

Lea MacFarlane has joined the Brockville campus as Manager, Academic Operations. Lea replaces **Joy Jones**, who retired at the end of August. (for more about Lea, see Alumni Echoes).

Marg Hogan has been appointed Manager, Student Services at both the Cornwall and Brockville campuses. She assumed the role at the Cornwall Campus in February and began managing the Brockville Campus in August. Hogan began her career with the Royal Bank of Canada and has served more than 20 years in management, before joining a Cornwall-based private training institution in 2001. Her recent role at SLC Cornwall campus as a registrar/career development officer offered her a variety of experiences that will serve her well in her role with student services.

The new academic year has brought new program coordinators in the School of Justice Studies and Applied Arts, Kingston campus:

Julia Sparrow, Arts and Science; **Mary Gelin**, who returned from a one-year sabbatical, College Prep; **Katherine Willis**, Law Clerk, Year 2; and **Jim Butler**, Police Foundations.

Greg Forbes (Arts and Science, College Prep, General Education) and **Don MacKenzie** (Police Foundations) have retired this summer.

There have been a number of changes in the School of Business, Kingston campus, over the summer. **Al Parkin** and **Vincent Durant** have retired after many years of dedicated service. Vincent will still be teaching a couple of courses in the BBA program.

Wayne Runte has transferred from the Brockville campus and will be teaching in the Accounting and Marketing programs. SLC alumni **Rick Coupland** has been hired in a full time capacity. (For more on Rick, see Alumni Echoes). **Tom Brennan** has joined the Advertising/IMC programs. Tom has been a partial load teacher for the last three years. Tom previously worked as a General Manager for Corus Entertainment and has an extensive background in media.

Passings

FRARESSO, Dianne Elizabeth (née Jones) – Deceased July 28, 2008. Beloved wife and best friend of Paul. Devoted mother of Joseph and James (Toronto). Daughter of Bill and the late Marjorie (née Ellwood) Jones of Smiths Falls, Ontario. Sister of Christopher Jones (Sylvia Giles) of Carleton Place, Ontario. Dianne taught nursing at St. Lawrence College, Kingston for many years and instilled a life long passion for learning in her students. Her family will always have warmhearted memories of her spirit, relentless energy, calm dignity and her caring and compassionate manner.

LEONARD, Clorinda (Claire) – Peacefully at The Wexford Residence, Toronto, Ontario, August 14, 2008. Claire, along with her late husband Bill, was an active and enthusiastic member of the Kingston community. She served on The Women's Auxiliary of Kingston General Hospital and St. Mary's of the Lake, on the Kingston Children's Aid board and was a founding board member of St. Lawrence College. Claire was a prolific artist of note, an active

member of Queen's University Faculty Players and The Faculty Women's Club. A sports-woman, she won several trophies at Kingston Tennis Club and Cataraqui Golf and Curling Club. For six years, Claire graciously hosted the CKWS TV interview show, "Almanac".

BASMAJIAN, Dr. John V. O.C., O.Ont., MD, F.A.C.A., F.R.C.P.(C), F.S.B.M., F.A.C.R.M., F.A.B.M.R. 21, June 1921-18 March 2008 – A proud Canadian, a much-decorated pioneer in medical research, an enthusiastic teacher and mentor, a prolific author, and above all a loving husband, father and grandfather, John V. Basmajian led a life of integrity and boundless energy, passing away in his 87th year after a brief illness. Despite a demanding professional life as a professor and teacher in universities throughout Canada and the U.S., Dr. Basmajian was committed to his community, serving as a member of the Kingston Board of Education, Chairman of the Board of Governors of St. Lawrence College, and a member of the Board of Gerontology Research Council of Ontario.

HILL-DEVLIN, Gail Kathleen – (Retired Teacher, St. Lawrence College) Suddenly at her home on Thursday December 5th, 2007. Beloved wife of Daniel Devlin. Loved Mother of seven children Rhonda Gilbert (Marc), Kimber Beadle (Nick), Caelah Devlin, Ryan Devlin (Amanda), Jaime Kilminster, John Michael Devlin and predeceased by her son Michael Joseph Devlin.

FREEDMAN, Maureen Nora (nee McFee) – Passed away peacefully and pain free, in her sleep at home, on Friday, September 21, 2007 in her 60th year. She was the cherished wife of Nelson Freedman, beloved mother of Sean (Mary) Henry, Marc (Nancy) Freedman and Jordan (Michelle Murphy) Freedman. Born June 24, 1948 in Montreal, Maureen graduated from Queen's University with a B.A. in Psychology and St. Lawrence College Diploma in Behavioral Science Technology. Maureen had been a longtime employee of Queen's in several departments. She served as a volunteer director of Camp Outlook, Project Another Chance, and the 10+ Group of Joyceville and Millhaven Institutions.

Nikisha Grant

Biotechnology Technologist 2007

Position Title: Laboratory Technologist, School of Environmental Studies, Queen's University

What do you do? I work in an Aquatic Ecosystem Health Laboratory. Here we analyze samples including fish, water, soil, sediment and hair for Mercury and other metals. I run and maintain the machines that we use in the labs. I also ensure that everyday activities in the labs run smoothly, that we have all equipment and supplies in stock. I also help any of the grad or undergrad students, as well as my employer, with any analyses they have to perform.

What do you like best about your work? I love that I am still learning new things. I have learned about new analysis techniques and new information that I never knew about in school. It is great that while working I can still be learning.

What did you learn at SLC that has been most beneficial in your current job? Everything I learned at SLC has been beneficial at my current job. One major thing I learned is to be able to troubleshoot when an experiment goes wrong. There have been times when that has happened at my job and I have to try to determine if it is the equipment or my procedure that is wrong. Being put in this exact situation in class at SLC had made me prepared for this in the workplace.

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