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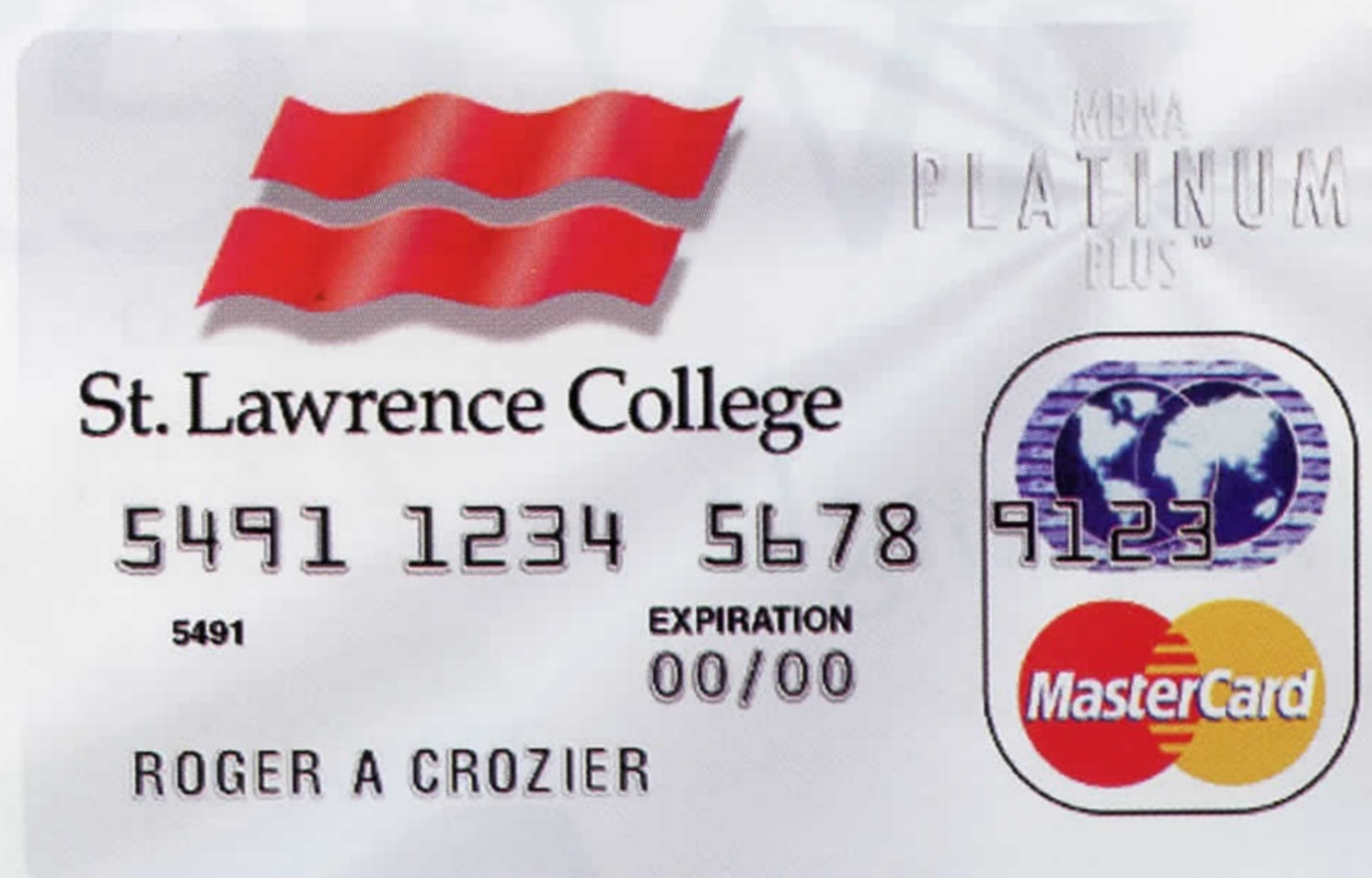
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On the Cover:

Welcome to the Jungle! Wally Nazarewycz (Animal Care Technology '74), Animal Health Supervisor at the Toronto Zoo, is surrounded by a colourful explosion of Swainson's Lorikeets. "We train them in the Health Unit to land on people," says Wally. "Once trained they go to an exhibit where visitors can enter an enclosure and the birds will land all over them. Quite entertaining, actually. Zoo visitors love the experience of being swarmed by these beautiful birds." Wally is one of our featured Alumni Profiles in this Winter '03 issue (see page 4).

Kingston's Animal Care Technology Program evolved over the years, and became the Veterinary Technology Program in 1992. It is among the most popular courses at St. Lawrence, and typically receives over 600 applications for 50 seats. Upon graduation, Veterinary Technicians enjoy nearly 100 % employment in the field.

In related news, the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians (OAVT) held its first mini conference in October at the College's Kingston campus. The event, which attracted 160 veterinary technicians, provided an excellent opportunity to show off St. Lawrence's new Vet Tech hospital and surgical suite. The OAVT is attempting to deliver more continuing educational opportunities for Registered Veterinary Technicians. The event was organized, in part, by SLC professors Julie-Anne Compton and Barb Donaldson, and featured Heather Lowe (Veterinary Technology '81) as one of the guest speakers.

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Editorial

by Tyler Forkes
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Greetings Alumni and Friends!

In the last few months we have witnessed a whirlwind of activity at St. Lawrence College. Alumni Branch events, awards dinners, new developments in our fundraising technology, and the ongoing "Expanding Opportunities" project in Kingston have made our college a very exciting place to be.

Since the last issue of *St. Lawrence Voyageur*, our Kingston and Brockville Branches ran successful bus trips to the new 1000 Islands Charity Casino, and the Ottawa Branch had a wonderful wine-and-cheese reception in the Parliament Buildings. The latter was co-hosted by the Honourable Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons, and Joe Jordan, Member of Parliament for Leeds & Grenville, and SLC alumni. For photos and complete details on these Branch events, and even more coming in the months ahead, please see our "At the Branches" section of Alumni News.

I invite you also to read the lead story in College News about our very own President and CEO, Volker Thomsen, who was named Business Person of the Year by the Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce at their annual awards banquet in the fall. This is a tremendous honour for President Thomsen, and, by extension, the College as a whole.

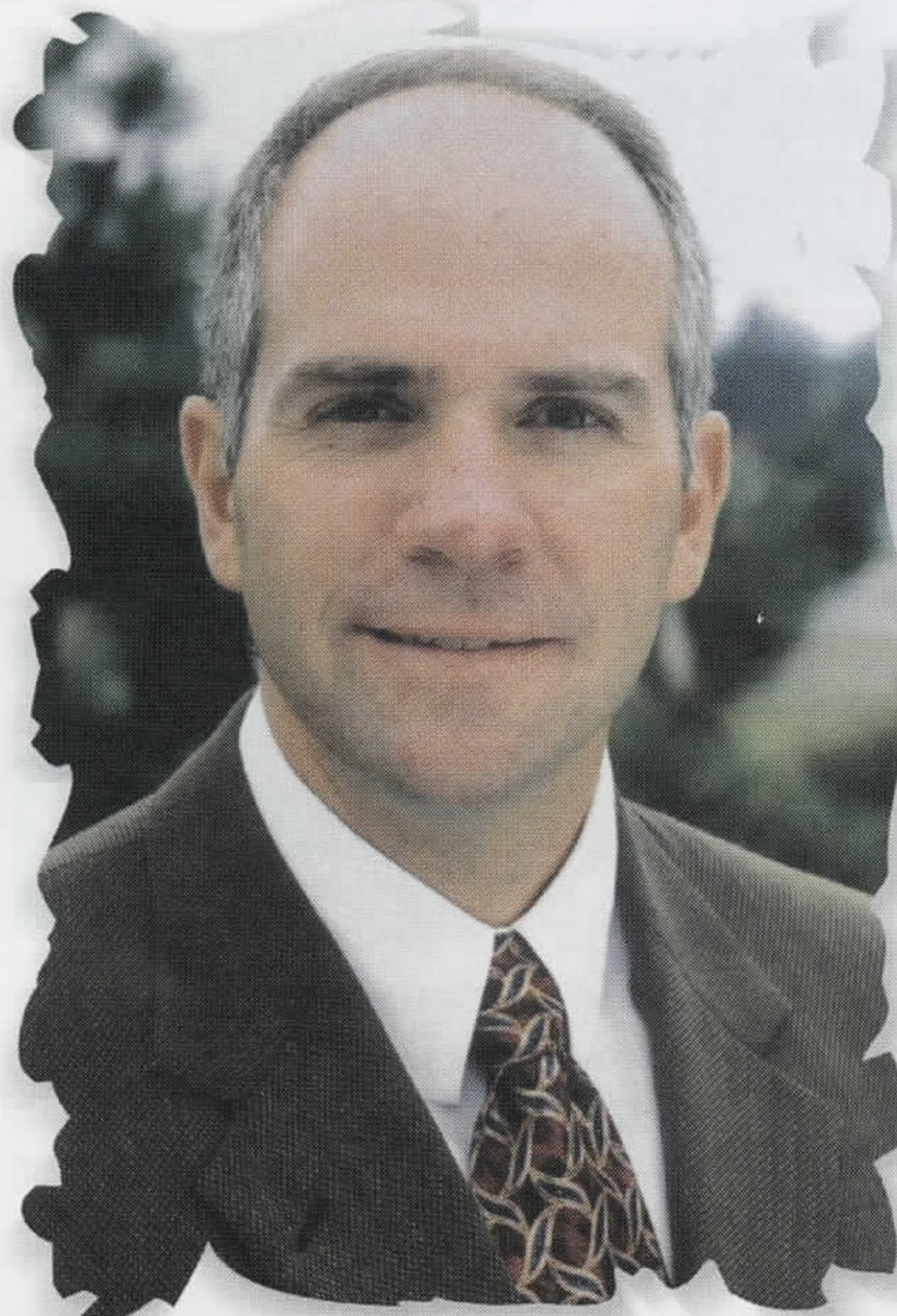


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On the development side, St. Lawrence has entered the high tech realm of fundraising with the launch of our new On-Line Giving Program. Making a donation to the St. Lawrence College Foundation is now easier than ever, through our secure web page located at: www.sl.on.ca/foundation. If you haven't yet made a donation to this year's Annual Appeal, I encourage you to visit the site, refresh yourself on our important student-centered goals, and consider lending your support. An

update on the 2002-2003 Annual Appeal can be found in Foundation News.

As exciting as the last little while has been, we are also looking forward to a number of special events in the near future. These include the Trillium Awards and Premier's Awards Dinner, the Cornwall Branch Gala Dinner and Dance, Brockville Branch's "Oh Canada" Pub Night, and the 10th Anniversary of the St. Lawrence College Foundation Golf Tournament.

At St. Lawrence, we are extremely proud of the relationship we have with our alumni, and the extent to which they have supported the growth of our operations. For me personally, the most rewarding aspect of working in alumni and development is the opportunity to meet and interact with our graduates. I look forward to meeting *you* at an alumni event soon.

Cheers!



Letters to the Editor

I enjoy receiving the St. Lawrence College *Voyageur*. Congratulations on an excellent publication.

Best regards,
Ms. Marilee Tait
Kingston, ON

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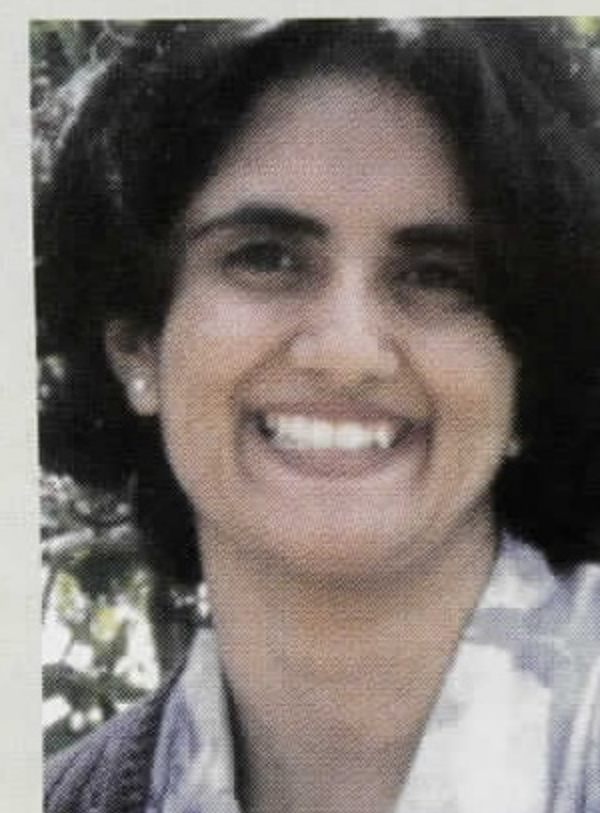
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Correction

Jalpa Naik was one of the alumni that we profiled in our last issue. You may remember that she obtained three diplomas at our convocation in Cornwall last June. Jalpa is originally from Zimbabwe. Her orientation to Canada and her enormous success in our School of Business made an interesting and inspirational story. Unfortunately, in the process of editing our piece we caused some confusion. Our adjustments to the story made it look like Jalpa is already married. In fact it is her sister who is married, not Jalpa. We apologize to Jalpa and her family for any embarrassment that we may have caused.





Alumni Profile

By Bob MacCallum

Ian Downie, MBA

Electrical Engineering Technology-Power Option (Brockville) '83

Ian Downie chose Brockville's Electrical Engineering Technology (EET) program as his springboard into an exciting career. He'd spent the three previous years in Banff, Alberta working for a ski resort doing search, rescue and safety work. In 1980 the classes at Brockville were small; Ian recalled, "Our particular program had seven people enrolled. We merged classes with Civil and Historical Technology for the common core subjects".

Active in intramural sports, Ian remembers one winter night when a van full of St. Lawrence students rolled onto its side in deep snow while the team was en route to a broomball tournament at Cornwall. No one was hurt, the van was righted and the team went on to lose to the host team in the finals.

Ian worked part time, and upon graduation full time, with Phillips Cables in Brockville in their Process Engineering Department. The company had designed and patented a radically new process for manufacturing copper conductors. Phillips hired SCL grads, Tim Smith, Mike Roberts and Ian—all graduates of Brockville's EET program—to work with a mechanical engineer. Their job was to bring this new process through the development stage, work out the bugs, and put it into regular production. Phillips Cables had confidence in the high caliber of St. Lawrence grads. In addition to Ian's team, alumni David Fleming, Fred Richardson, Jeff Weekes, Jim Moncreiff and Tony Brower also landed employment with the firm.



From the Process Engineering Department, Ian became Production Supervisor, then Quality Assurance Supervisor. In 1989, Ian was appointed QA Manager with responsibility for quality systems in eight manufacturing locations from Vancouver to Dartmouth. His focus on supplier development and supplier quality management gave him the experience required to next become the Director of Purchasing.

Ian's career was moving steadily away from the technical electrical engineering side of things and more into the people management arena. His skills from the EET program proved to be an excellent foundation for this diversified career path.

Phillips Cables closed its Brockville facility in 1996, and Ian was transferred to Marion, Indiana but he resigned

after a few months and accepted a position with his current employer—MDS Nordion, in Kanata. Ian, his wife Tracy, and their two daughters reside in Kanata. Ian's role today is focused on "strategic, international sourcing." MDS Nordion's products are all based on their application of expertise in radioactive isotopes to fight diseases. Their products are used to diagnose and treat a variety of diseases, mostly cancers. Ian leads a team that develops business relationships with the electrical utilities or governments in countries that have nuclear reactors. MDS Nordion invests in modifications to their reactors

that enable them to produce the valuable medical radioisotopes. In the past few years his job has taken him regularly to China, Korea, India, Argentina, Romania, and Russia.

Ian states, "MDS Nordion truly values its employees and provides a terrific environment in which to work." The company offers: tuition support, fitness programs, leadership training, diversity, wellness awareness programs and 'volunteer day'—a paid day off to volunteer for a good cause of one's choice. Ian recently completed his MBA through the Edinburgh Business School, Heriot-Watt University (Scotland), with MDS paying all tuition fees.

As a parting thought Ian states, "St. Lawrence College opened the door to an exciting career that, almost 20 years later, continues to offer reward and challenge."





Alumni Profile

By Tyler Forkes

Wally Nazarewycz

Animal Care Technology (Kingston) '74

Welcome to the jungle! As the Animal Health Supervisor at the Toronto Zoo, Wally Nazarewycz works, on a daily basis, with a multitude of exotic and endangered species that most people only see on television.

"The Animal Health staff at the Toronto Zoo includes Veterinarians, Technicians and Animal Keepers," says Wally. "Diagnostic, medical, surgical and pathological procedures are performed at the zoo, providing immediate care to all animals in the collection. In special circumstances, outside specialists in human or veterinary medicine have volunteered their time and expertise to treat more complex cases. My responsibilities as the Supervisor of the area include the day-to-day operation requirements of the Hospital. Included in these duties are staffing, scheduling, training and evaluation of all staff, coordinating the pest control and disinfection programs on site, coordinating the ordering of drugs, supplies and equipment for all areas of the Animal Health Centre, and disposition of incoming and outgoing animals to and from the Hospital."

His success in high school science courses, particularly biology, drew Wally to the College's Animal Care Technology Program at the Kingston campus. "It was a new course at that time, and very few people knew what an Animal Care Technologist was," he explains. "I researched it, and found that you could gain employment in the pharmaceutical industry, medical research, universities, and zoos."

After graduation, Wally had three job offers and elected to accept a posi-



Photo: Dyann Booth

tion with the University of Toronto's Division of Comparative Medicine. While there, as well as diagnostics, he was involved in many aspects of research, such as assisting with research projects on cancer, diabetes and glaucoma.

During his stay at the university, Wally became certified as a Master Laboratory Animal Technician in Research through the Canadian Association of Laboratory Animal Sciences (CALAS), a distinction unique to only nine individuals across Canada. He was also active for a number of years as a member of the Board of Directors of CALAS, and a member of the Education Council of Canada.

In 1991, Wally was offered a position at the Toronto Zoo, and has been there ever since.

Wally stays in close contact with St. Lawrence. "I offer the College an externship program for a third year student in Animal Health Technology," he explains. "Every January, a student from the class comes to the Zoo to work in the Health Unit for a month as part of their course curriculum. Interestingly enough, the course coordinator for St. Lawrence College is Joanne Hamel. She also graduated in 1974! Dr. Sarah McLaughlin also asks me to come out twice a year to speak to the third year class prior to graduation on zoo medicine and opportunities for employment in the Zoo."

St. Lawrence grads are not strangers to the Toronto Zoo. "Diane Booth (Veterinary Technology '98) a full-time Technician, and Anna Christie (Veterinary Technology '96), currently employed at the Zoo as an Animal Keeper, are both St. Lawrence graduates. In fact, over the past 11 years I have had three St. Lawrence graduates employed at the Health Centre."

The Toronto Zoo is Canada's premier Zoo, known for its interactive education and conservation activities. As a unique wildlife experience, it inspires people to live in ways that promote the wellbeing of the natural world. "I look forward to coming in to work every morning," says Wally. "With over 4000 animals at the zoo, I never know what is going to happen. Every day is a new adventure."





Alumni Profile

By Bob MacCallum

Marnie Layng

Business Technology Information Systems (Cornwall) '97

How does someone go from being a Registered Nursing Assistant to Vice President of Management Systems for an international software company? Ask Marnie Layng. After Marnie graduated from the Brockville General Hospital as a Registered Nursing Assistant she went on to work with the Brockville Psychiatric Hospital. It was at BPH that she developed the Pet Therapy Program that is still being used today by many hospitals and agencies.

Due to a work-related injury, and after more than twenty years in the nursing field, Marnie recognized a need to further stretch her talents and abilities. She found the program that would get her to her next goals at the Cornwall campus; she enrolled in the Business Technology Program. Professor Bill Tennant, remembers Marnie, "Marnie not only graduated from the Cornwall Bus Tech program, she drove five days a week from 20km north of Brockville to Cornwall for three years and was tops in her class! She was a real leader and role model. Her work set a standard for others to work towards."

Today, Marnie is Vice President, Management Systems, of Maves International Software in Thornhill, Ontario. As Vice President, Marnie is responsible for the development and eventual accreditation of Maves Quality Management System. Her position allows her to work regularly in her home office north of Brockville. Occasionally she will travel to Thornhill or client sites on a "need to be in person" basis. "Today's workplace is not necessarily



Photo: John R. Tennant

the traditional office," Marnie noted. "With high-speed internet access we can work efficiently out of any location," she said. "And it's not about where you work; it's all about how you work. You have to be very motivated and self disciplined to work away from the mainstream. There are so many distractions at home that staying focused can be difficult. I miss the social interaction of a workplace most of all."

"I will never regret my choice of St. Lawrence College and the Business Technology program," Marnie stated. "The theory and the practical hands-on experience I received made me a marketable commodity in the work world.

The project management training fine-tuned my management skills."

As advice to alumni Marnie went on to say, "Graduates are the sum of everything they have experienced to date in their lives, plus all that they have learned from their College program. As a result of this, they are well armed to take on the career they have chosen and the job they seek."

Marnie believes in giving back to the College and her community. She has been a guest speaker and presenter at the College and actively participates in various clubs and organizations locally and internationally.

Marnie loves dogs and actively breeds, shows, and trains purebred Schipperkes. She credits her wealth of experiences and working with animal-related organizations as helping to prepare her for the work she now enjoys.

For students considering college, Marnie suggests that they think about what they would and or wouldn't like to do on a daily basis for the next many years. "Work can and should be something you enjoy. Explore the multitude of career and job postings on the Internet to see the variety of work available. By seeking the help of a Career Counselor (or a person you respect who is knowledgeable in that field) you can identify the courses or programs that will best prepare you for your future career path."

We think that's good advice from someone who has come a long way in her own career development.





College News

President Thomsen Named Business Person of the Year!

Volker Thomsen, President and CEO of St. Lawrence College, has been named the Business Person of the Year by the Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce.

"It is an honour to accept this award on behalf of all of the staff at St. Lawrence College who contribute each day to the success of our students," said Thomsen in his acceptance speech. "I believe very strongly that St. Lawrence is our community's college and we thank the community for their ongoing support."

Volker Thomsen, a resident of Kingston area since 1999, has more than 30 years experience as a successful founder, shareholder and CEO of companies involved in the food, natural health products, pharmaceutical manufacturing and marketing sectors. During the same period, he has been deeply involved in promoting renewable energy and has also been actively involved in music and the arts, both in Europe and Canada.

Since his arrival at St. Lawrence College, Thomsen has made it his personal priority to integrate the activities of St. Lawrence College with every aspect of the communities of Kingston, Brockville, Cornwall, Ottawa and beyond. His vast knowledge and experience in the educational field, combined with a strong business presence, has made Thomsen a natural link for many Business and Community Agencies. Thomsen's leadership is based upon his vision that a community college must



Photo: Bernard Clark

be a regional centre for educational, social and cultural development. He has primarily focused the college's efforts on developing mutually beneficial partnerships and on being a community leader for economic development.

St. Lawrence College is Ontario's leader in Graduate Employment. With full service campuses in Kingston, Brockville, Cornwall and a Job Connect Office in Ottawa, St. Lawrence provides a comprehensive range of challenging academic programs that lead to rewarding careers for over 5,000 full-time students and 20,000 part-time students.



Some of the highlights and achievements since Thomsen's arrival include:

- St. Lawrence College played an integral role in the start-up of StarTek, providing a hiring and training centre for new employees.
- St. Lawrence launched a campaign to increase the number of apprentices by making trades training more accessible and is currently providing provincial leadership in apprenticeship reform.
- St. Lawrence has embarked upon a \$30 million redevelopment of the Kingston campus that will be completed by the Fall 2003. The "Expanding Opportunities" project includes new classroom and lab facilities that will accommodate an additional one thousand students and also includes a new residence, library, fitness complex and sports field.
- St. Lawrence has developed several partnership agreements that create university transfer opportunities for St. Lawrence graduates.
- St. Lawrence has promoted several renewable energy programs and the installation of a wind turbine pilot project in Cornwall.
- St. Lawrence is leading the development of a regional Music and Arts Festival for Eastern Ontario.





St. Lawrence ACAATO Awards Nominations

By Bob MacCallum

St. Lawrence College has entered three deserving people and two worthy groups for this year's ACAATO awards. The Second Annual ACAATO Awards recognizes individuals, organizations and especially volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the college system in Ontario in areas of Leadership, Innovation and Partnership.

For 2003, a new category - Student Leadership - has been added, and the Innovation category will honor individuals and groups separately.

Winners will be recognized at the annual ACCATO Conference in Toronto. The nominations are as follows:

1. **The Partnership Award:**
*Ontario Power Generation,
The River Institute
and St. Lawrence College*

As a result of the three above-mentioned partners' efforts, we have a fully functioning, 30 metre tall, 45 kilowatt wind turbine on St. Lawrence College's Cornwall Campus.

2. **The Student Leadership Award:**
*The Student Association,
Kingston Campus*

Responding to an identified lack of athletic facilities at the Kingston campus, our student government organized and led the student body through a difficult referendum. The resulting

approval for a 25-year financial commitment will see a 16,000 square foot, \$3.8 million state-of-the-art recreation and fitness facility built at our Kingston campus.

3. **Community Volunteer Award:**
Wilsie Hatfield

Wilsie has an extensive history of volunteering in our communities, and has served as Chair on our Board of Governors and the St. Lawrence Foundation.

4. **Distinguished Service Award:**
Trevor Rainey

Trevor has a remarkable history of service with St. Lawrence College; his

leadership and positive influence have meant growth for our college and community. Trevor recently retired as Coordinator and Professor in the Computer Engineering Technology Program at the Kingston campus.

5. **Innovation Award for an Individual:** *David McKay*

David recognized the need for pre-service training in the field of Acquired Brain Injury. As a result of his efforts, in September 2002 St. Lawrence College offered its first intake of the only post-degree/diploma certificate in Acquired Brain Injury in Canada.

Peer Advisors Help with Retention of Existing Students

By Diana Drury

Kingston has turned up the heat on retention of students through the assistance of Peer Advisors. The Peer Advisors are successful students who enjoying helping others also succeed.

The Peer Advisors were selected after being interviewed during the summer and were put through a full week's training session in order to prepare them to handle the many different types of student problems that they may

encounter. The Program has a representative from each faculty offered at the College, which allows students in need to speak to someone related to their program of study. These student advisors are wonderful, caring people who enjoy helping others succeed.

The Peer Advisor office is located in the recently renovated Student Association and the phone extension is 1385.

PEER ADVISORS' MISSION STATEMENT:

We are committed to helping our peers in coping with school life and social pressures, by providing confidential support in a non-judgmental way.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- To increase the accessibility and availability of services, information and support for students.
- To enhance awareness of the Peer Advisors as a College Program and as a personal and community resource at St. Lawrence College Kingston Campus.
- To help prepare students for the personal, administrative and academic demands of college life.





St. Lawrence College Ranks 1st in Ontario Colleges' Marketing Competition

By Luetta Trenholme

St. Lawrence, Kingston entered a competitive team in the Ontario Colleges' Marketing Competition (OCMC) held at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston in November.

The St. Lawrence team of 12 Advertising and Marketing students was more than ready against larger teams from 13 other colleges. The team was lead by Professor Kip Tuckwell, Coordinator of our Advertising Programs,

with the help of Professors Bill Crowe, Tom Harpell, Brian Hoobin, Greg Libitz, Robin Pepper, Thornley Stoker and Danielle Van Dreunen.

Overall, St. Lawrence ranked 1st, with a total of 59 points. Georgian came in second, with 34 points, followed by Conestoga with 26 points, George Brown with 23 points and Fanshaw with 21 points.

Since 1992, St. Lawrence College

has placed 1st six times. That's beyond impressive! Kip said that other college coaches were amazed by our team's consistency across the board and that this was our "most convincing win ever".

The awards dinner was charged with excitement and a lot of very positive St. Lawrence energy. Advertising students presented a "dynamite" video of the event that they had worked on around the clock to complete. Congratulations to all involved!



Sitting (from left to right):
Azin Moradhassell, Kelly Bacon, Lindsay Chapnick, Amy Leindecker, and Chantal Borst

Standing (from left to right):
Wendy Compeau, Erica Young, Angela Hamilton, Anthony Veitch, Andrea Greeley, Tania Carfa and Matt Beasant.



The results:

Quiz Bowl:

Lindsay Chapnik
- 2nd place

International Marketing:

Matt Beasant and Azin Moradhassell
- 1st place

Marketing Research:

Lindsay Chapnik
and Azin Moradhassell
- 1st place

Entrepreneurship:

Kelly Bacon and Tania Carfa
- 2nd place

Retailing:

Angela Hamilton and Anthony Veitch
- 2nd place

Sales Management:

Tania Carfa and Andrea Greeley
- 2nd place

Marketing Case:

Andrea Greeley and Anthony Veitch
- 3rd place

Job Interview:

Chantal Borst - 2nd place

Sales Presentation:

Amy Leindecker - 3rd place



Music and Art Festival Initiative Gathers Momentum in Brockville

By Julie Heagle

Support continues to grow for the Music and Art Festival Initiative, as over 125 people attended the Brockville area launch held on November 1st at the Brockville Arts Centre. A similar event was held in the Aultsville Theatre in Cornwall during December.

identified to stimulate economic and cultural tourism and to further enrich the communities in this area through the arts. At the conclusion of the feasibility study, a prototype festival entitled *Festival on the St. Lawrence* will take place from May 17 to May 31, 2003.



Photo: John R. Tennant

From left to right: Wanda Williams, Dr. Adrienne Shannon, David Beatty, Dr. Joy Innis and Volker Thomsen

Project Directors, Dr. Joy Innis and Adrienne Shannon (PALENAI Piano Duo) performed a magnificent two-piano multimedia presentation and engaged an audience of community members, political leaders, St. Lawrence College employees and board members, arts and cultural groups and students from Grenville Christian College.

Speakers at the event, including Brockville Mayor, Ben TeKamp; Dave Beatty, President, St. Lawrence College, Board of Governors; Volker Thomsen, President and CEO, St. Lawrence College; and Thais Donald, Chair, *Festival on the St. Lawrence* Steering Committee, offered their support for the initiative.

The five-member project team is currently researching festivals throughout the St. Lawrence Seaway and Eastern Ontario, as well as aligning with cultural, educational and economic organizations to share the vision for arts and culture in the region. Over the 11-month project, opportunities will be

The *Festival on the St. Lawrence* will be developed according to a three-year plan. The Festival will present music and art in the beautiful historical venues of southeastern Ontario and northern New York State. Canadian and international musicians and visual artists will be invited for Artist Residencies and public presentations in communities along the St. Lawrence Seaway. The festival will offer creative outreach programs to integrate artists into the communities. Workshops, master classes and summer school classes will be established to provide numerous high-quality educational opportunities.

Drs. Innis and Shannon believe this is a unique and exciting initiative for the arts. "There is a growing impetus in the region to develop events as part of cultural tourism, similar to festivals held in Stratford, Banff, Aspen and throughout Europe. This initiative is certain to produce a far-reaching impact for the development of arts and culture in Kingston, Brockville and Eastern Ontario."



Deng Kuol,
1st Year Police Foundations

Cross Country National Championships

By Laurence Bishop & Elaine Dekroon

St. Lawrence College claimed a silver medal at the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) championships held in Red Deer, Alberta. Kingston was represented well with three athletes participating. OCAA Champion, Deng Kuol (1st Yr. Police Foundations) led the race for the first 6km despite running without spikes on a snow-packed course. Experiencing problems with his knee, he held on for a 10th place finish in a very competitive field. Deng was a key factor in the silver medal performance by the Ontario Men's team.

Jen Cameron (2nd Yr. Graphic Design) had an outstanding race beating out the 4th place finisher from the OCAA's the previous week. She helped the women's team to a CCAA bronze medal.

Rachel Ettinger (2nd Yr. Med. Lab Science) a top Ontario runner all year, also had a strong race. With Rachel and Jen returning next year, the women's team has gained some very valuable experience and will be competing for medals at the OCAA Championships to be held at Brockville campus, and CCAA at St. Clair in Windsor.

Brockville sent two of their top runners to the Nationals as well. It was an honour for St. Lawrence to be represented in this first National Championship for the sport. For Brockville's top runners, Andrew English and Cindy Edwards, it was an experience of a lifetime.

Being named coach for Team Ontario at the Championships was an honour for Kingston Head Coach, Randy Zabucovec.



Eves Government Rewards Excellence in Job Training Services

By Barry Keefe

At a special dinner held in Toronto in November, staff from St. Lawrence College were presented with the first-



left to right:

Barry Keefe, Marilyn Mushinski and Glenna Schaillee

ever Minister's Award for Excellence for the outstanding work they have undertaken in delivering the provincial Job Connect program. Job Connect is managed by more than 125 colleges and non-profit agencies throughout the province and is designed to help young people plan and prepare for and succeed in the job market or connect to higher skills training such as apprenticeship.

"We are recognizing the winners of the Minister's Award for Excellence for delivering top quality services and for developing innovative business practices to better serve their communities," said Diane Cunningham, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.

The Ontario government established the award in April 2002 to recognize those agencies that exceed standards in customer service, effectiveness and efficiency, and that demonstrate the ability to maintain and improve results over time. The agencies' ratings are based on four measures: planning, resourcing, measuring and communicating, as well as their service results. These measures are closely aligned to the Canada Award for Excellence administered by the National Quality Institute and the U.S. Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

Kingston Campus Announces Strategic Directions

Chris Whitaker, Executive Director at the Kingston Campus, recently announced the *Strategic Directions 2002-2007* that will ensure the continued success of the Kingston campus. The directions resulted from the planning initiative undertaken by the Kingston Campus Team, formed with volunteers from support staff, faculty and management. Our campus-based model created an opportunity to share perspectives on where we are as a college and campus, where we would like to be, and how to get there. The document is intentionally referred to as a direction rather than a plan, allowing flexibility to operate effectively in a dynamic environment.

Four strategic directions have been established to guide our activities as we move forward:

- **Deliver Quality Programs and Services**

Our core business is teaching and learning. Quality programs and services remain current, are accessible, accommodate different learning styles, and help students meet their goals. We will encourage innovation and adapt to changing needs and expectations.

- **Develop and Support Positive Relationships**

We will foster positive relationships among all members of the college community – students, alumni, staff, employers and government – that are built on shared goals, open communication and mutual respect. We will consult stakeholders on significant issues and decisions.

- **Promote our College**

We will be evaluated by our capacity to attract motivated students, excellent staff, and committed supporters, and by our ability to support the economic and social development of southeastern Ontario. To this end, developing an integrated marketing approach to all that we do, and effectively communicating our strengths and achievements within the College and to the community, are critical to our success.

- **Invest our Resources Strategically**

We must direct human, physical, financial and technological resources to our strategic priorities. It is essential to continually assess resources to ensure that allocation results in an effective learning experience for students and a professional, positive work environment for staff. We must also identify and capitalize on innovative approaches to manage our current operations and support new initiatives.

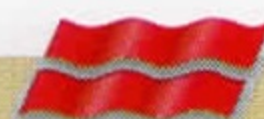
The Kingston Campus Priorities are as follows:

- Enhance student workplace experiences to include expanded co-op opportunities.
- Establish and maintain a process for program renewal and new program development.
- Build a recruitment plan to facilitate enrolment growth for key target markets.
- Maintain a long-term capital planning and renewal process that supports campus priorities.

"We are extremely proud of the team in Brockville," said Barry Keefe, Director of Job Training Services and International Business at the College. "Together with their colleagues in Kingston and Ottawa, they have managed to help find full-and part-time work for over 2,500 young people this year, with a minimum of \$6,500,000 in payroll in the region. We also recognize the valuable contribution our community part-

ners make to our success, particularly in this case the Education and Employment Resource Centre in Brockville."

In this inaugural year, the Silver Award, was the highest level achievable. Glenna Schaillee, a Training Consultant on the Brockville team was pleased to accept the Silver on behalf of her team and the Brockville community from Marilyn Mushinski, MPP and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister.



Ottawa Job Training Services Up and Running

By Barry Keefe

After a long and arduous journey, the Job Training Services Division of St. Lawrence College has finally settled into new offices on the 6th floor at 71 Bank Street, near Sparks, in the heart of downtown Ottawa. From these offices, our outstanding team of training consultants and administrators provides service to Ottawa area youth to help them find employment or return to school. They work with a number

of Ottawa-area partners to accomplish this, principally the Youth Employment Resource Centre in Bell's Corners and the Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa on the 5th floor of our building.

The impact the staff has on the community is substantial. Together with our offices in Brockville and Kingston, last year they helped 2,581 young people who were out of school and out of work to find full-or part-time em-

ployment. That translates into an estimated \$6,582,576.00 payroll figure, an impressive number and one that bears testimony to the hard work undertaken.

Japanese Students Experience Canadian Culture ... and Vice Versa!

By Reina Ruest

For the second time in three years, the Cornwall campus hosted Japanese students from Chuo Welfare Medical College in Oyama, Japan. Ranging in age from 18 to 29, the twenty-two visiting students are preparing for careers in nursing homes as care workers and as office administrators.

Ian Callan, the trip coordinator for St. Lawrence College, explains that although students from Chuo have the opportunity to visit several countries during their schooling, the most popular destination is Canada. "They feel safe here and find a high level of comfort in Canada," he says. Although the Canadian culture differs drastically from their own, they find the Canadian lifestyle easy to adapt to. "They're comfortable in our environment," he explains.

Cornwall and St. Lawrence College were more than happy to welcome these shy yet pleasant young men and women from abroad. "We had a tremendous response from the community," said Callan. "The old saying that Cornwall is 'the friendly city' still stands," he insists. "Everyone was generous with their time and their wallets. From providing lunches and snacks to spending time giving tours and providing our visitors with some interactive time, everyone involved went beyond expectation."

"Many of the Japanese got to live with Canadian students of the same age," says Callan. That was enjoyable for them because they had a lot in common. A few late nights and some extra socializing was a nice addition to the educational aspect of the trip. Four students who lived with Cornwall Island residents also got to learn about native culture and crafts.

Before the end of their stay, the students enjoyed some time at the Japanese Embassy in Ottawa and experienced some French Canadian culture in Quebec City and Montreal; they fraternized with our senior residents in some of the nursing homes and retirement homes; they toured the chronic care and palliative care units at the Hotel Dieu hospital; they visited special education classes in elementary schools and sat in on classes at the Cornwall campus. They also visited with members of the Encore Seniors and got some worthwhile information from the Children's Aid Society.

"They had a wonderful visit!" says Callan. You can be sure that they'll bring back many happy memories of their time here and will share it with their friends and family at home. As for the Cornwall residents and College students who were lucky enough to have spent time with our visitors, the cultural immersion was unforgettable.



sitting left to right - Heather Morrison, Gary McCarville, April Alton
standing left to right - Amisha Sirpal, Pamela Ramsay, Cam Collins, Carolyn Mitrow, Susan Pratt and Barry Keefe.

The office has been fortunate to attract a number of people away from Algonquin College who know the marketplace and have contributed so much to the initial stages of implementing this programme; they are Carolyn Mitrow, Cam Collins, Gary McCarville and Heather Morrison. We have also been fortunate to recruit other talented people to help make the team a success; they are April Alton, Amisha Sirpal, Pamela Ramsay and Susan Pratt. Together they are tackling the challenges of uncovering work opportunities for our participants and making a huge impact on the lives of people they serve.

Please feel welcome to drop up and see us when you are in Ottawa. The door is always open.

St. Lawrence College Receives Approval to Grant Applied Degree

Chris Whitaker, Director of Kingston Campus, recently announced that St. Lawrence College has received approval to offer its first Applied Degree. The Bachelor of Applied Technology (Microelectronics) was among the 22 successful programs recently announced by the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities. As a new credential for the college system in Ontario, the approval process was extremely competitive, demanding considerable time and effort in order to meet criteria and standards established by the Post Secondary Education Quality Assessment Board.

Congratulations are extended to the faculty and staff in the School of Computer and Engineering Technology who contributed to the success of the proposal. Jake Hofstee, primary architect of the program proposal, was supported by professors Dave Athersych, Colin Banger, Jack Cooper, Terry Fuchs, Hugh McLaren, Bob Tester and Alex Tugulea. Don Young, Director of the School, and Joan Baker, Administrative Assistant, are also recognized for leadership in facilitating the project.

Applied Degrees are intended to fill shortages in emerging skill sets in a rapidly changing economy. Programs can only be run through the institution granted approval, and each program has been determined to be meeting educational needs not currently provided by Ontario universities. Given

the late date of the announcement on approvals relative to the college admissions cycle, the first intake of the Bachelor of Applied Technology at St. Lawrence will be in the fall of 2004.

ages requiring applied learning. For St. Lawrence, it is not our intent to become university-like in our approach to teaching and learning. Our objective is to bring the best of our focus on learning



Dr. Jake Hofstee led the technology team in the successful bid for St. Lawrence College's first applied degree program. left to right: Don Young, Hugh McLaren, Jack Cooper, Alex Tugulea, Terry Fuchs, Dave Athersych, Colin Banger and Jake Hofstee.

In acquiring degree-granting status, Ontario colleges are being recognized for their quality teaching and learning, a reputation that has been built over 35 years. It is an acknowledgement that colleges play a critical role in the economic development of Ontario, and are the institutions best suited to respond to critical skill short-

to the delivery of baccalaureate programming. Applied degrees will enable us to continue to offer more options to our learners, and access to a broader range of credentials consistent with and supportive of our mandate as a community college.

Civil Engineering Grad Wins Scholarship

Hugh Cooper, Civil Engineering Technology student at Kingston was the recipient of the George Fletcher Foundation Scholarship. The \$350 scholarship and certificate is awarded annually to a Science or Engineering Technology Student in his or her second year of studies at each of Ontario's colleges. Hugh is currently employed with Terra Nova Truss in Glenburnie, Ontario.

Prince Edward Collegiate Institute Hosts 50th Anniversary

Prince Edward Collegiate Institute, Picton Ontario, invites all former Students and Staff to our 50th Anniversary Celebration May 16, 17, 18, 2002.

To Register:

Email: pecireunion@hotmail.com
Website: <http://www.hpedsb.on.ca/peci/alumni/50ani.htm>
Or write to: PECI 50th Reunion, Box 1700, Picton ON, K0K 2T0



Drury Attends International Working Group on Women and Sport



Diana Drury, former Athletic Director at the Kingston campus, was one of 550 people from 97 countries who attended the Third World Conference on Women and Sport, held in Montreal.

*Diana Drury
with former tennis champion Billie Jean King.*

The conference identified barriers faced by women, but celebrated positive change for women in sport and physical activity over the last four years. Former tennis champion Billie Jean King was a featured keynote speaker. Participants also set goals for the next four years, which will be reviewed at the next Conference, to be held in Kumamoto, Japan, in 2006.



Photo: Debra Dalock



Touch Football Team Wins Silver Medal

By Diana Drury

St. Lawrence Brockville hosted the OCAA Provincial Touch Football Championships this year at Grenville Christian College. The Kingston Vikings Touch Football Team as defending Ontario Champions, returned home with the silver medal - second place finish in the All-Ontario Championships.

The Vikings went 4-0 in round-robin play on Friday and Saturday, easily defeating Brockville, Cornwall, and Durham, and with a close game over Niagara 12-6, thus advancing to the gold medal game!

The Vikings ran up against the strongest Mohawk team seen in the past 10 years! With only seven returning veterans, the Vikings played hard and represented the College very well in the gold medal game, but lost to Mohawk. "Congrats" on yet another great season to the student athletes and coaching staff for bringing home our first Ontario medal of the year!

Kingston Campus Opens New Athletic Sports Field

As part of St. Lawrence College's \$30 million redevelopment project, a new 110m x 65m athletics sports field has been constructed on the south lawn of the Kingston campus. Preparation for the development of the field began late in 2001 and crews were back on campus in the spring of 2002 to backfill, grade and lay sod. The field is equipped with a sophisticated drainage and irrigation system.

The new field is now home to many St. Lawrence College "Viking" varsity team sports including soccer and touch football. The college is also exploring opportunities to partner for shared access with community groups. Future plans include bleachers, a track, lighting and field house change rooms.



Alumnews

Wine & Cheese

It was a magical evening in Ottawa at the Parliament Buildings. After clearing security, alumni and guests wandered through cathedral-ceilinged hallways, to the Speakers Gallery; MP and Speaker of the House Peter Milliken's grand room for entertaining dignitaries. Decorated Christmas trees adorned with white lights graced the 'Hall of Fame', which featured near life-sized paintings of Canada's Prime Ministers.

Hosts Peter Milliken, MP Kingston and the Islands, and Alumni Joe Jordan, MP for Leeds Grenville along with Alumni Bryon Wilfert, MP for Oak Ridges joined the alumni group for an evening of fine wine, conversation and laughter.

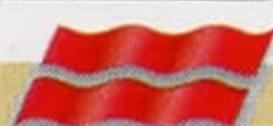
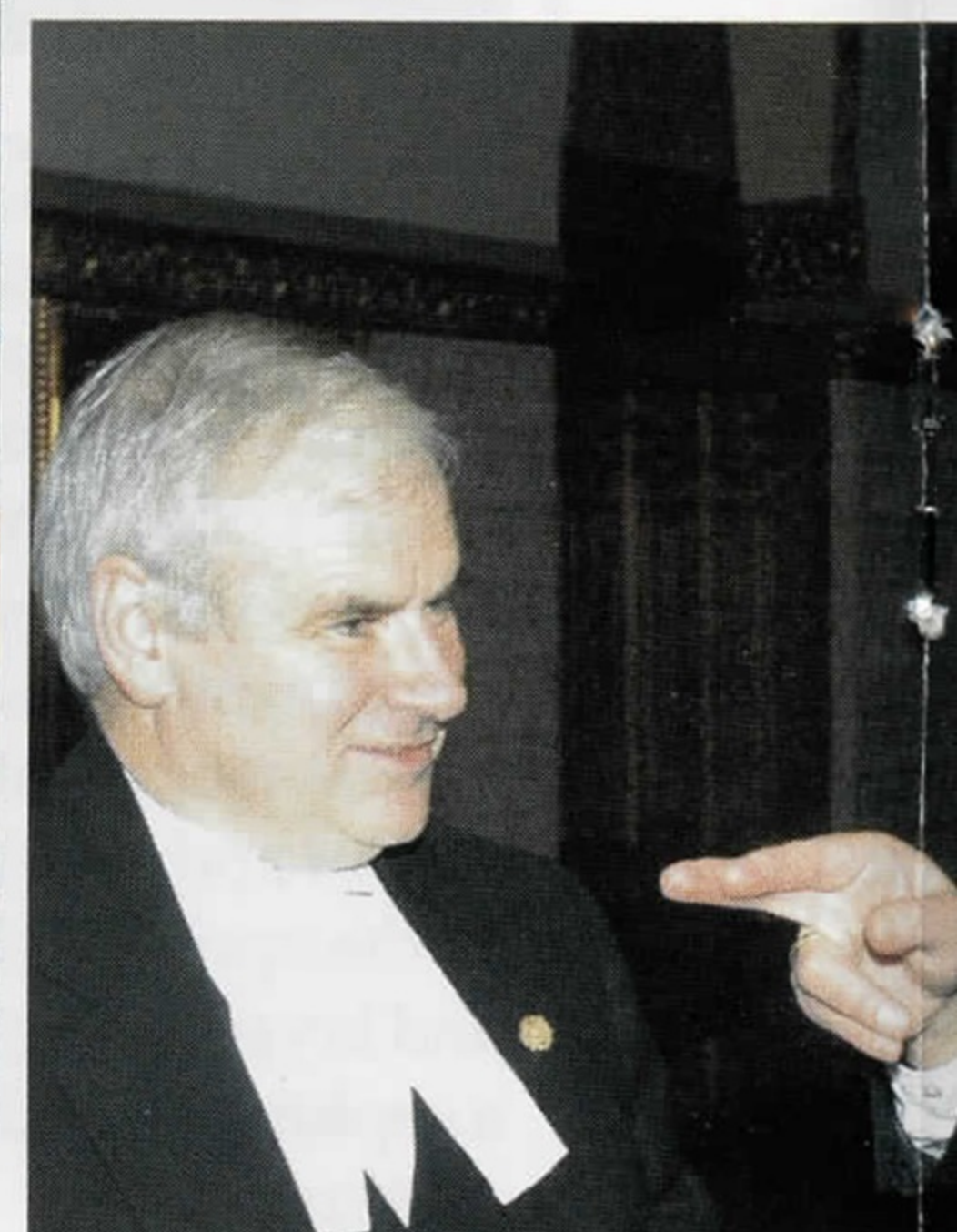
Ottawa Alumni Branch

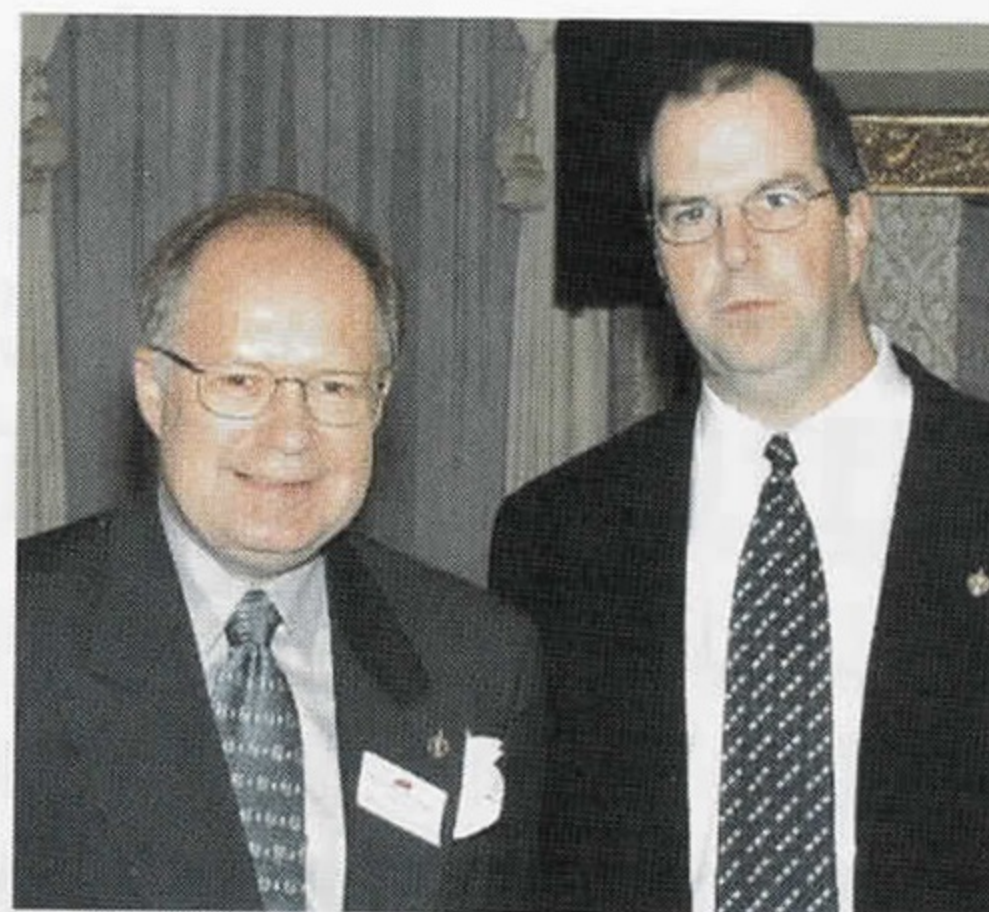


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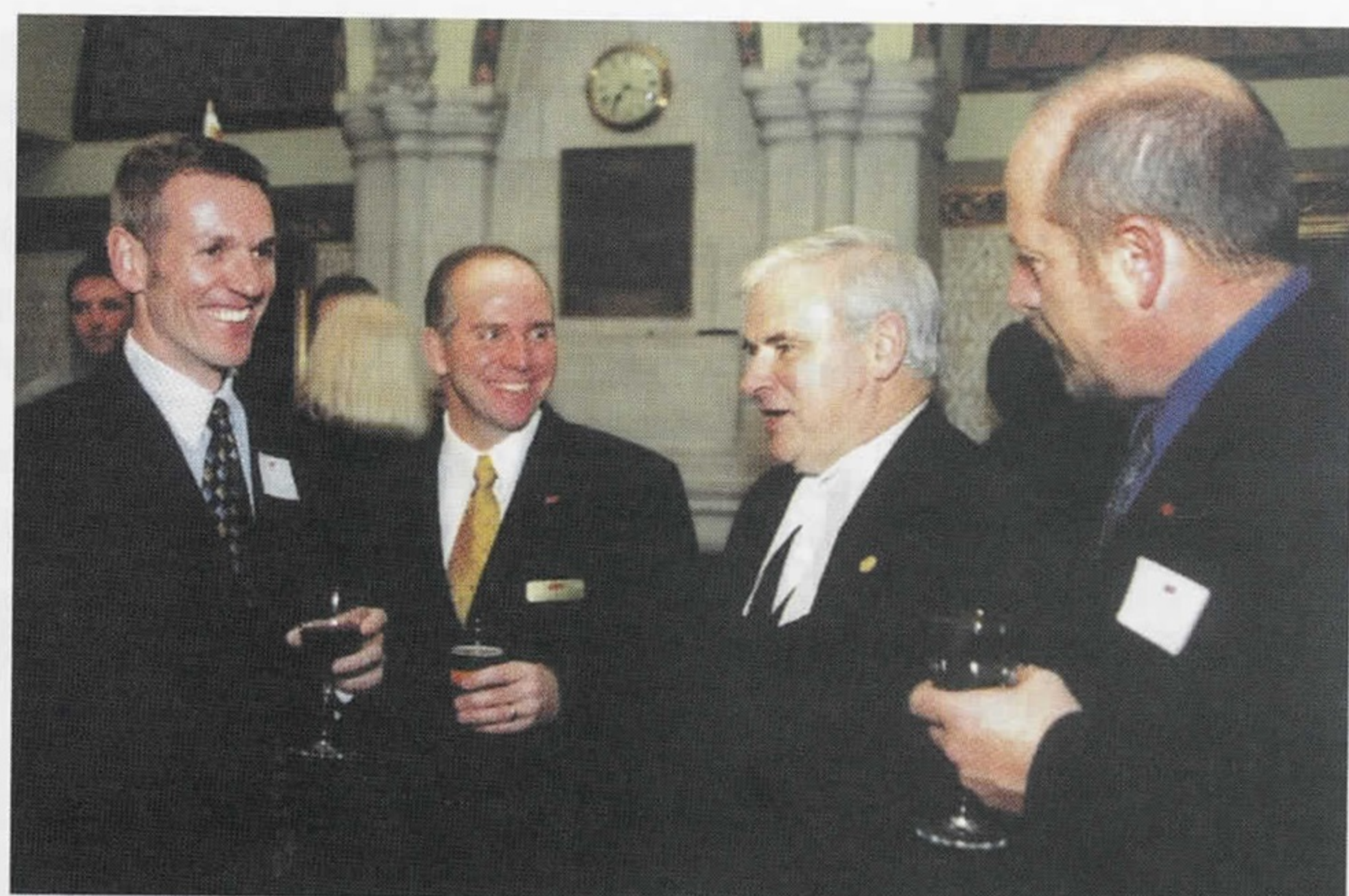
Photos:
Courtesy of Peter Milliken's office
and Bob MacCallum

Left to right: Barry Keefe, Alumnus Jeanna Andre (in background), Alumnus Yurong Zhou and Guofeng Pang.





Alumni Bryon Wilfert, MP
(Municipal Administration '88)
and Joe Jordan, MP
(Business Administration-Marketing '83)



Glenn Vollebregt (Senior Vice-President, Advancement and Corporate Services, SLC),
Tyler Forkes (Director, Alumni and Development), Peter Milliken, MP
and Gord MacDougall (Vice-President, Education & Information Technologies, SLC)



Guitarist Robert Côté



David McFadden (Director, Part-time Studies and Corporate Training, SLC)
with Alumni Debbie Jordan (Marketing, SLC)
and her husband, Joe Jordan, MP



David White (Marketing Director, SLC)
and Lorraine Carter (Brockville Campus Director)



Bob MacCallum
(Alumni & Development Officer, SLC)

Peter Milliken, MP
and Volker Thomsen
(SLC President and CEO)



Alumnus Tom Pettitt
(Electronics Engineering
Technician '01)
(second from left)

David Enns,
Leah Wales (SLC Director, Business Operations & Special Events, SLC)
and Pat Finucan (Cornwall Campus Director)



Alumni Branch Casino Trip Hits Jackpot

Brockville and Kingston Alumni Branches met at the Gananoque Casino for an evening of fun in November. Buses picked the 35 partygoers up in front of each respective campus and met for a group photo at the front of the Casino. One alumnus who had arrived slightly before the bus arrival, tried his hand at the slots and won \$285 before the group had even arrived! An Alumni Branch President, who shall remain nameless, was up a "couple of hundred" on the Black Jack tables. Although these people stood out as winners, the

entire group felt that being part of a great organization like St. Lawrence

College made them all Jackpot Winners.



Photo: Bob MacCallum

St. Lawrence Staff/Faculty Retirees' Golf Tournament

By Steve Graves

The 3rd Annual St. Lawrence College Golf Tournament for retired and former College employees was held at the Amherstview Golf Course on September 3rd (First day of classes!). It was a very successful event with 30 ex-SLCers participating in a day of "fun" golf and good fellowship with many memories

shared of our time at the college.

The winners of the team competition were Alex MacMillan, Larry Chouinard, Bill Taylor and Mike Cullimore. Draw prizes of SLC golf shirts were kindly donated by the college.

The 4th annual event will be held on

September 2, 2003 and is open to any former SLC staff or faculty member. Non-golfers are urged to attend the festivities after the golf tournament to renew old college friends. Please contact Steve Graves (613-389-1268) or Ron Robinson (613-389-8724), if you are interested in next year's event.



Left to Right:

Paul Van Nest, Jim Clark, Ken Campeau, Bill Cowan, Bill Urie, Eric Almquist, Ron Wilson, Bill Anderson, Gord Montgomery, Brad Hill, Ted Batchelor, Dave Andrew, Jerry Zabel, Mike McKinder, Bryce Sanderson, Ron Robinson, Harry Lawson, Claude Regis, Larry Chouinard, George Wilkinson, Bill Taylor, Dan Dexter, Alex MacMillan, Mike Cullimore, Nick Sorge, Angus Ross, Steve Graves, Mike Spence.

A Time-honoured Tradition at Brockville

By Bob MacCallum

Mini Grey Cup



Doug Hone with the Mini Grey Cup

The Mini Grey Cup was played for the 32nd time during November 2002 at Brockville campus! Something that started as a Winter Carnival Event in 1971 has gone on to become an annual tradition at St. Lawrence, Brockville. The Mini Grey Cup has created a

friendly rivalry between staff and student teams with wins now equal at 15 games apiece, and one tied game.

The Mini Grey Cup challenges have been played at various ball fields around the City of Brockville and at the Brockville campus. The students and staff play a touch football version of the actual Grey Cup, Canadian football's premier event.

The student team captured this year's rain-soaked event. Even the incredible rushing and passing plays, made by our own seasoned veterans Tyler Forkes and Al Hoy, were not enough to secure the staff victory as they went down in a 13 - 7 loss.

Doug Hone has played a major role in the mini Grey Cup since its inception. In 1999 the trophy was renamed the Doug Hone Mini Grey Cup in recognition of his faithful involve-

ment. Doug recalls a highlight from one of the first games when Montreal Expos player Rusty Staub visited the Brockville campus during the 1971 Mini Grey Cup game.

The original "cup" was made out of a goalie's personal support that happened to be grey in colour. Blayne MacKey and John Silburn added a base and lettering bringing the Mini Grey Cup trophy to its present state.

Rumour has it that the ageing staff team, still smarting from this year's defeat, has already begun to recruit younger players and is working out sure-fire strategies for next year's tie-breaking event.



The winners of the trophy over the years are:

| | |
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| 1971 - Staff | 1987 - Staff |
| 1972 - Staff | 1988 - Students |
| 1973 - Staff | 1989 - Students |
| 1974 - Staff | 1990 - Students |
| 1975 - Students | 1991 - Staff |
| 1976 - Tie Game | 1992 - Staff |
| 1977 - Staff | 1993 - Students |
| 1978 - Unknown | 1994 - Students |
| 1979 - Staff | 1995 - Staff |
| 1980 - Students | 1996 - Staff |
| 1981 - Students | 1997 - Staff |
| 1982 - Students | 1998 - Staff |
| 1983 - Students | 1999 - Students |
| 1984 - Students | 2000 - Students |
| 1985 - Students | 2001 - Staff |
| 1986 - Staff | 2002 - Students |

Social Service Worker-Gerontology Program: *Grand Finale*

By Susan Chamberlain

A celebration will be held on June 5, 2003 to mark the final year of the Social Service Worker - Gerontology Program. After fourteen years, this program will be ending as a result of low enrollment and will be replaced next fall by the broader Social Service Worker Program. All former students, teachers and field placement supervisors are invited to a wine-and-cheese reception at Kingston's St. Lawrence College on Thursday, June 5th from 7pm to 9pm.

We will take this opportunity to highlight our graduates' achievements and acknowledge the contribution of our many field placement supervisors. Some of our graduates will be speaking about their career path and current work, as well as reminiscing about their

days at college. Tours of our newly expanded facilities will be offered.

This evening event will act as the kick-off to our annual conference, which follows on Friday, June 6, 2003. This full-day conference will offer a motivational speaker and a choice of three workshops on such topics as "Understanding and Responding to Challenging Behaviors in Clients" and "Speaking with Confidence."

The fee for the conference will be approximately \$55.00. Accommodation Thursday evening can be reserved at the college residence for \$42.50 for a single room.

We are interested in getting in touch with as many of our past graduates as possible. Please e-mail us with

your current address and present occupation by March 1st. We would also like to find five or six graduates who would be willing to give brief updates on their career, together with any special memories from college days. If you would consider doing this, please indicate that in your note. We'd love to hear from you and look forward to seeing you in June!

E-mail to: schamberlain@sl.on.ca
or stignanelli@city.kingston.on.ca
or drop us a line at

Sue Chamberlain
SSW - Gerontology Celebration
St. Lawrence College
King and Portsmouth Ave
Kingston, ON K7L 5A6

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2002 Premier's Awards Nominees

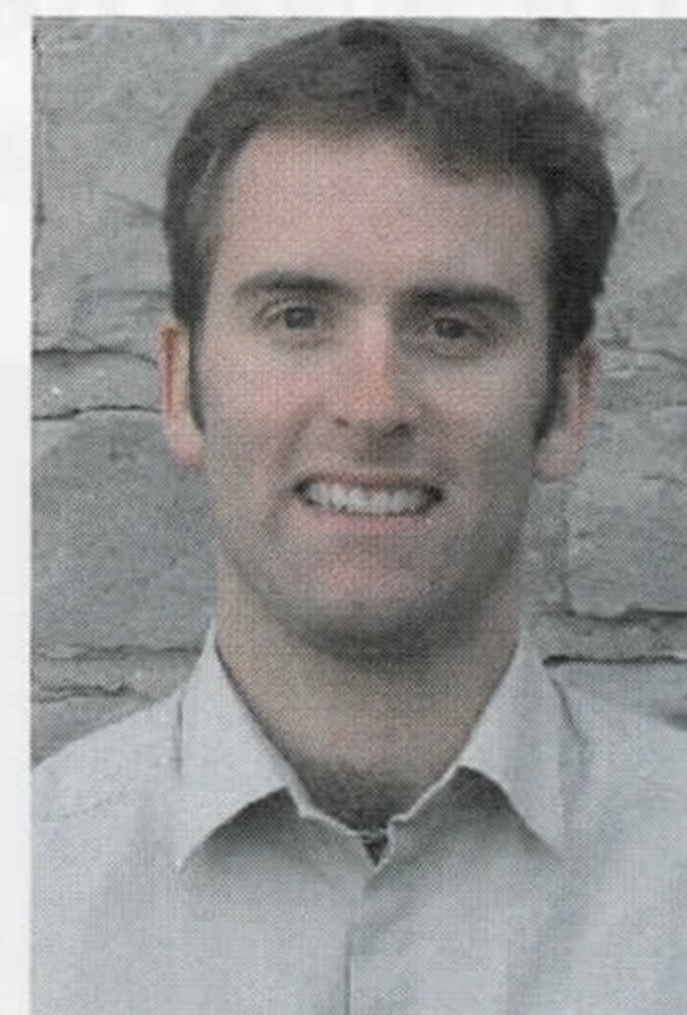
By Bob MacCallum

St. Lawrence College is pleased to announce the six outstanding Alumni nominated for the 2002 Premier's Awards. The Awards are the highest form of recognition of important social and economic contribution college graduates make to Ontario and throughout the world. The Awards were launched in 1992 to mark the 25th anniversary of Ontario's colleges and are administered by the Ontario Council of Regents. Ontario's 25 colleges submit nominations of graduates who demonstrate outstanding career success related to their college experience and significant contributions to their community. The nominees will be invited to attend the Premier's Award Banquet in Toronto on February 24th where all nominees will receive a framed certificate signed by the Premier. Overall winners in each category receive a bronze medal, and have the opportunity to direct a \$5000 scholarship to the college of their choice. The Alumni Office welcomes suggestions for next year's Premier's Awards at any time up to Labour Day.



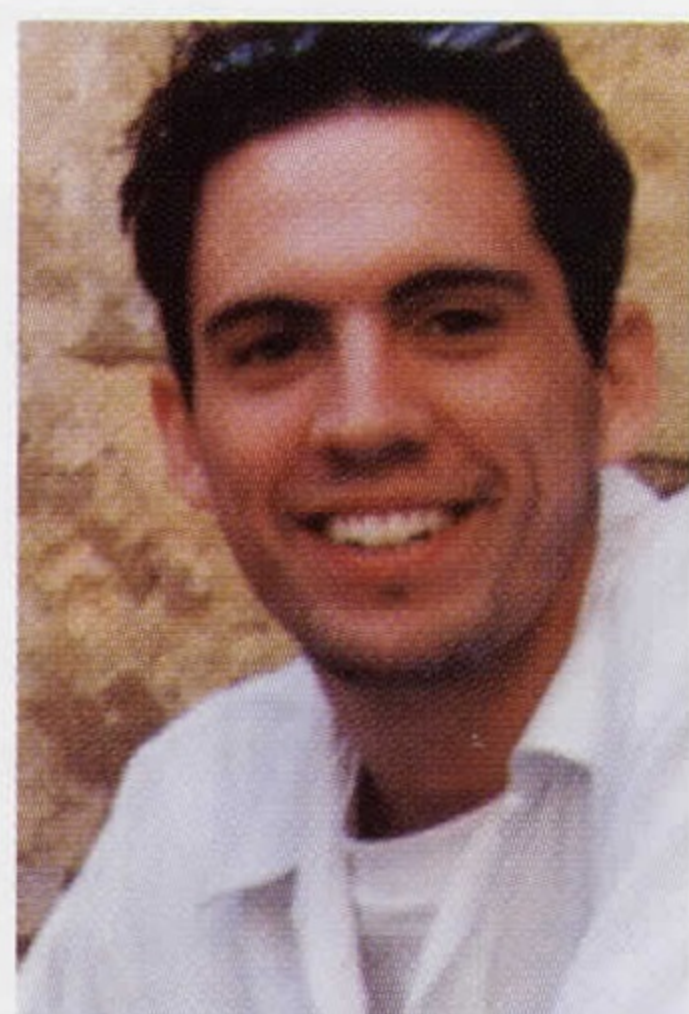
Tim Kluke
Business Nominee

An outstanding fundraiser, Timothy Kluke is Community Counselling Service (CCS) Executive Director/ Resident Consultant for Cape Cod Healthcare. CCS is the largest full-service fundraising consulting firm in the world. Tim is currently directing a \$20- million campaign to support the development of a new cardiac care centre in Hyannis, Massachusetts. He has served clients throughout North America, raising more than \$200 million in some campaigns. A skilled workshop and seminar leader, he provides extensive fundraising support to the charitable sector. Tim is a former Chair of the Premier's Awards Review Committee and recipient of the Association for Health Care Philanthropy Canada Publications Award. Tim is a graduate of the Business Administration – Marketing Program at Kingston.



Jason-Emery Groën
Technology Nominee

At 28 years of age, Jason-Emery Groën, a graduate of Kingston's Carpentry Apprenticeship program, has already had a remarkable impact on the international architectural design scene. As Project Manager at Mill and Ross Architects, Inc., Jason-Emery's designs – and his understanding of the physical work necessary to make them a reality – have been recognized as extraordinary. He has received numerous team and individual awards, including the Governor General's Medal for Architecture, the International Design Magazine Award, the International Progressive Architecture Award and the Outstanding Design Award from University of Waterloo. Jason-Emery's work has been widely featured in the media. He regularly lectures to students and is co-chair of the St. Lawrence Valley Society of Architects.



Scott MacMillan
Creative Arts and Design
Nominee

Scott MacMillan's training at Kingston's St. Lawrence College in the Graphic Design Program honed his unique mix of creative talents and business skills. CBC TV, Fox Kids YTV, Disney Interactive, and Microsoft all feature Scott's work. Scott is continuing his education part-time at the University of Toronto, and he and two partners have launched an Ecommerce business. Scott was a contributor to the Daytime Emmy Award for Rolie Polie Olie, and a Gemini for Best Animated Program. An active volunteer, he also received the Governor General's Canada Day Youth Citizenship Award for Community Service.



Lisa Slack
Community Services
Nominee

Lisa Slack has an insatiable appetite for learning. In addition to her three diplomas and two certificates, Lisa is expected to graduate with her B.A. in Psychology from Queen's University in 2003. In her role as Academic and Special Needs Counsellor at St. Lawrence College, Lisa assists students with their educational decisions and personal needs. Active in a number of College committees, she is on the executive of Child Care United and volunteers with the United Way and the Kidney Foundation. Lisa originally graduated from the Developmental Services Worker Program at Brockville Campus.



Karen Parent
Health Sciences Nominee

Karen Parent has earned a Registered Nurse Diploma from St. Lawrence College, Kingston and degrees from Dalhousie, Queen's, Dar Es Salaam University and University of Toronto. In addition, Karen will soon be completing her Ph.D. at Queen's. Karen is a sought-after expert in the field of home and community care, case management, evaluation and policy analysis. She has lectured widely, including Argentina, Brazil, Canada, England, France, New Zealand, Tanzania and the United States. Karen now works with Queen's University as Research Coordinator, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.



Brandon Simzer
Recent Grad Nominee

Brandon Simzer has a love of computers and their capabilities. Brandon entered Microcomputer Engineering at St. Lawrence College, Cornwall, as an Ontario Scholar along with five-year honors for obtaining greater than 75 percent during each semester of high school. Brandon is currently attending a bridge program at Camosun College and working towards a degree in Computer Engineering with the University of Victoria.



New Bursary First of its Kind for St. Lawrence Alumni

By Frank Lockington

Throughout their careers, St. Lawrence graduates know that continuous education is an important and ongoing consideration. Now, through the generosity of former Child and Youth Worker (CYW) faculty member, Linda Ann Daly, St. Lawrence College has its first bursary designed to make professional development for alumni more accessible.

The Linda Ann Daly Child Youth Worker Alumni Bursary will support alumni of Kingston's CYW program who have an interest in continuing after earning their St. Lawrence diploma. Linda Ann's recent endowed gift to the college has made it possible to provide \$1,000 each and every year to a CYW graduate, committed to furthering their education after graduation.



Linda Ann Daly

Alumni of the Kingston campus CYW program are invited to apply for the award now. Application forms are available on the college's website at WWW.SL.ON.CA as well as through contact of MaryAnna Zelenka at the School of Human Studies in Kingston. The application deadline for The Linda Ann Daly Child Youth Worker Alumni Bursary is March 31st.

"We hope that Linda Ann's leadership will inspire others to consider establishing additional alumni bursaries for the support of post graduate studies," says Frank Lockington of the college's Foundation Office.

Information related to the college's awards program or details on how to support The St. Lawrence Foundation may be found on the web at WWW.SL.ON.CA

St. Lawrence College Alumni Card

The Alumni Discount Program...

Being a St. Lawrence College graduate has its perks! The Alumni Office has arranged for a slate of exclusive discounts and value-added incentives for SLC alumni. In many cases, your personalized Alumni Card must be presented in order to receive the discount.

Becoming an Alumni Discount Provider: Businesses and service providers interested in taking advantage of the preferred purchasing power of thousands of college graduates, as well as free exposure through St. Lawrence Voyager and the Alumni page of the College's website, are encouraged to contact the Alumni Office for more information on how to sign up as an Alumni Discount Provider.

Participating businesses and service providers include:

TD Meloche Monnex

- group rates on home and auto insurance
- call 1-888-589-5656 or visit www.melochemonnex.com

MBNA Canada

- The St. Lawrence College MasterCard
- Call 1-800-416-6345 (quote priority code ASQ6) or apply online at: <http://www.applyonlinenow.com/canada/stlawrence>

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- exclusive travel packages and discounts
- Call 1-800-263-0050, (613) 549-3561, or email learning@odyssey-travel.com

Enterprise Rent-a-Car

- Special corporate rates and services for automobile rentals
- When booking in person or at www.enterprise.com, quote our corporate class number: 3CA1171.

Sony Music Canada

- visit www.mainlymusic.com
- public pricing is converted to discounted pricing when you enter the password "voyageur" at checkout. Free Canadian shipping.

NEW Speedy Club

Speedy Auto Service welcomes Alumni of St. Lawrence College to "Speedy Club." The next time you need automotive service, present your alumni card and reference our member number (Acct. 00084), at any Speedy Auto Service and receive discounts on mufflers, tires and repairs.

Benefits:

- 15% off regular-priced purchases (on in stock parts)
- 10% off our everyday low price on Michelin or BFGoodrich tires
- 5% off advertised specials

These discounts cannot be combined with any other loyalty programs.

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts

- Discounted rates in Fairmont Hotels and Resorts in Canada
- Ask for the "CAUBO Rate" when you reserve directly, or at the Global Reservation Centre at 1-800-441-1414.

Cineplex Odeon Cinemas

- Order discounted tickets through the Alumni Office
- Only \$7 each. Some restrictions apply.

Jumbo Video (All Kingston locations, Brockville)

- One free "All Time Favourites" rental with any paid "New Release" rental when you show your Alumni Card.

Ace 2000 Auto Care (Cornwall)

- VIP member benefits and discounts when you show your Alumni Card.
- Visit www.inter-netmail.com/ace.htm

Canadian MoneySaver Magazine

- Save 59 % off the cover price for one year (11 issues)
- Call (613) 352-7448 or email moneyinfo@canadianmoneysaver.ca

St. Lawrence College Bookstores

- Save 10 % on SLC clothing and giftware items. Some restrictions apply.

St. Lawrence College Library Memberships

- Free community membership in first year after graduation; 1/3 off in subsequent years.

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- Make reservations by calling the following toll free numbers, and quoting our Member Benefits I.D. number: 63954.

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| Howard Johnson | 800-769-0939 |
| Ramada | 800-462-8035 |
| Travelodge | 800-545-5545 |
| Knights Inn | 800-682-1071 |
| Wingate Inn | 877-202-8814 |
| Villager | 888-821-5779 |
| AmeriHost | 800-996-2087 |





Foundation News

Foundation Office Launches On-Line Giving Program

By Tyler Forkes

St. Lawrence College entered the high-tech realm of fundraising through the launch of a new on-line giving program in October. The College's Foundation now has the capability of accepting and processing donations through the Internet.

"Convenience and security are the two key areas for a successful on-line giving program," said Tyler Forkes, the College's Director of Alumni & Development. "Many charitable organizations are discovering that their donors are interested in making a gift from their own homes, through

the web. St. Lawrence has responded to the challenge by launching this new on-line giving program. The site is protected with 128 bit encryption and a number of other security precautions to ensure that donor information is completely safeguarded."

For more information on the St. Lawrence College Foundation, or to make your own on-line gift, visit the Foundation page of the College's web site at:

www.sl.on.ca/foundation

Annual Appeal on Track for Record Results!

The Foundation's 2002-2003 Annual Appeal for Campus Priorities is off to a great start, thanks to the generous support of our alumni, and is on track to surpass last year's record results.

As you may know, the goals of our Annual Appeal are based on the highest priorities at each of our campuses. In Kingston, the Foundation is focusing on adding resources to the library. The Brockville campus is seeking support for new academic programs, while Cornwall is looking to enhance student life.

If you haven't already done so, please consider lending your support to your old alma mater by completing and sending in the Pledge Form, located on page 22, or by visiting our new on-line giving web page at: www.sl.on.ca/foundation. You may also receive a telephone call from a current St. Lawrence student, seeking your support on behalf of the Alumni and Development Office.

However you choose to support the College, please know that your gifts are urgently needed, and that they are sincerely appreciated. A complete list of alumni donors will appear in the Spring & Summer issue of St. Lawrence Voyager.



Our Student Callers may be contacting you to seek your support for the Annual Appeal.

10th Anniversary for Foundation Golf Tournament

The 10th Anniversary Edition of the St. Lawrence College Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday May 29, 2003 at The Brockville Golf and Country Club.

The popular event, which has been completely sold out in recent years, is a combination "friend raiser" and "fund raiser" for the Foundation.

The St. Lawrence College Foundation oversees the various fundraising activities undertaken on behalf of the College, as well as the management and allocation of donations received. The Foundation was incorporated in 1998, and

is comprised of a volunteer Board of Directors. The work of the Foundation has benefited a variety of courses on all three campuses.

Former participants will automatically receive an invitation to this year's event, which accepts entries on a "first come – first served" basis. The Foundation is seeking additional Major Sponsors for the event. To have your name added to the list of invitees, or to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Development Office at 613-544-5400, ext. 1635, or toll free at 1-800-228-4664.



Fall Recognition Banquets

Student Success Rewarded

By Joan Sponagle

Over 125 students from our three campuses were recognized for their academic achievements, community work, volunteer work and personal association at our Fall Recognition banquets. Cheques and prizes with a value in excess of \$72,000 were given to deserving students.

Each campus welcomed several new award sponsors. The Unity Savings & Credit Union Limited established a bursary on each of our campuses. Cornwall welcomed Margaret Phelps Paproski as the donor of a new entrance scholarship that was able to generate funds for three deserving students. Brockville welcomed the Mazurek family and the organization of McDonald Thorne & Associates as new supporters. In Kingston the fol-

lowing six new sponsors were added to our family of donors: KCVI Respect Committee; Nelson, LaFrance & Tranmer LLP; MDS Laboratories; Profile Kingston; McCoy Bus Service and Empire Financial Group.

The continued ongoing support of existing sponsors and the introduction

of new awards is a way we can all contribute to the success of our students and our College. If you are interested in sponsoring an award, please contact Bob MacCallum at the Development Office on the Kingston Campus (613-544-5400 ext. 1633).

The following recipients received the Children of Alumni Bursary sponsored by MELOCHE MONNEX:

Brockville Campus (left to right)

Tanya Olynick, Meloche Monnex Representative
April Kelly

Carol Ann O'Meara (mother) 1988 grad,
Developmental Services Worker, Brockville Campus

Daniel Carter

Patti Carter (mother) 1982 grad,
Secretarial Arts – Executive, Brockville Campus
Brian Carter (father) 1985 grad,
Maintenance Mechanic, Kingston Campus

Ryan Blasko (absent from photo)

Brian Blasko (father) 1989 grad,
Nursing Program, Brockville Campus



Cornwall Campus (left to right)

Angele Masse

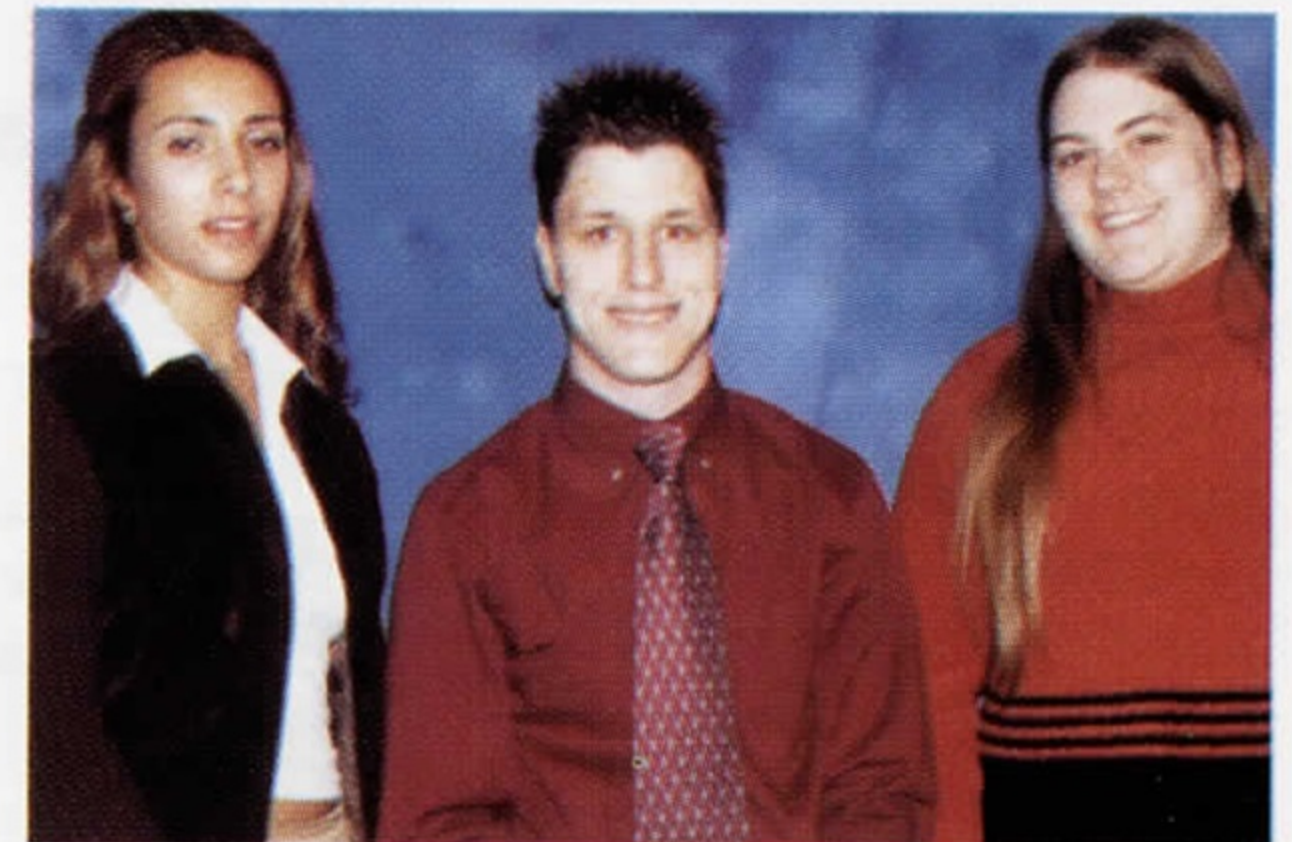
Roger Masse (father) 1971 grad,
Business Administration (3 yr. Retail),
Cornwall Campus

Ryan Petrynka

Rosemary Petrynka (mother) 2000 grad,
Office Administration Cornwall Campus
Henry Petrynka (father) 1973 grad,
Graphic Design, Cornwall Campus

Sharon Tobiasen

Donald Angus Tobiasen (father) 1974 grad,
Business Administration – Marketing,
Cornwall Campus



Kingston Campus (left to right)

Wayne Renaud

Mandy Renaud (mother) 1983 grad,
Business Administration –
Information Processing, Kingston Campus
and 1993 grad, Teacher of Adults,
Kingston Campus

Diana Foreman

Michelle Paquin (mother) 1978 grad,
Business Administration – Finance,
Kingston Campus

Chris Forkes

Mary Jane Warner (mother) 1977 grad,
Nursing program, Kingston Campus
Steve Forkes (father) 1976 grad,
CYW Kingston.

Lucie Frechette

Manager, Affinity Marketing Group

John MacDonald

M. Della MacDonald (mother) 2001 grad, Administrative Assistant & Business Management, Cornwall Campus
and 2002 grad, Office Management, Cornwall Campus

Nancy Shaw

Mary V. Shaw (mother) 2001 grad, Veterinary Technology, Kingston Campus

Absent from photo:

Shannon Amyott.

Lynn Amyotte (mother), 1976 grad,
Nursing Assistant Program, Brockville Campus.

Jeff Barker

(father William Barker graduated in 1969 from General Business – Accounting Program, Kingston Campus)

Gord Harrington

(mother Deborah A. Harrington graduated in 1978 from Veterinary Technology Program, Kingston Campus)

Aaron Price and Connor Price

(mother Amy Froom a 1978 grad, Early Childhood Education Program, Kingston Campus)



Pictured above is Honorary Diploma Recipient Lori Dupuis with President of the Student Union, Ankur Ojha. Ankur received two scholarships and two bursaries for his academic achievements and his contribution to student life.

Lori Dupuis, the Honorary Diploma Recipient, was a highlight at the Cornwall Recognition Night held at the Best Western Parkway Inn. Lori was a team member of the Women's 2002 Gold Medal Olympic hockey team. Her message to the students was that success doesn't come easy. There are ups and downs, happy occasions and disappointments along the way, but that every thing is possible if you're willing to give it your all.



St. Lawrence College Foundation

2002 - 2003 Annual Appeal - Alumni Pledge Form

Please complete the following Pledge Form (*please print*) and return it with payment to the College's Alumni & Development Office. Pledges made with your Visa, Mastercard or American Express are welcome. Cheques should be made payable to "The St. Lawrence College Foundation." Multiple post-dated cheques are also welcome. We do not recommend sending cash in the mail.

Mail to: St. Lawrence College Alumni, King and Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston, Ontario K7L 5A6 **or fax to:** (613) 545-3932

Name: _____

Program: _____

Year of Graduation and Campus: _____

Student Number (if known): _____

Home Address: _____
(Number and street)

(City, Province/ State, Country, Postal Code / Zip Code)

Home Phone: area code _____ - _____

Name of Employer: _____

Address of Employer: _____

Work Phone: area code _____ - _____

Many employers "match" charitable gifts made by employees to their educational institutions.

Do you work for a matching gift company? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

My affiliations with St. Lawrence College include:

(please check as many as applicable):

- ☐ alumni, ☐ business / corporation, ☐ staff member,
☐ board of governors, ☐ foundation director,
☐ advisory committee member, ☐ retired staff, ☐ friend,

☐ other _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Charitable Tax Receipts will be issued by the College and sent to you at the address you have listed above.

If you wish to submit a message for our "Echos" section, please include on a separate sheet with your pledge.

Thank you for your generous support of St. Lawrence College

A: Pledge Options:

☐ I would like to contribute to the Appeal and pay with my

☐ St. Lawrence College MBNA Mastercard

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express

in the amount of \$ _____

Card #: _____ Expiry Date: _____

☐ Please find attached my gift (cheque) in the amount of \$ _____

☐ Please find attached my gift (cheques) in the form of post-dated cheques

(please make all cheques payable no later than March 31, 2003).

Date _____ Amount \$ _____

Date _____ Amount \$ _____

Date _____ Amount \$ _____

Date _____ Amount \$ _____

Date _____ Amount \$ _____

Date _____ Amount \$ _____

Total # cheques _____ Total Gift \$ _____

B: Gift Direction Options:

☐ I would like to make this an undirected gift, so that the College can apply it to the area of greatest need.

☐ I would prefer to direct my gift toward campus priorities in:

☐ Brockville ☐ Cornwall ☐ Kingston

☐ I would prefer to direct my gift toward student bursaries, awards and scholarships.

☐ I am interested in supporting St. Lawrence College, but would prefer to direct my gift to another area of need. Please arrange to have a staff member from the College's Development office contact me.

C: Other:

☐ I have made a provision for St. Lawrence College in my will.

☐ Please arrange for someone from the College's Development office to contact me regarding planned giving options (gifts through a bequest or insurance).

☐ I wish to have my contribution remain anonymous.





At the Branches

KINGSTON

Patrick Murphy, President SLC Kingston Alumni Branch
Email: Pat.Murphy@freedom55financial.com

Hello Fellow Graduates!! Just wanted to update the progress of our Kingston Alumni Branch. In November, alumni boarded a bus at the Kingston campus and ventured to the brand new Thousand Islands Casino and met up with the Brockville Alumni Branch. The casino is a great adventure. If you are not into the gambling scene, there is still lots to see and do. Oscar's restaurant has great food and the entertainment is fabulous. We were treated to the Supremes (well, impersonators, but you wouldn't have been able to tell the difference!)....Tina Turner was on later in the evening.

Many graduates stayed on the slots and the gaming tables and we had a few

winners. Personally, I made over \$200. Not bad for a couple of hours work, that is, until my wife Chris found out and most of my profit ended up being spent in Oscar's! Everyone had a great time and many have expressed an interest in repeating this Alumni event in the near future - and yes we will stay longer next time!

Watch for details about up-and-coming events. If you haven't let the Alumni office know your whereabouts or how to contact you, please take the time to do so. Our next event will be our Annual Pub Night in the early spring. Don't miss out! Contact the Alumni Office or watch the College web site for details on upcoming events.

OTTAWA

Tom Pettitt, SLC Ottawa Branch Contact
613 829 5194 or Email: tpettican@excite.com

On behalf of the Ottawa Branch of St. Lawrence Alumni, I would like to thank Parliamentary Speaker of the House MP Peter Milliken, Kingston and The Islands, and and Alumni MP Joe Jordan, Leeds/Grenville, for graciously hosting our Parliamentary Alumni Wine and Cheese event. A special thanks goes out to Tyler Forkes and Bob MacCallum for their hard work in helping to put this event together. We had a great turnout and a very enjoyable evening with guitar music provided by Robert Cote.

In October we invited all alumni to join us on the Hull-Chelsea, Wakefield Steam Train Tour. The fall foliage was spectacular. While in Wakefield we chose to enjoy a delicious late lunch at a delightful French café. Other options included a hike through the woods to a picturesque covered bridge (great photo opportunity) or a stroll through the village with its interesting shops.

We are planning a skating party on the Rideau Canal (weather permitting) late February. Anyone interested on details of this event is asked to contact the Alumni office or watch the web site for details about time and location of this and other Ottawa Branch events.

You can contact Tom Pettitt at (613) 829-5195 or via email at tpettican@excite.com or Michelle Morrow at (613) 256-4128 or via email at mmorrow@comnet.ca

The Alumni office may be contacted at: alumni@sl.on.ca

P.S. We need to hold elections soon, so if you are interested in being more involved contact your alumni branch. You can make this a terrific Branch.

Editors Note: The Steam Train event is so good that we would like to make this an annual event for alumni, friends and family. Watch the spring/summer issue for advance booking information. Cost is approx. \$40/adult.



The Kingston Branch of St. Lawrence College and the Technology Department invites you to join your fellow graduates in our first annual:

Alumni Golf Tournament **Saturday June 14, 2003**

Colonnade Golf and Country Club,
Joyceville Ontario.

Registration fee of \$80.00 includes 18 holes of golf (scramble format), shared use of a power cart, complimentary dinner and numerous prize opportunities. Additional dinner tickets at \$18 are available for non-golfers (please reserve ahead). Entertainment by alumni and staff will follow the dinner and awarding of prizes.

Watch the college website for a list of alumni and staff that have confirmed their attendance. Capacity for golfers is limited - register today to avoid disappointment. This promises to be an event you will not want to miss!

For additional information and registration details see the college web site at: www.sl.on.ca/alumni or Email: alumni@sl.on.ca



Class of '78 Reunion

By Rick Shaver

The Cornwall Class of '78 is holding a 25th reunion on Saturday March 1, 2003 at St. Lawrence College. A day will be planned for all graduates to revisit their days at SLC. Chairman of the reunion John Sliter (Business '78) is planning a day of activity finishing at the Alumni Gala Dinner at the Ramada Inn that evening. We ask all graduates of 1978 to please try to attend this event. John and Rick Shaver (Business '78) are working on the business grads and need all other course's grads (Nursing, Tech, etc.) to contact them or their class rep. as soon as possible. Don't miss this once in a lifetime event!

Email us at the alumni office:

bmacallum@sl.on.ca,

call us: 613-933-6080 ext. 2571,

fax us: (613-933-0014)



CORNWALL

*Joel Cote, President,
SLC Cornwall Alumni Branch
613 933 7558*

I'll start this message by reminding all Cornwall Alumni that our Annual Dinner is fast approaching, to be held Saturday March 1, 2003. You may soon be contacted by a fellow alumnus or by someone at the college, either by telephone or email regarding this event. If you are interested in purchasing tickets for this Annual Dinner, or helping in this or other events please contact us at the local branch office. Details of the event and how to reach us are included in the ad below. I look forward to seeing all of you there for what promises to be a great evening!

Congratulations go out to president Tom Pettitt, and all involved in the recent establishment of the Ottawa Alumni Branch. We wish you great success in all your endeavors on behalf of SLC Alumni in the Ottawa area.

Best wishes to all SLC Alumni and staff for a great and prosperous New Year!

BROCKVILLE

*Robin Hoy, President,
SLC Brockville Alumni Branch
613-924-9852 Email: crkm@superaje.com*

Since last report, members of the Brockville Branch have assisted at two activities focused on raising our profile within the school community: the orientation BBQ held in September and the Association's Oktoberfest BBQ held in October.

On November 14th, an enthusiastic group of alumni traveled by bus to the 1000 Islands Charity Casino in Gananoque and met up with alumni from the Kingston Branch who were also in attendance. A good time was had by all.

As you read this, tickets will have been sold on our annual alumni Christmas baskets titled 'Christmas Cooking', Christmas Morning Goodies' and 'Cozy Christmas'. All of the proceeds from the sales went directly to support our campus's CYW's Christmas Party for children.

Following a break for Christmas, all of our attention turned towards organizing our annual Reunion Pub

with an 'OH CANADA' theme to be held on April 5th, 2003. We will take time out only to raise our profile in the greater community by staffing the telephones at the annual Palliative Care telethon in February and beginning preparation with staff for our second participation in the Mayor's Walk in May.

In closing, please remember your alumni branch members 'DO IT ALL FOR YOU'. All that seems to be missing from the equation is 'YOU'. If you live in Brockville or the surrounding area and would like to be informed (notice I didn't say be a member of the Alumni Board) of our upcoming events, please take a moment to update your alumni profile by visiting the college website at <http://www.sl.on.ca/alumni> or by completing the Update Page found within this edition of St. Lawrence Voyageur. We'd love to hear from you.

2nd Annual Cornwall Alumni Branch Alumni Gala Dinner

Saturday, March 1, 2003

in the St. Lawrence Room, Ramada Inn, Cornwall



**6pm: Reception
7pm: Dinner
9pm: Dance**

In 2000, 125 former students, teachers, and friends gathered for a fun filled evening of fellowship and dinner. This year's dinner plans to be a bigger affair with more Alumni attending, plus the new evening entertainment for dancing the night away.



TICKETS \$30 PER PERSON • \$240 PER TABLE OF 8 (Deadline for tickets: Feb.15)

Joël Côté, Pres., SLC Alumni, Cornwall Chapter
613-933-6080 ext. 2571

Rick Shaver, Gala Dinner
613-933-0014

Bob MacCallum, SLC Alumni Development
613-933-6080, ext.1633 or 1-800-228-4664

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St. Lawrence College - Alumni Record Update

Please complete and return to the St. Lawrence College Alumni Office: King and Portsmouth, Kingston, ON K7L 5A6, or fax (613) 545-3932

CONTACT INFORMATION

Surname: _____ First Name: _____ Mr: ☐ Mrs: ☐ Ms: ☐ Miss: ☐

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Current Home Address: Street: _____ Apt.# (if applicable): _____

City: _____ Province / State: _____ Postal / Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employment Information: Name of business you work for: _____

Employer's Address: _____

City: _____ Province / State: _____ Postal / Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Work Phone: _____ Position / Title: _____

Permanent Name & Address of (Parent/Relative/Friend) who can always contact you.

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province / State: _____ Postal / Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

SLC EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Student Number (if known): _____

Program(s) _____

Campus(es): B ☐ C ☐ K ☐ Year(s) of Graduation: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT AT SLC

Please list the extracurricular activities that you were involved with at SLC, as well as the year(s) that you were active in each. Examples include: student government, varsity sports, class rep, intramural council, orientation facilitator, college ambassador program, scholarship, bursary or award recipient.

OTHER EDUCATION

High School Attended: _____

City: _____

Other Post-Secondary Education: _____

Name of Institution: _____

Program: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

ALUMNI BRANCHES

Please keep me informed of branch events in my area:

Brockville ☐ Cornwall ☐ Kingston ☐ Ottawa ☐ Toronto ☐

Other: _____

I would be interested in participating in the following types of branch activities (check as many as applicable):

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Branch Organization / Executive | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine & Cheese Parties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Barbecues | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Events / Trips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Sports Events (watch) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rec Sports Games (play) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pot-Luck Dinners | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat Cruises |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pub Nights | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Reunions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Speakers (attending) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Speaking in College Classes | |
| Topics: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting with College Recruitment / Liaison | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising for the St. Lawrence College Foundation | |

Other: _____

INFORMATION RELEASE

☐ I hereby grant permission for the above information to appear in the "Echoes" section of Voyageur Alumni Magazine.

☐ Please add my email address to the Alumni Web Directory on the St. Lawrence College web site.
Please add the following notes to my Echoes update:



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