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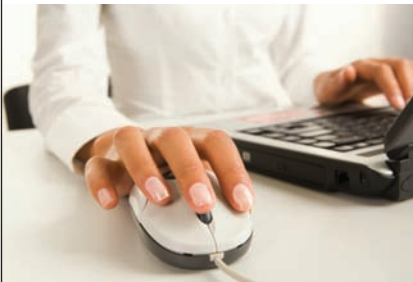
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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Alumni Relating

BY JANINE FOSTER |
ALUMNI & ANNUAL GIVING

CONNECTING WITH THE COLLEGE, OUR STUDENTS, AND EACH OTHER CAN BE A REWARDING EXPERIENCE. WHY DON'T YOU TRY IT?

ALUMNI Relations is probably a misunderstood title, I've decided. Too many think it means 'party planner'. And while I've planned more than a few parties in my time, it's hardly a defining characteristic of the work.

Others confuse it with fundraising. "Oh, you're just going to ask me for money." I might do that, yes, but that's not it either.

And it's more than simply putting together the magazine you're reading or the e-newsletter, Explorer.


In fact, Alumni Relations can mean many different things to any of our 76,000 alumni (Welcome, Class of 2011!) but in particular, it's about creating and maintaining connections. Our office exists to connect Alumni to the College, and our College to its Alumni. According to our mission statement, we add the proviso: "through mutually beneficial relationships".

What is 'mutually beneficial'? It could mean the more than 100 alumni who stand in our classrooms every year and share their experiences with our students. It could be the seven brave souls who donned a gown and took to the podium at the most recent convocation ceremonies in Brockville, Cornwall and Kingston, and welcomed our newest members of the family and encouraged them to do the same someday. It could be the hundreds of Alumni who supervise, organize, or work alongside our students

on placements. It could be the alumni who have donated funds to ensure that a college education remains an option for students – regardless of their personal financial abilities. Or it could be the hardworking volunteers that create and maintain connections with their fellow alumni – through Class Reunions and Alumni Chapters and Branches – and focus these groups to connect en masse.

So what's in it for you? That's where it gets personal, because the value of your ongoing connection to St. Lawrence is buried in your values. Do you get a charge from sharing your expertise? Do you like to expand your network and meet new people? Do you believe strongly in the value of education, and get a great feeling when you've made it possible for someone else? Do you see St. Lawrence as a source of lifelong learning?

In my work, I meet many alumni for whom the answer would be: All of the above. Engaged, committed and outstanding people, open to life's possibilities, and eager to experience it. But I'm sure there's just as many out there who would like to get involved, but are looking for the door in.

And that's probably what describes us best. We can be that door. Drop me an email, or fill out our online Alumni Update form and let us know how you'd like to be involved. We might not personally be able to meet your need, but we can open that door to someone who might... 



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

From highways to pathways

BY CHRIS WHITAKER | PRESIDENT & CEO

A NEW INITIATIVE TO SMOOTH THE WAY BETWEEN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WILL BENEFIT SLC ALUMNI INTERESTED IN LIFELONG LEARNING.

COLLEGES have certainly been in the news lately – for all the right reasons. The Globe and Mail dedicated several days of coverage to booming college enrollments across the country, along with the burgeoning trend of more university graduates finding their way to college classrooms in the search for employability.

And once again, the age-old debate of university vs college heated up.

Except this time, away from the spotlight, the language is changing. It's not college OR university, but college AND university. And it's our students who have led the way. Education is no longer a linear pursuit for both students exiting the high schools, or the many more who are re-entering post-secondary education later in life.

What was once an expressway – with prescribed on and off ramps – is now better described as a pathway. And each student has the possibility to make their own path. At St. Lawrence today, we have students who enter in a college program, but exit with a diploma and a degree. (That would be the collaborative degree program with Laurentian University – whereby a graduate of a three-year business program, need only attend three terms of the Laurentian Bachelor of Business Administration program, to achieve a degree).

Meanwhile, SLC, along with its colleagues in Colleges Ontario (CO), has consistently advocated for a new approach to enable student mobility between college and university. A 2009 Colleges Ontario study found that Ontario had one of the worst transfer rates between college and university in the country, with only seven per cent of college graduates pursuing a degree at an Ontario university, compared with 19 per cent in British Columbia.

That's why I was particularly pleased when the province announced just this past January that it was creating the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (OCAT) and has tasked this group to work with

other colleges, could best be described as a patchwork quilt. Individual colleges like ours have negotiated articulation agreements with select universities on a program-by-program basis, but no two agreements look exactly the same across the system.

College alumni surveyed for a separate CO study in 2010 were uniformly frustrated by their experiences in trying to get credit for their college studies. The result? Increased costs for the student and society as they repeated course work they had already completed, and subsequently extended their stay in post secondary education.

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our economy is changing so fast that 'custom education' will more than likely be the norm for our students today and our children and grandchildren in the future.

This move is also good news for our alumni, and in an

colleges and universities across the province to have a fully functioning, province-wide credit transfer system by 2015, that will be student centred in its approach, and focused on removing barriers to student mobility.

As alumni of the college system, you're probably saying right now: "About time". Our current system of getting your college-earned credits recognized by universities, and even

indirect way, you helped make it possible. Your education and your experience have always counted in the job market. It's what has made St. Lawrence College Number 1 in graduate employer satisfaction in independent surveys of the last two years. And soon, they're going to count in the education market too. 🏆



COLLEGE:

The New Post-Grad

WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FINDING THEIR WAY TO COLLEGES, COULD HIGH SCHOOL GRADS FEEL THE SQUEEZE?
BY KHADIJAH VAKILY

APPLICANTS with prior university degrees seem to be enrolling in colleges across the country at a higher rate, whether it has come from the recent economic downturn or a continuation of an already-present pattern.

According to a recent story in *The Globe & Mail*, the nation's colleges are becoming the 'finishing school' for university grads in search of skills to go with their degrees.

Some may feel that these university graduates are taking away opportunities from applicants fresh out of high school. It impacts not only their chances of succeeding in college, but the subsequent opportunity of finding a job. For these potential students, going out into the workplace with only an Ontario Secondary School Diploma limits the amount of job offers they receive, while those who already have a university degree receive more consideration.

But is this happening on the localized level?

As of April, St. Lawrence College had received over 14,500 applications to its three campuses in Cornwall, Kingston and Brockville.

From the onset, there is a level playing field for hopeful students of all educational backgrounds.

For those who have their paperwork sent in by Feb. 1, there is equal consideration given to all applicants.

"At that point, everybody who's applied, it's not first-come first-serve. They've all applied at the same time," says Lorraine Carter, Senior Vice-President, Academic for the three campuses.

"Of our 80 or so programs, 65 of the programs at SLC can accept any qualified applicant by Feb. 1, whether they're high school students or (other)," says Carter. "If anything, the bias is towards the high school student because (of) guidance counselors...others may not even be aware of the deadline."

To be fair, there are 15 programs across the campuses that are in high demand or oversubscribed.

"Typically, the thing that restricts

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(enrollment) is placement opportunities (and) lab sizes," says Carter.

Twelve high-demand programs include a ranking procedure that involves varying qualifications, including preference for applicants with Ontario citizenship and high grade point averages.

So are university graduates taking away opportunities from less privileged applicants?

"For 65 of the programs, the answer is absolutely no," says Carter.

Statistically, the number of students who have had some experience in college or university may seem high, but one has to break it down to get a bet-



*Wahida Lakhani, Advertising 2011,
came to SLC after graduating from
Queen's with a philosophy degree.*



Cornwall alumnus Dan Ezard, Business 2010, came from university to college and is now doing a hybrid of both: the Bachelor of Business degree on Kingston campus

COVER STORY

ter idea of the overall mix. According to college records, 46 per cent of SLC students have some previous post-secondary education. Twenty per cent have previous college or university credentials, but only six per cent have actual university degrees. The comparison on the provincial scale is that 10 per cent of college students have a prior university degree.

The reasons for coming back to college are usually related to employment opportunities.

"This phenomenon has anecdotally been known for many years," says Carter. "Liberal arts education is a wonderful thing...you try to turn that into a job and that's a challenge."

Wahida Lakhani is a graduate of the advertising program offered at SLC's Kingston campus. With a philosophy degree from Queen's University already under her belt, Lakhani decided to attend college for several reasons.

"I really enjoyed business, and while my degree was really great for teaching me a lot of skills like critical skills (and) time management, I wanted a hands-on experience," says Lakhani. It has definitely proven to be practical on the employment front. "I've had five or six job offers when I was coming out of college. Out of university that wasn't the case," she adds.

There are programs available at SLC that are specifically designed for those who already hold a degree or diploma, and will not put applicants in direct competition with vying high school graduates. These fast-track programs are for a variety of fields related to an applicant's academic background such as business administration, early childhood education and human resources. Most of the university graduates who attend St. Lawrence enroll in these specially designed programs.

"These are targeted at people who already have a credential and are looking for a specific career skill," says Carter. *(continued on pg 8)*

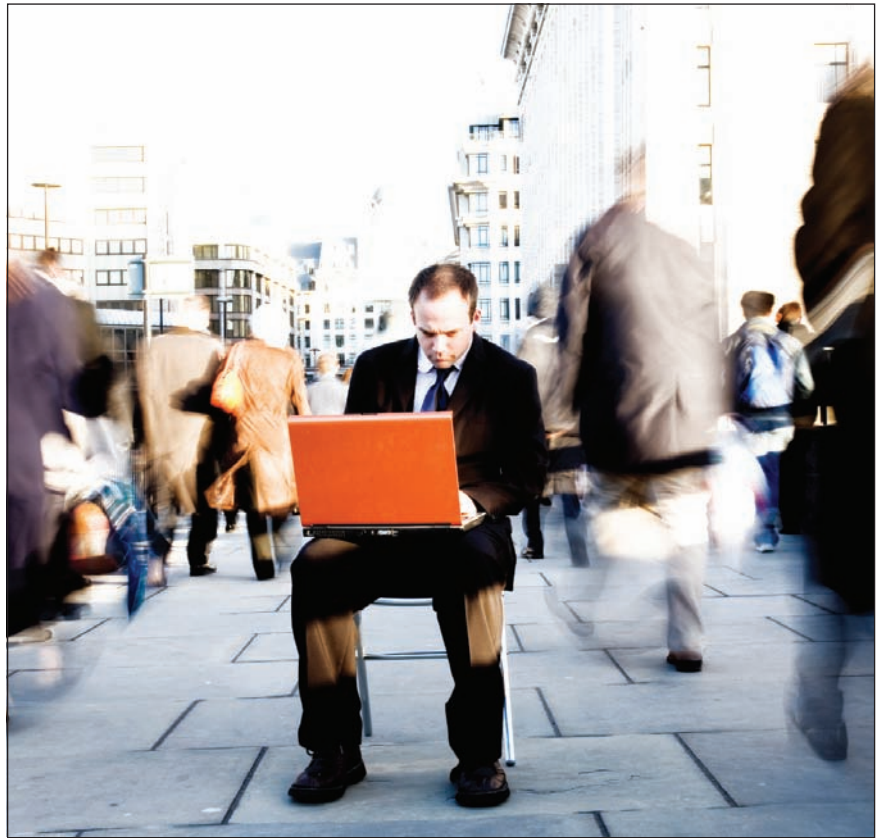
Sleeping students and names not numbers

AN EXCERPT FROM THE VALEDICTORY ADDRESS OF DAN EZARD, CLASS OF 2010

"I HAVE been a student for the better part of a decade now, still waiting for that doctorate, and I can honestly say that no place has felt like more of a home to me than St. Lawrence college; (and no it is not because my mother is the manager of student services but I guess that does add to it.) It's the feeling you get when you enter the halls and see so many familiar faces, be it your professors, friends, or even dean Don. Classroom sizes were just one of the differences I noticed when I made the switch. With that in mind I would like to share with you the top five differences between my university experience and my last two years here at St. Lawrence.

5. At SLC all of the library books are conveniently located on one floor, as oppose to 13 different ones. This is especially handy when the elevator is broken.
4. At SLC classes are filled with discussion, questions, and group work; in university classes are filled with well, sleeping students.
3. The size in campuses differs just a tad. Here at SLC from one end to another is about a hop, skip and a jump. In university it's about a hop, a skip, two jumps...and a twelve minute bus ride.
2. At SLC you know the names of the caf-ladies, janitors, IT guy, secretaries, maintenance guys, the dean, the mailroom guy, classmates, and teachers; in university you know the names of your roommates...most of the time.
1. In University I would have looked really stupid walking into student services and shouting MOM!

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A lot sure has changed for me. I was student number 2967263 when I entered university and that is how most people knew me when I left. The personal feeling is often lost when attending university. The saying 'big enough to serve you but small enough to know you' is the perfect words to describe what goes on here at SLC. If you would have told me two years ago that I would be giving this Valedictory address I would have probably taken your keys because there was no way I was letting you drive that night.

As for myself I have never been the ideal student, but something changed when I started at St. Lawrence, I had the realization I wanted to be that student. I think that has a lot to do with the way things work around here. If so many different people take an interest in the outcome of your life then it might be something you yourself should take a good look at. I owe a big thanks to St. Lawrence College because I believe I now know what I want and have the will to get it." ~

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Dan Ezard graduated with a degree in community health/physical education from Brock University in 2008. He then went on to attend SLC, graduating from the business program at the Cornwall campus and gaining an additional advanced diploma in marketing from the Kingston campus.

Changing career aspirations were what led Ezard to SLC.

"When I went to university, I had gone in with the thought of being a teacher... when I graduated I didn't want to be a teacher anymore. It's difficult to get into teachers' college or get a job after graduation," says Ezard.

Though his college diploma seems to be more practically useful to him, given the chance, Ezard would not skip the time he spent at university. While he would have saved more money in the long run, he credits his university background as being a crucial step he needed to take in his life, with the additionally gained skills that helped him succeed in the post-secondary environment.

"Being the age I was going into college, I was older and more mature. University first really helped me focus when I went to college," says Ezard.

Entrance requirements at St. Lawrence do not seem to have significantly risen as a result of the influx of university graduates. Should colleges still consider limiting the amount of applicants who have already had their shot at post-secondary education?

"No, because I think you just create more value when people are there for the right reasons," says Lakhani.

While not being initially aware of the possible challenges high school applicants may face from university graduates, Ezard showed distress at the thought of shutting out university graduates.

"I think if you want to go to college after university you should still have that opportunity," says Ezard. "I hope the outcome is never that students from university cannot go to college afterwards." ~

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**TIM WARNOCK LANDS AT THE HOUSE THAT
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WHETHER he's drawing up futuristic designs or working on backgrounds for a feature film, Tim Warnock is definitely living up to the title of a talented artist.

Currently residing in San Francisco, Warnock is a concept artist and matte painter who now works at Academy-Award winning visual-effects company Industrial Light & Magic (ILM). The company was founded by George Lucas, and is arguably the leading visual-effects facility in the world.

"The place is quite amazing," said Warnock. "Everywhere you look there are artifacts from the past 30 years of film visual effects. There are guys in my department (who) worked on the original *Star Wars* films!"

Warnock graduated from the Graphic Design program at Cornwall campus in 1991.

He has worked on an impressive array of films including *Watchmen*, *Sherlock Holmes* and *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part I*.

While Warnock always knew that he wanted to be successful, it was not until he began applying to colleges that he considered seriously going into it as a career.

"When I went to apply to colleges...I got rejected," said Warnock. "That was a wake-up call for me, around then I made some choices to really work at it."

Though Warnock went on to gain another diploma in Illustration & Design at Dawson College after he graduated, he credits the illustration courses at SLC as being beneficial to his future endeavours.

"Before seeing that, I didn't really know the distinction from graphic design and illustration – it was all art," said Warnock.

Understanding how light moves while weaving a lot of photography into his work were also skills that were developed at SLC.

"Photography is a big part of what I do," said Warnock.

In working on the war thriller *Green Zone*, Warnock described the "invisible" type of work he is involved in that not many pick up on. At one point in the movie, a helicopter is seen flying over Baghdad. Or so it appears. In actuality, the scenery was created by Warnock and several others in an elaborate illusion.

"A lot of movies' visual effects are intended to fool the viewer," said Warnock. "We can't film Baghdad (...) we made the whole thing up."

While working at visual-effects company Intelligent Creatures in Toronto, Warnock was also part of a team of matte painters, composers and 3D artists who worked on a Tokyo-based scene in the movie *Babel*.

Although the crew was given photos of Tokyo to work with, they were virtually unusable. Instead of sending a team out to Tokyo to get better shots, a more creative plan was put into action.

"We did a lot of photographing round Toronto...and basically, we created Tokyo out of Toronto," said Warnock.

While most of the shot was created through matte work done by Warnock and fellow artist Dan Wheaton, the distant horizon that was spliced in really was of Tokyo.

"You feel proud of it when you didn't have all the advantages and still come up with something that's pretty convincing," said Warnock.

With such a time-consuming occupation, balancing family life with life on the road can be quite difficult.


"We pretty much move every year," said Warnock. "It's not great. I think that's something we really want to try and slow down on."

With his children now starting school, Warnock plans to stay in San Francisco for a few years, and ideally hopes to one day settle down in Canada.

As far as his current job goes, the transition to working at the internationally-acclaimed facility did not occur overnight. Warnock began working at a graphic design studio near Toronto before exploring anything from flash animation and book covers to digital paintings, which ultimately got his foot in the door to working in film.

Getting a job at ILM is the ultimate goal for anyone working in the visual effects field.

"That was the dream I always made choices about (...) what the next job would be," said Warnock, who was not content to just stay at a certain level.

"These guys have given us so much of what we know (and) I wanted to work at a place with (these) amazingly talented people," said Warnock. 

The Couch Potato DILEMMA

(AND HOW IT GAVE BIRTH TO THE BUSINESS OF A COMPUTER PROGRAMMER/ ANALYST GRAD) | CHRISTOPHER CLARK



NATHAN Felder faced a choice to which all couch potatoes can relate.

The Computer Programmer Analyst grad had returned to school after graduating from SLC in 2003, and was a student at the University of Western Ontario. He was living in a house in London, not far from campus, with six other guys. Between them they had two cars and a working knowledge of the city bus system.

During exams one year, he was feeling peckish and offered one of his roommates \$20 to pick up some food for him at the grocery store. Like a lion circling a wounded gazelle, the roommate asked for \$40.

"For a moment, I actually considered paying him," Felder recalls today. He turned down the offer and not only saved himself \$40 – he also got an idea for a business he would launch just over a year later.

"At that time I was looking for an idea for Biz257," he says – a course at UWO that has served as an incubator for countless businesses in the London area and across the country, requiring students to do everything to start a business, short of actually funding it.

Armed with the knowledge of how close he came to overpaying someone to shop for him, and the computer

programmer's background, coupled with an entrepreneur's spirit, he created GroceryCheckout.com, a service geared to busy or housebound students who want groceries and don't want to pay a roommate \$40 to get them.

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There were some early indications the business had a chance. "When we did our final presentation of the project, we had students approaching us in the hall saying if the service was available they would be using it. A year after that presentation, we delivered our first order."

Early indicators aside, the first couple of years were tough. The business consisted of Felder shopping and delivering food during the day and then working on the website and juggling the finances at night.

Needless to say, this left little time for school. He eventually left the program, but credits his SLC program

with sparking his interest in applying his skills to business. "It was a great program. We worked really hard in that program, learning how to write computer systems. I really liked the business side of the course, which led me to enroll at UWO when I graduated from St. Lawrence in 2003." He

also credits the program with giving him the tools necessary to work at a business that was largely built on a computer. "I had a teacher at

St. Lawrence who said that if something is wrong it's not the computer's fault – it's yours," he laughs at the memory. "It was very tough and very analytical," and made him a better businessperson, he says.

Today, Felder has two business partners, brothers Chris and Dan Palmer, and a smaller shareholder, Alex McKelvey, the lead computer developer. Felder remains majority shareholder. The company employs about 25 people, mostly students, stocks 10,000 products and keeps many of them in its own warehouse off campus. It opened a Fresh Market on UWO's campus last fall, offering

Nathan Felder, Computer Programming Analyst, 2003, has the answer for hungry students in London.



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students a place to shop for fresh foods right on campus. And Felder has been contacted by other universities that would like him to set up some version of his business for their students.

This summer, the company is test-driving a phone-in order system, a significant change from its web-only format to date. In addition, Felder has made a concerted effort to find local suppliers for many of the company's fruit, vegetable and ready-made food choices, shifting the philosophy from offering what is available at a regular grocery store to offering customers something they might not find at their local Loblaws or Sobeys.

The business has reached critical mass, with 3,500 regular customers – 80 per cent of whom are students – up from 300 in its first year, 2005.

The concept is simple, but its execution can be rather complicated. We've all had the experience of picking up a few things at the grocery store for a friend. That's when you realize just how many types of pasta sauce there are and how little thought you normally give to the choices as you grab your regular brand. And don't you spend a little extra time choosing produce for someone else? You don't want to deliver a bunch of bruised bananas or moldy strawberries.

For Felder, the challenge was to build a reputation for delivering what he promised when he promised it. And that meant having secure supply lines with predictable prices. So he leased a warehouse and buys product in bulk. He contacted dozens of local suppliers and receives shipments of produce several times a week.

Although few 40-something parents are likely to spend the time ordering groceries on the web, Felder's customers are mostly in their 20s and grew up shopping for everything online. They also use laptops, tablets and smart phones and are connected every waking moment.

"It's quite natural for students to do their shopping this way. They are comfortable doing it, and it's more convenient for them."

It even makes economic sense if the alternative is paying for a cab to do the shopping. GroceryCheckout charges \$7.95 for delivery of orders totaling \$50-\$100; \$4.95 from \$100-\$150; and \$3.95 for orders over \$150. There is a \$50 minimum purchase.

No cab ride is that cheap. And even if you remember your earth-friendly canvas bag, it's still a hassle to carry more than a bag or two home on foot or by bus.

The website has been worked and reworked in the last six years, adding new products and trying to simplify a process that asks shoppers to sort through 10,000 options and make their selections. The choices are grouped together much like aisles at the grocery store. Within each category there are subcategories with pictures and prices. It's as simple as clicking the

Coming soon is a feature that will allow shoppers to sort their orders nutritionally, by calorie or sodium content or any nutrition marker.

English Muffin and Crumpet category to see 16 choices, ranging from a six-pack of plain old Dempster's English Muffins for \$1.94 to Oakrun Raisin Cinnamon English Muffins, also \$1.94 for six, to Weight Watchers brand whole wheat English Muffins for \$3.67.

And so it goes through all sections of the store. A Quick Shop button brings up pictures of the most popular categories. Even better, the Shop By List button allows shoppers to access previously saved lists, as many as they want, to easily place the same order again.

Coming soon is a feature that will allow shoppers to sort their orders nutritionally, by calorie or sodium

content or any nutrition marker. Shoppers on low-sodium diets will be able to screen out all products that don't fit their plans, the same way parents can screen out certain TV channels from their youngsters.

The majority of customers are students, partly because of the way the service has been marketed and partly because it has a limited delivery area, basically a 15-minute drive from UWO. Delivery dates and times are governed by the company's driving schedule, which allows its drivers to deliver up to 300 orders on a single tank of gas. Punch in your postal code and several options pop up. In a recent two-week window, there were five days available for delivery to London's northwest, all between 5-7 p.m.

Students continue to join the system, but the fastest-growing segment is business-to-business, helping produce revenue growth of 150 per cent this year over last. There are a lot of organizations and agencies that shop for groceries and feed their clients or residents.

"Using the service has really enabled us to more efficiently utilize our staff resources for hands-on work with clients, instead of time spent grocery shopping," says Sue Hillis, executive director of Dale Brain Injury Services. "We're just beginning to explore the use of the technology to analyze some of the available reports to help ensure we are purchasing healthier, more economical food choices for our clients."

Sitting in a pub one floor above his Fresh Market store in the heart of UWO, Felder talks freely about his business and its competitors, potential and current. Not long after he started, he learned London is one of the most competitive grocery markets in the country, saturated with shopping options.

"I thought a lot about that in our first few years because I was disappointed

in the initial growth of the company."

But he persevered and kept working on perfecting his system. In the last year or two, the business has broken through. He opened the Fresh Market because the student council at UWO asked him to consider doing so. He's fielding calls from other universities that want him to start operating there.


As rosy as the future appears, he's aware of the stifling competition that could arrive at any time. Grocery delivery is a tricky business to do right, which is why there isn't a Loblaws or Wal-Mart grocery delivery service. If they could operate it profitably, they certainly would. Lots of people have tried and failed in Canada and the U.S.

Grocery Gateway operates in Toronto, charging \$6 per delivery. And travelers to Disney World and other vacation spots often use Garden Grocer to order food and have it waiting for them in their hotel room.

Felder is taking nothing for granted, thus his push to offer fresh, local and unique products. Wal-Mart has shaken up the Canadian grocery business by moving into the market. When Target arrives next year, he expects another jolt. So he's cautious, but also optimistic.

"We've set up a system that is profitable. You can spend a lot of money to sign up customers and then realize your system doesn't actually make money, no matter how many people you sign up. We've been careful not to do that."

At 30, he's reflective about what he and his partners have achieved. He got married six months ago to Colleen; they have a Wheaten Terrier at home. And this summer, he has a number he's shooting for on the golf course. Not a score so much as the number of rounds he wants to play.

"Last year was the first summer I got out more than six times, so I'm hoping to break that number this year." 



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Winning Ways

ALUMNI ATHLETES AND COACH ENSHRINED IN HALL OF FAME | KIM WARNER

ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE athletics added to its strong athletic tradition when the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) enshrined two former athletes and a coach into the Hall of Fame Wednesday, May 4, 2011, in a ceremony held at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in downtown Toronto.

As part of the Hall of Fame's Class of 2011, St. Lawrence College's Nejat Agaoglu, Chris Dorey and Deng Kuol Marial received the prestigious honour.

Beaming through his smile and laughter, Agaoglu contained his excitement. Agaoglu became only the third coach at SLC to garner this award after an 18-year career steering the ship for the Vikings' soccer program. Agaoglu won two OCAA indoor soccer championships and 11 regional titles with the men's squad.

Accompanied by his wife, Dorey's smile never left his face. Dorey was the first-ever two-time Athlete of the Year at SLC Kingston, earning the recognition as a tri-sport athlete. Days after he placed the newest addition into his trophy case, Dorey reflected on the honour.

"Being inducted into the OCAA Hall of Fame is an affirmation of the effort and work that has been put into

being an athlete," Dorey commented. "As I accepted the award, I realized that I was not the only one being honoured, my College, my coaches, my family, and all of those who supported me were also being awarded."

A jubilant Marial bounced around throughout the hall after collecting his award. The distance runner came to SLC hardly knowing any English, but worked as hard in the classroom as he did on the cross country team. He graduated from the SLC Police Foundations program in 2004, attended the University of Windsor and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Work and Society at McMaster University.

The Sudan native claimed two OCAA gold medals (2002-03) and clipped the tape first for a Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) gold medal in 2003.

"Being inducted into the OCAA Hall of Fame is a testament to the excellence that Chris, Deng and Nejat brought to their sports and to the St. Lawrence College community," tri-campus athletic director Brad Greenwood commented. "I am very pleased that SLC Athletics was able to earn three spots in this class and I know that St. Lawrence College is proud of their achievements and this recognition."

The three new inductees bring St. Lawrence College's total number of OCAA honourees to nine.

ALL-TIME OCAA HALL OF FAME HONOURED MEMBERS FROM ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE

ATHLETE	2011 Chris Dorey (Kingston)
	2011 Deng Kuol Marial (Kingston)
	2003 Denise Morey (Kingston)
	2005 Henry Mulder (Brockville)
	2009 Colleen Webster (Kingston)
COACH	2011 Nejat Agaoglu (Kingston)
	2003 Diana Drury (Kingston)
	2009 James Wallace (Kingston)
BUILDER	2003 Brian Murphy (Kingston)

INDUCTEE PROFILES

CHRIS DOREY – ATHLETE

Chris Dorey began his athletic career at St. Lawrence College Kingston in 1979, competing as a three-sport athlete in badminton, tennis and touch football. During his time playing on the touch football team, Dorey's squad won the OCAA championships in 1979 and 1980. Dorey is a two-time OCAA mixed doubles champion in tennis, earning one title with partner Margot Whittingham in 1980, and again with Louise Cole in 1982. In badminton, Dorey finished second in men's doubles at the 1981 OCAA championship with teammate Kevin Cheung. After graduating from Mechanical Engineering – Machining (1983) and the Visual and Creative Arts (1984) programs, Dorey's badminton game took full flight from 2002-2010, where the former Viking earned 17 gold and four silver medals at the Ontario Badminton Associations Masters Championships, and 13 gold, five silver and one bronze medal at the Canadian Masters championships.

DENG KUOL MARIAL – ATHLETE

Deng Kuol Marial ran three seasons (2002-2004) with the cross country team at St. Lawrence College Kingston. During his time at SLC Kingston, Marial won the 2002 OCAA championship and blew past his competition in 2003 earning the OCAA and CCAA gold medals. He was selected as SLC Kingston's athlete of the year in 2002 and 2003. After graduating from SLC Kingston, Marial attended the University of Windsor and competed with the cross country and track and field teams. Marial was a member of the 2005 OUA championship cross country team at Windsor and represented Canada at the World University Cross Country Championships in Mauquenchy, France in 2008.

NEJAT AGAAGLU – COACH

Nejat Agaoglu spent 18 years as head coach of the soccer program at St. Lawrence College Kingston from 1987-89 and 1991-2007. During his time with SLC Kingston, Agaoglu was awarded OCAA coach of the year in the 1997-98 season and again in the 1999-2000 season. He led SLC Kingston to 11 regional titles and captured two provincial crowns in men's indoor soccer in the 1997-98 season and the 1998-99 season. Agaoglu served as the assistant coach with the Ottawa Wizards, a semi pro team in 2000-2001, and helped guide them to the Rogers Cup title. Agaoglu played professionally in Turkey for five years in the first division and the Junior Turkish international team for one year.

About the OCAA Hall of Fame

The OCAA Hall of Fame is dedicated to the recognition of extraordinary contributions and accomplishments within collegiate sports in Ontario. Honoured members include athletes, coaches and builders of the association. The OCAA Hall of Fame was established in 2003. That year, 265 people attended the inaugural induction ceremony in Toronto to pay tribute to the first 103 inductees and celebrate the OCAA's rich history. Since then, the Hall has expanded to 258 members. 🏆



Chris Dorey, left



Deng Kuol



Nejat Agaoglu, far left



We are the Champions!

CORNWALL MEN'S HOCKEY GOLD JUST ONE OF THE 2010-11 SLC ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS
| COMPILED BY KIM WARNER

SLC Kingston men's golf kicked off the hardware celebrations for the 2010-11 season for St. Lawrence College Athletics, picking up the OCAA Div. II Bronze medal at the 2010 OCAA Championship. All five Vikings carded lower than an 85 on the final day, guided by Tim Lemoyre's 81. Lemoyre parred seven of the final nine holes to keep the group in medal contention.

SLC Kingston's Richelle Moore won her first OCAA race with a gold medal at the Fleming-Peterborough Invitational (Oct. 2), blowing past the field of 57 runners. Moore went on to collect the OCAA Silver medal,

a seventh-place finish at the CCAA Championship and a Conference Team Gold medal. SLC Brockville's Dawn Martin finished sixth at the OCAA Championship and joined Moore on the CCAA Conference gold medal team.

The SLC Cornwall extramural men's hockey team captured the gold medal at Ontario Colleges Committee on Campus Recreation (OCCCR) Challenge Cup Friday, Mar. 25 at Durham College in Oshawa. It is the Sharks' first-ever gold medal at the provincial championship. The Sharks finished the year with a 15-5 overall record.

With three wins in five games, the SLC Kingston men's indoor soccer team played its way to a bronze medal at the 2011 OCAA Indoor Soccer Championship Friday, Mar. 25 at the Ontario Soccer Centre in Vaughan, Ont.

SLC Kingston's cross country team earned National recognition taking the No. 10 spot on the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) rankings for the week of Nov. 1.

SLC Kingston's men's basketball team was spotted in the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) rankings a few times this season playing to a 15-5 record in OCAA play.

Athletes of the Year were announced on all three campuses, with SLC Brockville selecting Kian Herrmann (badminton, hockey, indoor soccer) and Leanne Fomenko (cross country, indoor soccer). SLC Cornwall named Chad Deneault (golf) and Casey Atwell (indoor soccer, hockey, cross country), while SLC Kingston tabbed cross country runners Lucas Nutbrown and Richelle Moore with the top award. 🏆

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Ready to Launch

**'THE DIFFERENCE WE MAKE' CAMPAIGN
REACHES THE HALF-WAY POINT**

IT MAY have been pouring rain outside, but inside the mood was far from overcast.

Over 100 friends, supporters and staff gathered at the Cornwall Campus May 3 to celebrate and launch "The Difference We Make" campaign in support of the Cornwall Campus revitalization. With ceremonial cheques presented by the City of Cornwall, former dean Pat Finucan, Faculty & Staff, College leadership, and alumni Frank Perras and Pino diStefano, to name just a few, the event marked the reaching of the halfway point in the Campaign's \$4.5-million goal.

Attendees were thanked for their support by new graduate Julia Fraser-Okum (Practical Nursing 2011), who shared her story of the difference that has been made her life as a result of attending St. Lawrence and being the recipient of donor generosity in the form of two bursaries. Julia – who is hearing impaired – turned hardship

into opportunity when both she and her husband were put out of work by the closing of the factory where they were both employed, and she decided to attend College – a dream she had felt was financially out of reach when she completed high school.

Since then, she has worked hard to maintain a 3.9 GPA, and turned her disability into an asset when she discovered during placement that her ability to read lips brought comfort to patients whose ability to speak was impaired by surgery or illness. She plans to continue her studies with a focus on Communicative Disorders.

The event not only marked the halfway point of the campaign, but served as the official launch of the public phase of The Difference We Make campaign. Watch for more news this fall as we reach out to Cornwall alumni in support of the campus that more than one alum has described as 'big enough to serve you, but small enough to know you.'

If you'd like to support the campaign, you can make a gift online at www.givetosl.com/cornwall



Top: Christine Guay, Business 2005, acted as the event's MC; Bottom: Julia Fraser-Okum, Practical Nursing, 2011; Opposite: Campaign co-chairs Terry Landon and Peter Gault with donors from the Cornwall community.



Former campus Executive Director Pat Finucan may be retired, but he's still involved. His gift of \$50,000 is the result of several years of planning for this milestone to come to Cornwall.



Cornwall Student Union members Jennifer Ellis, VP Finance and Maion McIntosh, VP Student Life with the \$100,000 contribution from students of the Campus over the next four years.



Chris Whitaker and Don Fairweather present a cheque for \$100,000 on behalf of the College's leadership team.



City Councillors David Murphy and Glen Grant, joined Mayor Bob Kilger to present the City's gift of \$1-million – the College's largest supporter – recognizing the important role SLC, its students, staff and alumni, play in Cornwall.



Benoit Veilleux and LouAnne Hamilton presented a cheque for \$50,000 on behalf of staff and faculty.



Alumni Pino DiStefano and Frank Perras make their gift of \$50,000 to the revitalization that their company, Perras & DiStefano, helped make possible.

College receives Chamber award

February 23 2011

ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE was honoured this weekend during the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce annual awards gala. College President, Chris Whitaker, and Cornwall campus Dean, Don Fairweather were presented with the Skills Development Award for showing leadership in training and education in the community.

"The winner of the award is, as you will no doubt agree, a 'slam dunk'. Its impact on the skills development throughout the Cornwall region and further afield is virtually beyond measure because of the vast scope of what it does," said Mike Metcalfe, the evening's Master of Ceremony. "Look around you—to your left—to your right—across the table and you are probably looking at someone whose life was impacted by our winner."

Chris Whitaker was delighted by the announcement. "Receiving this recognition from the Chamber of Commerce is a great honour. It acknowledges appreciation from our employers in the community for the great work of our faculty and staff in serving the needs of our students, and contributing to the development of a skilled workforce," he said. ~



St. Lawrence College President & CEO, Chris Whitaker, with Don Fairweather, Campus Dean, St. Lawrence College Cornwall.

An advertisement for the Friends of Music Theatre. It features a black and white photograph of a male dancer in a black tank top and a black fedora, striking a dynamic pose. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color. The text "EVERY star NEEDS A START" is overlaid on the image, with "star" in a large, white, cursive font and "EVERY" and "NEEDS A START" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

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How Green is your Collar?

SLC CONTINUES ITS LEADERSHIP IN GREEN ENERGY | BY LAURA TULCHINSKY

ST. LAWRENCE College has continued to cement its position as a green energy leader, with two big announcements this past fall that are win/win/wins for the College and its students.

One of the largest rooftop solar PV (photovoltaic) installations in Eastern Ontario is underway at the Kingston and Brockville campuses, Chris Whitaker, President and CEO of St. Lawrence College announced last fall. Once completed during the next academic year it will be the largest solar rooftop installation at any post secondary institution in Canada.

"This flagship solar program is the first of its kind in Canada," said Whitaker at the announcement. "This notable project builds on our continued leadership in the renewable energy sector. We are the first college to offer diplomas in Energy Systems Engineering and Wind Turbine Technician and we continue to lead the way by providing our students with a cutting edge education and hands-on experience with real, operating, renewable energy systems. We also take pride in improving our communities by creating a sustainable future and leading by example."

The solar project, will operate through the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) Program. The project is also the first educational project of its kind in Canada, as it combines power generation with interactive student learning. Students enrolled in the College's Energy Systems Engineering program will be able to gather real-time Solar data

and learn how the effects of different tilt angles, flat versus sloped rooftops, different types of inverters and different geographic locations impact solar power generation.

"This powerful, hands-on training site will give our students the necessary skills to be successful in the workforce upon graduation," Whitaker explains. "Our goals for this project are two-fold, to generate power and revenue, and to provide our students with the best, leading edge learning experience possible."

At the Kingston Campus, over 1200 solar modules will be installed on three separate rooftops. It is estimated that this project will generate over \$200,000 annually in revenue for the College. At the Brockville campus, approximately 442 solar modules will be installed on the rooftop of the main building and will generate an estimated revenue of \$80,000 per year.

The announcement came on the heels of the College obtaining approval to commence a new Geothermal Engineering Technician diploma program beginning in 2011. The program positions the College as a leader in Green Energy – wind, solar and now geothermal. 🌿



Calling SLC Business grads in Kingston area!

St. Lawrence College is launching its first ever Business Alumni Chapter with a pilot project in Kingston, and is seeking volunteers to sit on the steering committee to help shape its launch.

If you're an SLC Business grad living in the Kingston area (and have graduated in Business from any of the three campuses) and you're interested in meeting other grads to brainstorm the ways we can serve our Business alumni, we'd like to hear from you. We envision the Chapter will serve as a meeting place for our grads, and can become a great networking and learning forum.

But we can't do it without you! Members of the steering committee will meet other successful Alumni while setting the foundation for a successful chapter. Alumni are our best ambassadors, who better to help steer the future of your legacy than you?

If you'd like to join the steering committee, contact Wahida Lakhani at 613-544-5400, ext. 1375, or email her at wlakhani@sl.on.ca 🌿


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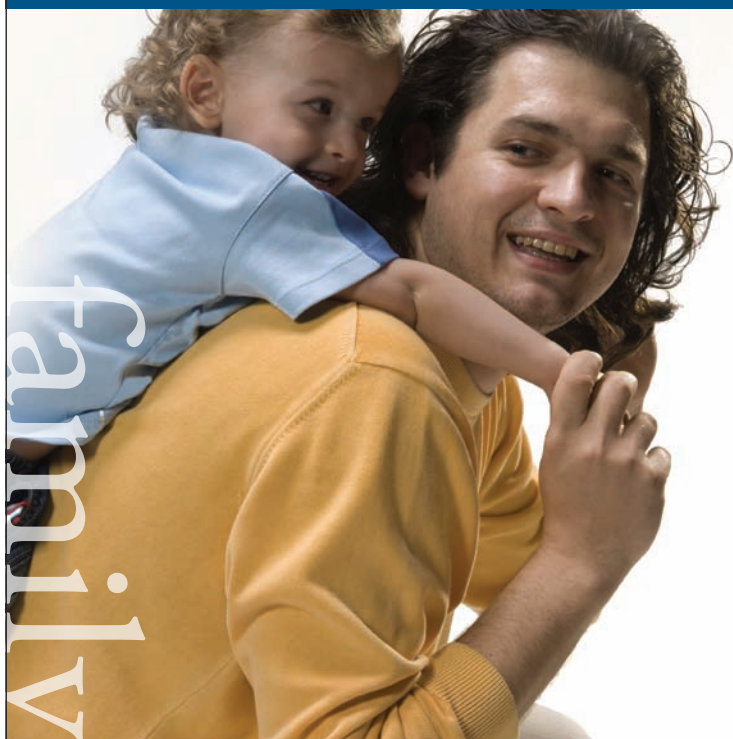
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**SLC ACCOUNTING STUDENTS TAKE
FIRST PRIZE | BY LAURA TULCHINSKY**

ON SATURDAY March 26, Kate Armstrong, Merina Johnston, and Carol-Lynn Holden competed against 17 other Ontario Colleges in the first annual Certified General Accountants (CGA) of Ontario Regional Accounting Case competition which was held at Centennial College.

“As a first year student it is great to get this kind of opportunity to apply what I am learning in my classes,” said Kate Armstrong.

This amazing team of young “accountants-in-progress” was the unanimous choice for first place by the panel of judges. Each student received a \$3,000 scholarship towards the completion of their CGA designation. “The students did a wonderful job. Their analysis was solid and their presentation skills were outstanding,” said Lynn Sveinbjornson, Business Development Manager for CGA Ontario.

“In the past 25 years of teaching in the accounting program, I have seen many exceptionally bright students graduate with an accounting diploma, but it always seemed that the standard methods of evaluation only scratched at the surface of what these students were truly capable of,” said Michelle Paquin, program coordinator of the accounting program. “The CGA Ontario accounting case competition provided an opportunity for all of the participants to prove themselves and to step outside of their comfort zone.”

This victory comes on the heels of other recent outstanding performances by St. Lawrence College Business students at the BDC Marketing competition and the SIFE regional competition.

“Our success is contingent on creating an environment of highly engaged students and faculty,” says John Conrad, Associate Dean, School of Business. 🌊



Students join forces for Food Bank

BY ROWENA JORDAN

A COLD spring got just a little bit warmer this past March when a coalition of SLC students, the student organization SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) and a local business joined forces to install a furnace at the Kingston-based Partners in Mission Food Bank.

The furnace installation marked the completion of the first phase of the retrofits scheduled as part of SIFE’s 18-month commitment to help the food bank.

The installations and retrofits have been successfully led by two students named Keith Didychuk and Steve Tripp. Both students are in the Energy Systems Engineering Technology (ESET) program and are active members of SIFE. Steve organized an Energy Audit of the food bank as part of a second year class project. From this audit, Keith and Steve set out to find the resources that would enable them to help the food bank solve the issues identified by the audit. The retrofits and furnace installation are part of an ongoing project that will help the food bank lower its operating costs and increase its capacity to help our community.

“If people do what they are good at, and they do it for the good of all, we will all have a better place to live,” says Steve Tripp. Steve is an active member of the community and has a long history of volunteering for the food bank.

Keith Didychuk is motivated by knowing that these retrofits will allow the food bank to help more people in need. He agrees with the food bank’s philosophy of giving a “hand up instead of just a hand out”, and is excited to know that his work will help make an impact in his community.

The value of the furnace is approximately \$4,000; however the combined generosity of local business Tackaberry Heating and Plumbing, OPSEU 417, as well as the donated labour of SIFE students and the support of Empire Life, (SIFE St. Lawrence College’s lead sponsor), the furnace will cost the food bank nothing. 🌊

Brockville Branch

BRANCH RAISES ANOTHER \$1,000 FOR THE STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

THANKS TO sponsors State Farm Insurance and The Keary Team from Royal LePage ProAlliance Realty, the volunteer St. Lawrence College Brockville Alumni Branch was thrilled to welcome veteran comedians Joey Elias and Winston Spear to the 8th annual Comedy Night & Silent Auction at the Brockville campus pub on March 26th. A packed house of 175 people were thoroughly entertained, with some repeat guests claiming it was our best show yet!

A Silent Auction was also held that evening to support the Brockville Campus Student Emergency Fund, assisting students with unexpected financial needs. We raised another \$1,000.00, bringing our grand total to just over \$8,000.00!

This event is organized and run

entirely by volunteers and friends of the Branch and we are grateful to them all for taking the time to help us out. Having said that, the availability of our members change every year and we are always in need of extra people. Many hands make light work, as they say, so please consider joining our membership so we can continue to provide a great night of entertainment and important fund raising. In addition to the spring event for the students we are also part of the annual Trivia Challenge for Palliative Care held on the last Wednesday in October.

There are a huge number of stand-up comedians working in comedy clubs and comedy festivals across Canada, and we've been lucky to book some of the best of that crowd, including Scott Faulconbridge, Tim

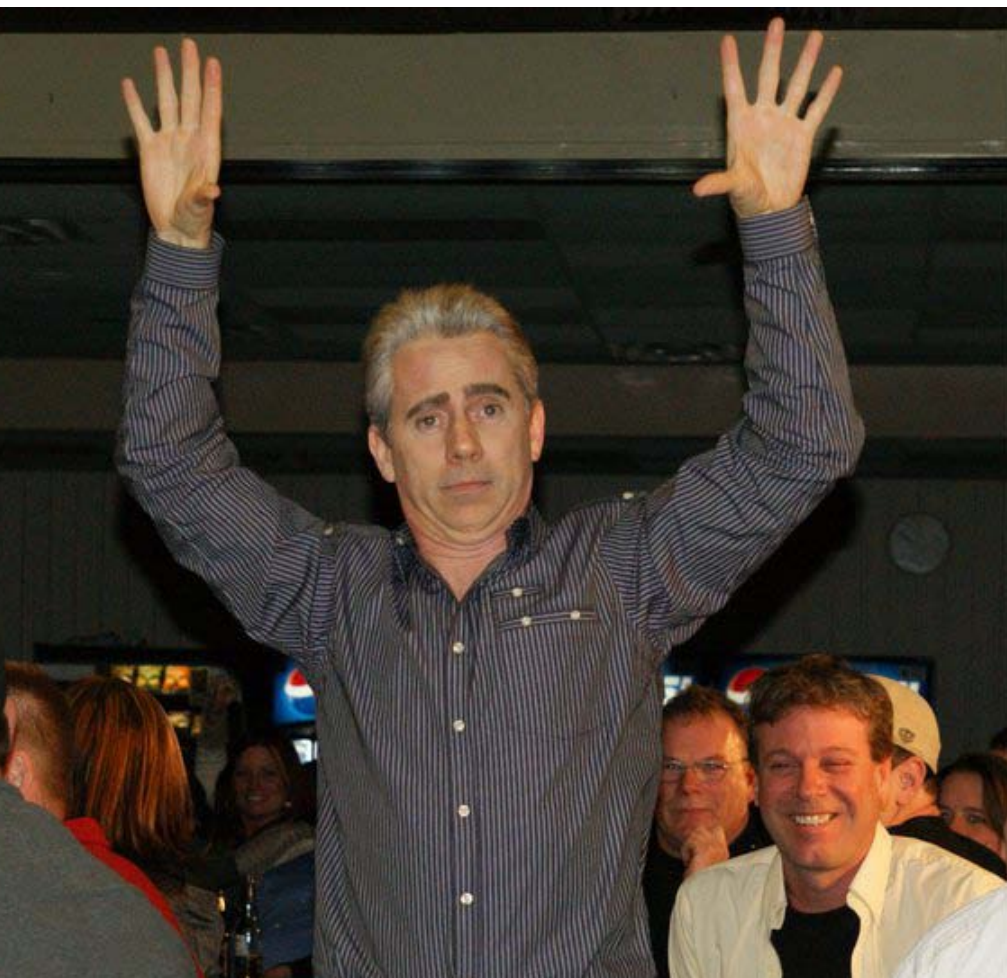
Nutt, Mark Forward, Brian Lazanik, Doug Funk, Carrie Gaetz, and Jim McNally. Google any of these acts and you'll find great footage from their appearances at Just For Laughs and other major events. Join our Branch and you'll have a chance to meet these people face to face right here at the Brockville campus pub!

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Cheers!

— submitted by Keith Hare



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CYW Alumni Chapter

ON THE FRONT LINES: AGM SPEAKER MOTIVATES

THE CHILD and Youth Worker Alumni Chapter held its Annual General Meeting in March, with guest speaker Andy Leggett, CYW 1984. Andy is the Clinical Director and Co-Owner of Broken Arrow Residential Treatment Services, a private Treatment Foster Care Program licensed through the Ministry of Children and Youth Services in Ontario, with 35 Foster Homes and 65 approved beds. Andy oversees a staff of trained clinical support workers and is a huge advocate for our profession – donating his time to speak to CYW students and professionals at colleges and conferences across the country.

The Chapter continues to reach out to CYW graduates – and current students. It created and emailed a Self-Care Newsletter in January to remind those in the profession of caring for others that they should also put themselves on the 'to do' list of care. 🌊

Submitted by LeeAnne Campbell

Fine Arts Alumni Chapter

WE CONTINUE TO GATHER TO SHARE INFORMATION AND SHOW OUR WORK

IN NOVEMBER, we hosted Ted Zuber, whose show, War & Peace, was mounted at the Marianne van Silfhout Gallery at the Brockville Campus. Ted was commissioned as Canada's official war artist during the Persian Gulf War, but his show included sketches from his own combat time in Korea and his peacetime love of painting in this area. Ted's workshop was attended by 1st and 2nd year Fine Arts students, plus members of the chapter and community.

In April the Chapter had a show at the Brockville Public Library, and is currently showing at the Brockville Arts Centre (Lobby Gallery) until July 29. Be sure to check it out. Keep an eye out too for notification of our upcoming Annual General Meeting in August. Location and details to be distributed and new members are welcome. Contact us care of alumni@sl.coc.ca if you'd like to receive notification.

Congratulations to Melanie Alguire, Fine Arts 2011, who was the recipient of the Fine Arts Alumni Chapter award at the recent convocation ceremonies, presented by chapter president, Guy Wales. New grads are welcome to join the chapter, so please consider joining us! ♦♦♦

COMING SOON: The chapter will once again be hosting the Annual Alumni Juried Show at the Marianne van Silfhout Gallery. This time the show is in November and December, and the theme is "Joy". 🌊 Call for submissions will be out soon.

PASSINGS: Finally, on a sad note, the chapter said goodbye to three of its members since last year. Fan Dembs, Terrilee Hobson, and Kay (Kathleen) Howard passed away over the last year. Each were remembered for their unique contributions to the local art scene, and they are missed. 🌊

Submitted by Guy Wales

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1982

Mohammed Buba

Resources Engineering Technology – Environmental – C and K

"I had a great time at SLC (Cornwall and Kingston) campuses in my academic life and in my sports life. I received a solid technological background at SLC which helped me to excel in my working life and receive the highly competitive Chevening Scholar award in 1996 to pursue my post graduate studies at Silsoe College, Cranfield University in the United Kingdom."

1988

Gerald Bernicky

Behavioural Science Technology – K

"I recently moved to Pickering and became a dad again with the birth of our second daughter (12/7/2010)."

1995

Patsy Schmidt

Occupational Health and Industrial Safety – K

"Patsy is a gospel songwriter and musician who sings wherever invited. Currently working on her 4th CD"

1996

Ann-Marie-Taroc

Nursing – K

"I am thankful for both the education and support my nursing instructors provided during my time at SLC. Between the encouragement of my instructor, and the support of my classmates, I finished my Nursing Diploma and have enjoyed a fruitful career to date."

1997

Henry Kauf

Business Administration – Data Processing – K

"Enjoyed 25 years in financial planning and in 2010 opened my own business."

2001

Lyall Hodgson

Occupational Health and Safety – C

"I value the education that I have received from St. Lawrence College. It has opened doors for me that may have otherwise remained closed. Everyone should consider at least a minimum college certification if they want any hope of being considered in today's competitive job market."

2002

Lisa Whyte

Early Childhood Education – K

"I am the proud mommy of Carter."

2008

David Giroux

Police Foundations – K

"My time at St. Lawrence College will never be forgotten. I have met so many great people there who I am privileged to call my friends. These people, whether they were my professors or my peers were a huge part in my success at the College and in preparing for my new career as a Police Officer. Many thanks to everyone there who made my short two-year stay one that will be remembered for a life time. Cheers." Cst. David Giroux

2009

Tammy Ridge

Practical Nursing – C

"I had a wonderful experience at St. Lawrence College, Cornwall Campus. I felt that I was more than just a number. The professors really do care if you put forth an effort. I graduated with distinction and the Registered Practical Nurses Associa-

tion of Ontario award of excellence. I was able to get a job right after graduation due to the knowledge and experience that I obtained from the college. I would recommend the college to anyone."

2010

Doris Chouinor

Ontario College Diploma – Business – K

"As a senior student at St. Lawrence College in Cornwall, I would encourage anyone no matter what age to further their education at this institution. The encouragement and availability of the teachers made my time there enjoyable. I was definitely nervous about returning to school after so many years, but I quickly learned that it's not your age that makes school worthwhile but the teachers and friends you meet while you're there. I enjoyed being involved with the student union, honorarium committee, as ambassador for school activities, and being involved with the entertainment committee. The more I got involved in the school activities and events the more I learned what the school offers to individuals who attend. My two years at St. Lawrence College will always be a big part of my life. I would like to personally thank the teachers, Liz Mclean, Sean Boulerville, Mike Pilon and David White for their help and encouragement."

Dana Stokes

Social Service Worker – K

"SLC turned out to be the perfect place for me to study. The people were great and the professors were very accommodating. It was nice to learn from people who actually worked in the field I was studying. It helped me to really understand the material. SLC is a great college and I would recommend it to anyone."

Stuart Jones

Computer Networking and Technical Support – K

"I landed a great job, many thanks to Carl Davis, Paul Busch and all my friends."

Passings

Salli Benedict, Small Business Management 1990 – Salli “Kawenno-takie” Benedict, 57, passed away Sunday afternoon, May, 15, 2011, at Cornwall Community Hospital. Salli was born January 5, 1954 in Cornwall, Ontario, the daughter of Ernest M. and Florence Hopps Benedict. She first attended Cornwall Island Day School, East Front Public School, and St. Lawrence College, before graduating from General Vanier in Cornwall. She later attended SUNY Oswego, Oneonta, and graduated from SUNY Potsdam.

Salli once worked for Parks Canada and the Native American Indian Traveling College, before going to Salmon River Central School, teaching children in the Title 4 Cultural Program, where she made storyboards illustrating various native cultures. She later went to work for the Akwesasne Museum before going to the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe as a cultural historian and was involved in land claims and researching. She went to work for CKON, during its infancy, and also worked first for Akwesasne Notes and later with Indian Time. Most recently, she worked for Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, where she was currently heading ARRO, the Aboriginal Rights and Research Office.

She was an artist, who illustrated and edited children’s books; a published poet and author, where she was cited and acknowledged in many additional books, articles, and documents regarding the Native American culture.

CK Yu, (Professor) – It is with great sadness we inform you of the passing of our father Chung Kai Yu. After courageously fighting an eight-year battle with a degenerative neurological disease, he passed away peacefully in the evening hours on Saturday April 2, 2011 at Arthur Meighen Manor in Toronto.

Our father was a devoted and caring man who deeply loved his family, friends, colleagues and students. He was a passionate teacher, who respected his students, wanted to see them succeed, and helped many of them find careers. He looked for

the good in all of us. We will always remember Dad for his kind, selfless nature and encouragement to be the best that we can be. He continues to teach us even after his death to appreciate every moment we have with our families and friends.

Our dad had a wonderful sense of humour, enjoyed spending time with family and friends, gardening, dancing, swimming, the news, music, football, hockey and baseball. We will miss him dearly, and he will live on in our hearts always, as we treasure our memories of the happy times we spent together.

Although we have decided to have a small service with immediate family, we would sincerely appreciate any fond memories (and photos) of our dad that you would like to share so that we can generate a keepsake for our families. Email the St. Lawrence College alumni office at alumni@sl.on.ca – *submitted by CK’s children, Monique and Anthony*

Robert George Boal (Professor) – July 5, 1930 - February 28, 2011. With much sorrow, we announce the passing of Robert (Bob) Boal, at Rideaucrest Nursing Home. Beloved husband of Ruby. Dear father of Tim (Patti) of Vernon, BC, Marty (Elaine) of Burlington, Bonnie Timmins (Brian) of Kingston, Cheryl McLean (David) of Kingston, Jon (Colleen) of Buffalo, NY; step-father of Donna Hagarty (Mike) of Kingston and Rob Wilson. Loving grandpa to Charlotte, Gillian, Clint, Matthew, Kristie, Paige, Chad and Michelle and great grandpa to Shaw and Akeelah. Bob was born and raised in Battersea, worked at Alcan and Frontenac Tile and taught at St. Lawrence College.

John David Bradley Hamilton, Civil Engineering Technology (St. Lawrence College, 1995), J.D.B. Hamilton, C.E.T., A. Sc.T., rcca, Former Carpenter Local 27 Ontario and B.C. – It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of Brad the weekend of June 20th, 2010. Loving father to Lee, Joshua (Breanne), Amy (Shea). Grandfather to Haley, Lauren, Elijah and Hannah.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Canadian Mental Health Association (Kingston Branch) or the Endowed student bursaries fund, St. Lawrence College (Kingston) on behalf of Brad would be appreciated.

Barbara Berry (Nursing Professor) RN, B.Sc.N.Ed, M.Ed - Professor of Nursing, St. Lawrence College – On Sunday, May 29, 2011 at Brockville General Hospital; Barbara Joyce (Lannin) Berry at the age of 68 years. Beloved wife of the late Douglas Berry. Loving mother of Sharron Capper (Dan), David Berry (Nadine) and Lisa Berry (Chris). Cherished grandmother of Brandon, Douglas, Devon, Nathan, Madeline, Aiden and Mekayla. In honour of Barbara, her former students, friends and colleagues are raising funds for the Barbara Berry Memorial Bursary Fund. To contribute, go to www.givetosl.com/barbaraberry



Nursing students plant a tree on campus in tribute to Barb Berry.

Passings entries are assembled from area publications and submissions from alumni families.

What is your role at DreamBuilder Studios and how did you end up here?

I am a staff writer and a freelance reporter at Dream Builder Studios (DBS). My role at the studio involves media relations, social media, web content, script writing, script supervising and supplying the text for any other project that comes across my desk. The owner of Dream Builder Studios, Mark Owen, is very involved with the St. Lawrence College Journalism program and followed my work from the beginning. Only a month after graduating from SLC I began to work as a photojournalist for a weekly publication, then I did a four-month stint as an intern reporter at the daily newspaper, after that I spent six months as a reporter at a bilingual newspaper. Two months after all that I began my career in the Film and Television industry at Dream Builder Studios. Recently a film production company, Factory Film Studio, opened a Cornwall-branch in the DBS facility. I am currently doing Location Scouting for them.

What do you most like about your work? And what do you least like?


The best part of what I do is being involved with so many amazing projects that, in turn, will benefit my city. I have the ability from where I work and the connections made through the Journalism program, to have access to the most innovative technology, resources, and infrastructure available in my field. This has led to shooting my first independent short film and another on the way this summer. The only drawback of being privy to such exceptional people and equipment is that you realize there is so much to be learned. Still. That is a daily challenge that I embrace. With every word. With every project.

You've been described as a real Cornwall booster - active in a lot of areas of the city. What drives you?

Cornwall is my city. At 28, I have watched the culture grow and begin to surface recently. I am a part of this community and my success is to be shared with the same place that taught me everything I know.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

In five years I picture myself doing exactly what St. Lawrence College is all about. Dreaming it. Then living it. I will be a part of the Canadian Film and Television industry. So stay tuned. 🌊



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