

# LASTING Connections

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The magazine for Loyalist College Alumni and Friends

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**GEORGINA  
THOMPSON**

*Wins National  
Recognition*

**MARTIN  
SEEMUNGAL**

*Wins an Emmy with  
ABCNews Nightline*

**BIONICHE  
PARTNERS  
WITH LOYALIST  
FOR RESEARCH**

## PRESIDENT'S *Message*



The changes can be seen daily at Loyalist College as we watch the builders bringing the architectural drawings to life. Most construction projects across Ontario are behind

schedule and Loyalist is no exception. While this has caused some challenges and minor difficulties, I am confident that the new facilities will more than make up for the delay.

Since my last message, we have enrolled our first class in the Bachelor of Applied Arts program. Because of the demand from people who already had a college or university credential, the program this Fall started with year three, following a summer bridging program for some of the students with advanced standing. The College is currently working on a proposal for a Bachelor of Applied Science.

By far the most important issue facing all colleges in Ontario is that of chronic under funding. With your indulgence, I would like to provide you with a few basic statistics.

1. In the past 15 years, enrolment has increased 49 %: funding per student has dropped by 18 %.
2. Ontario is ranked 40th in per student funding among North American jurisdictions and in Canada, we rank 2nd from the last.
3. Most college facilities are 35 plus years old and while recent funding for new capacity was welcomed, there is a growing deferred maintenance that approaches \$300 million. Collectively the colleges will be pressing the case for reasonable funding with the new government in Queen's Park and I encourage you to add your voice to ours.

I am always proud of the accomplishments of Loyalist College alumni and when Maclean's Magazine, in July 2003 featured Joe Roberts, a business program alumnus as one of 10 Canadians who make a difference, it was exciting. I encourage you to read about Joe in Maclean's. I would be remiss if I did not note that the Loyalist College Men's Volleyball team once again went to the National Championship and came home with the Silver Medal.

All of us at the College look forward to learning of your activities. Please take the time to drop us a line or two.

Douglas Auld  
President,  
Loyalist College

## ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S *Message*



Hi Everyone, September was such a wonderful month at Loyalist College. On Labour Day weekend all the students staying in residence arrived, all fresh and full of promise. Your Loyalist Alumni

Association was there to lend a hand with all the luggage and greeting the students and their parents. The Employment and Alumni Services office had refreshments for everyone and handed out information to the students about available part-time employment.

Later, in mid-September Loyalist's Alumni got together for their homecoming weekend. We met in the staff lounge for brunch and the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.). Then we headed over to Picton for a cruise on the Bay aboard The Majestic cruise ship. Once again, it was a very successful homecoming. We had some alumni friends join us

that we hadn't seen for many years. Everyone had a great time catching up on the news and events of all their friends.

Congratulations are in order for two new members elected to our alumni executive during our A.G.M. Brian Miller (Accounting '73) is our treasurer and Carole Parks (a retired Loyalist faculty member) is our Newsletter Editor. We are very pleased to have Brian and Carole join our executive. A special note of thanks must be extended to Dianne Spencer, Connie Millar and Kerri Ann Featherstone for the work they did for the Alumni Homecoming. Thank you also to Doug Caie from Chartwells and his staff, they put on a great brunch for us on Saturday.

As part of our agenda for homecoming we visited memorial grove. The names of all Loyalist students who have passed away were read. We visited the oak tree planted in memory of Mac Lawrence, a former employee of Loyalist. We extend our sympathies to the Lawrence family. We remembered Roy Gane, director of the computer centre, as a

great man and a good friend who passed away this year.

October was indeed a time for thanksgiving. A time to reflect and be grateful for what we so often take for granted...family, friends and good food. Students were grateful to be going home to mom's cooking. Mom and dad were grateful to have them home again.

As time draws closer to Christmas and the holidays your alumni executive would like to wish everyone the best holiday season they have ever had. As everyone gets busy with the holiday shopping and parties, travel safely and wisely. Have a great holiday season and best wishes in the new year!

Alan McAlpine  
Alumni President

Plan to attend Loyalist College's  
**7th Annual  
Job Fair  
"Stepping Out 2004"**

Thursday, February 19, 2004  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Whether your staffing needs are large or small, and include full-time, part-time or summer positions, this event will provide you with exposure to a large pool of qualified applicants – Loyalist students and alumni.

For information, contact Connie Millar at (613) 969-1913, ext. 2244 or visit us at [www.loyalistcollege.com](http://www.loyalistcollege.com) (On-line registration is available.)



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## *Call for Nominations* **Loyalist Alumni Distinction Awards** WHEN YOU THINK OF SUCCESS,

how many of your fellow Loyalist grads  
come to mind?  
We want to recognize them!

The Alumni Distinction Awards have been created to honour the contributions Loyalist College graduates make to society. Nominees need not be famous, but have a real commitment to others in volunteer work and/or substantial career success.

The Alumni Association plans to recognize graduates annually in each of the following areas:

- Technology
- Applied Arts
- Business
- Health Sciences
- Human Studies

Candidates may also be forwarded as Loyalist's nominees for the Annual Premier's Awards. These awards recognize graduate achievement in the Ontario college system.

Winners of the Premier's Awards receive a \$5,000 award to be given to their college for student scholarships and bursaries.

**NOMINEE SUBMISSION:** Please include the Name, Program and Year of Graduation, Address, Home and Business Telephone Numbers (if known) of the nominee and a background summary with areas of accomplishments and their involvement in the community and/or Loyalist College.

***Nominations can be made by any individual who wishes to nominate a Loyalist College graduate.***

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will contact the graduate directly for additional background information.

**NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

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## Graduate Joe Roberts Addresses Full House in December at Loyalist as Motivational Speaker

Motivational speaker and Loyalist graduate Joe Roberts was greeted by a full house at the College in November. Recently, Joe was recognized in Maclean's Magazine Honour Roll edition, Canadian Business Magazine and The Toronto Star. He was nominated as a graduate of Loyalist for the 2003 Premier's Award for College graduates. What is most amazing about his journey is that in 1989 he was a homeless skidrow drug addict. His story is one of perseverance, determination and the resiliency of the human spirit.



In January 1992 he entered Loyalist College and three and half years later graduated with two college diplomas and an overall GPA of 3.92. Today Joe is the CEO of Mindware Design Communications. His company has grown over 800% in less than four years. He is also a professional speaker and travels across North America telling his story to help others deal with their own challenges. In his recent book, "7 Secrets to Profit from Adversity - Success Against All Odds", he teaches how anyone, anywhere can overcome perceived limitations and live their dreams.

*Photo Caption (top): Alumni President, Alan McAlpine (left) welcomes guest speaker Joe Roberts.*

## Award Winning Photojournalist David Handschuh Visits Loyalist College



On November 14th Loyalist College was pleased to host a presentation by David Handschuh, award winning staff photographer at the New York Daily News for more than fifteen years. This three time Pulitzer Prize nominee captivated students, staff and guests with images of his work, prior to 911, those taken on September 11th and work he has chosen to take since that date. The presentation was made possible through a grant from the Roloff Beny Foundation.

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## Key Findings of Research Presented

The key findings of a four-year research project concerning services for post-secondary students with learning disabilities were presented in November at Loyalist College. The provincial Learning Opportunities Task Force (L.O.T.F.) presented the research results and provided an update of their organization's ongoing activities.



## Generous Support of Loyalist's United Way Campaign

During the first week of December, three students and two professors from Loyalist stepped bravely forth and offered their locks to raise money for the United Way. Professors Harvey Hyashi and Jonathan Lake along with students Mark Hranyk (President, Student Government), Chris Eligh (Student Rep., Board of Governors) and Ashley Wagner raised over \$2,500 for the United Way. Shown in the photo is barber Sonny Ducette and Ashley Wagner who donated her long braided hair to raise over \$1,300 for this worthy cause.

## Alumni Awards Presented at 2003 Loyalist College Undergraduate Awards Reception



On November 19th Loyalist College recognized the achievements of over 200 students at the annual Academic Awards Reception. The support and generosity of donors made it possible for over \$107,000 to be presented to Loyalist students. This year the Alumni Association presented a total of \$15,000 in scholarships and bursaries.

*Recipients of this year's Alumni Association Bursary - Front: Leanne Mockett, Janeen Grylls, Rebecca Evans, John Sheridan, Rachel Walter. Back: Jacqueline Pennington, Amanda Rush, Laurie Wong, Jayson Osmaers, Deega Mohamoud. Not Available for Photo: Muhammad Altaf, Rachel Mowat, Patricia Sager.*

## Reporters Without Borders At Loyalist College



*Photojournalist Patrick Chauvel (left) and Reporters Without Borders representative Emily Gaquard visit Loyalist in November.*

Loyalist College was pleased to host a presentation by *Reporters Without Borders* in November. This organization defends imprisoned journalists and press freedom throughout the world, as well as the right to inform the public and to be informed, in accordance with Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The special guest speaker for the evening was Patrick Chauvel. For the past thirty-five years he has photographed most of the armed conflicts around the globe. Patrick is noted for his endeavours to get as close to the action as possible and is one of the last of a generation of photojournalists who have lived through the Six-Day War, Vietnam, Cambodia, Ireland, Iran, Lebanon, Panama, Afghanistan and Tchetchenia. In pursuit of recording these moments in history he has been severely injured, abducted, placed in front of a firing squad and nearly drowned with the boat people in Haiti.

## Mayoral Candidates' Debate Brought to Community By Loyalist E-Journalism Students

Municipal politics in Belleville, Ontario were brought to the public by internet technology provided by the E-Journalism students at Loyalist College. On November 5, 2003 Loyalist students delivered a webcast of the mayoral candidates' debate, streaming audio and video programming of the event to audiences worldwide.

## Retirees of 2003



In November the Loyalist College Board of Governors honoured the College's retirees of 2003. Shown in the photograph are: (Back Row L to R) Mary Chambers, Luisa Bowry, Linda McCaffrey, Noryl Flanders. Dave Sovereign, Roger Poultney, Keith McFadyen, Lynda Salisbury and Coline MacDonald (Front Row L to R) Gena Hughes, Bill Isaac, Don Todd, Ian Fraser, Raj Aggarwal, Ron Trumble, Brent Seaton and Otto Noppert.

**Not shown in photo:** Bill Gervais, Rosalie Spargo, John Boor, William Simpson, Peggy Lockhart, Richard Labern, Ron Waite, Nancy Snowdon, and Monty Alyea.



## Cheque Presentation from Hastings County S.S.

In November the representatives of the Hastings County Social Services presented Loyalist College with a cheque for \$20,000 in memory of Reginald E. Tucker, former director of Hastings County Social Services. This amount will be matched through the Student Opportunity Trust Fund. This scholarship will make it possible for a first year Social Service Worker student to have one year's free tuition. Doreen Reid (left) Councillor for the City of Quinte West and appointed member of Hastings/Quinte Joint Social Service Committee joins Eric Fry (right), Director of Social Services for Hastings County in presenting Doug Auld, Loyalist College President with a cheque for \$20,000.

## And the Emmy Goes To: Martin Seemungal, Television Broadcasting '81



This year the Emmy Award for Outstanding Coverage of a Current News Story – Long Form was presented to ABC News Nightline for **Heart of Darkness** about Congo. Loyalist graduate Martin

Seemungal was the correspondent on this Nightline series. This series was also recognized with the Columbia University prestigious DuPont Award. Martin joined ABCNEWS in 2000 and has covered major events including: the outbreak of the Ebola virus in Uganda, the flooding in Mozambique, the famine in Malawi and the recent terrorist attack on Israeli tourists in Mombasa. Throughout his career, he has traveled and reported from locales such as Uganda, South Africa, Mozambique, Congo, Somalia, India and Kuwait.

Martin has also worked at the ABCNEWS bureau in Jerusalem, and, since Sept. 11, 2001, has been on assignment in Yemen and Northern Afghanistan. Before joining ABCNEWS, he served as an international and foreign correspondent for the CBC National News. As a correspondent for the CBC, he covered South Africa's transition to non-racial government, Canadian and U.S. Air Force involvement in raids on Iraq in the 1990s. He also spent two months reporting from a Canadian warship during the Gulf War and was in Kuwait City during the first days it was recaptured by U.S. led forces.

Martin also garnered a Gemini Award nomination for Best Television Reporting for his coverage on the Rwanda Exodus, as well as first place recognition at the Monte Carlo Television Festival for Best Television reporting for his work on the 1994 riots in Johannesburg. In 1989, he traveled to Moscow for the aftermath of the Armenian earthquake. His career began at CKWS Television in 1980. His first overseas assignment was with CJOH Television in 1984 covering the famine in Ethiopia.

(photo and files from from [www.ABCNEWS.com](http://www.ABCNEWS.com) December 5, 2003)

## Loyalist Graduate Georgina Thompson wins National Award



In April Loyalist graduate Georgina Thompson was presented with the 2003 Black Business and Professional Association (BBPA) Harry Jerome Business Award, in recognition of her entrepreneurial spirit and success. The award was presented at the Awards Gala in Toronto.

The BBPA Awards program was established in 1983 in memory of Harry Jerome, an outstanding Canadian

Olympian, scholar and social advocate. The national awards recognize exceptional achievement in Canada's Black community.

Nicole Agard, and Beverly Lewis, Chairs of the Harry Jerome Awards program commented that, "Based on the high number of submissions received, the African-Canadian community as a whole, is the true winner because people like Georgina live and work among us. Our winners represent the richness and diversity of our community and are an incredible source of pride for us all."

College President Douglas Auld congratulated Georgina on behalf of the College community. "Georgina graduated from the Nursing program at Loyalist in 1979 and has continued with her studies, earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and enrolling in a Masters of Nurse Practitioner program through Athabasca University. At the same time, she has distinguished herself in the business community as President and Director of Care with All-Care Health Services since 1981."

Georgina is a member of the College Board of Governors and has served as a director on the College Foundation Board. She was recognized in 1993 with a Premier's Distinction Award for her outstanding contributions to her community and to the field of health sciences. In 2002, Georgina was presented with the Quinte Women in Business award. In November, she was elected as a councillor on Belleville City Council.

## FUNDRAISING *Events*

### The Annual Loyalist College Foundation Golf Tournament was a great success!

Thanks to the support of our sponsors and participants, over \$15,000 was raised for student financial assistance. Raffle prizes were won by Lynn Crowe of Kingston who won the Uniglobe McCarten Travel prize of a Trip for Two Within Canada on WestJet Airlines, Dave Fairfield from Belleville won a Set of Four Goodyear Tires, compliments of Goodyear Canada – Napanee and Barbara Down from Loyalist College was the winner of a Toshiba DVD Player, compliments of Halla Climate Control.



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### Students and Staff Have a Great Time at 12th Annual Alumni Holiday Auction held in November!



With a little help from Santa and his elves, auctioneer Wendell White (also Board Chair) worked his magic, raising more than \$4,100.00 for student emergency funds and bursaries. Thank you to the following donors for their generous support. A & P Food Stores Ltd., Adecco Employment Services – Belleville, Aloette Cosmetics of Eastern Ontario, Amer Sports, Doug Auld, Avondale Flowers & Gifts, Balu's Pharmacy-Stirling, Bardon Supplies Ltd., Belleville Bulls Hockey Club, Bernie Grey Kayaking, Bay of Quinte Country Club, Bay Regional Veterinary Hospital, Belleville Family YMCA, Belleville Theatre Guild, Black Diamond Cheese, The Body Shop, C & B Cresting (Quinte) Ltd., Sharon Campbell, Canadian Tire, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Chapters, Comfort Inn-Belleville, Compass Group Canada (Loyalist Cafeteria), Copperfield's Fitness & Rehabilitation-Trenton, Cora's Breakfast & Lunch, Geoff Cudmore, Dinkel's Restaurant, Dr. Ken Madison & Associates, East Side Mario's, Joanne Farrell & Marie Donaldson, Flowers by Dustin, Flowers by Marvin, Fontaine & Associates Inc.-Frankford, Ron Foxall, Geen's PharmaSave, General Mills-Trenton, Goodlife Fitness Club, Grenville Management & Printing Ltd. (Loyalist), Harbour Club, Heinz Haas, Hastings Veterinary Hospital-Stirling, Dan Holland, Inova Optical, Isaiah Tubbs Resort & Conference Centre, Japan Camera, John Mercer Snow Plowing, Kernels Popcorn Ltd., Kelly Services Canada Ltd., Kelly's Guardian Drugs, Loyalist Aboriginal Resource Centre, Loyalist Art Department, Loyalist ECE Dept., Loyalist Health Centre, Loyalist Job Connect staff, Loyalist Student Association, Loyalist Veterinary Hospital, Maple Dale Cheese-Plainfield, Mark's Work Wearhouse, Connie Millar, Montana's Cookhouse, Morton Parker-Trenton, MP Lyle Vanclief, Music World, North China Buffet, Office Depot, Pita Pit, Proctor & Gamble Inc., Quinte Bowling Centre Inc., Quinte Broadcasting Co. Ltd., Quinte Outdoor Sports, R & S Home Hardware, Stirling, Ray & Jim's Signs and Trophies, Reebok Rockport Canada, Jennifer Rosborough, Royal Bank of Canada, Sans-Souci Special Occasion Catering, Sherree's Flowers, Dianne Spencer, Stansfield Dental Centre, Staples Business Depot, Starbucks Coffee Company, Stirling Country Treasures, Mary Sutherland, Tanglewood Farm & Equestrian Centre-Consecon, Taste of Country, The Loyalist Bookstore, The Framing & Art Centre, The International Bazaar, The Stirling Festival Theatre, The Waring House Cookery School-Picton, Thompson's Tent & Party Supplies, Tim Hortons/Loyalist, Tipper Financial Services, Trenton Furniture, Trillium Wood Golf Club, Warkworth Golf & Country Club and World's Finest Chocolate – Campbellford.

# Loyalist College and Bioniche Life Sciences Partner in Botanical Medicines Research Project



*Loyalist College professor Kari Kramp and Bioniche Botanicals general manager John Baker answer questions regarding the partnership.*

Loyalist College and Bioniche Life Sciences Inc. have partnered in a multi-year research project involving the use of sophisticated technology to produce high quality botanical medicines. Other research partners include the University of Ottawa and the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine.

Research will focus on the identification, extraction, production and evaluation of botanical extracts made with high pressure carbon dioxide extraction technology. Identical extractor technology at Loyalist and the University of Ottawa will allow duplication of laboratory results. The Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine will provide clinical assessment of the extractions and controlled trials to validate product efficacy. Bioniche will assess the study results to determine the commercialization potential of any of the products.

"This is the first scientific research project to be developed and delivered by the College," explained Loyalist President Doug Auld. "Loyalist has a strong background in the delivery of applied science programs in the Bio-Sciences field, and the project grew out of the development of the cluster of Bioscience programs as well as the recognition of the need for biotechnology research in Ontario. We are delighted that Bioniche has joined in this project as an industrial partner, and we certainly look forward to the results over the next four years."

"We are very pleased to be involved in this innovative research project with Loyalist College and our other institutional partners," said Graeme McRae, Bioniche President and CEO. "There is great potential here to develop high quality natural health products for a rapidly growing marketplace, and also to build on the strengths that exist in the Quinte area to help develop a stronger regional economy." The total project value is \$459,300, with funding being provided by Bioniche Life Sciences Inc., Loyalist College and the provincial government. As part of the project, Loyalist is building a research laboratory that will be suitable for nutraceutical extraction. The installation will house testing equipment including a pilot plant extractor, believed to be the only one available in Ontario.

The University of Ottawa will be performing primary research and developing protocols in their research facilities. Kari Kramp, a professor in Applied Science at Loyalist, has begun her doctoral studies at the University and will work with Dr. John Arnason, a pre-eminent Canadian researcher in nutraceutical extraction technology. She is the primary researcher for the project.

"The University of Ottawa is very pleased with this collaboration and the installation of the CO2 pilot plant at Loyalist College and experimental equipment at the University of Ottawa," said Dr. Arnason.

"The pilot plant in particular makes it possible to scale up our research for clinical and large animal testing. It provides an excellent hands on training for Loyalist students. The experimental equipment is an outstanding asset to our graduate training, especially for Ph.D. candidate Kari Kramp who is developing the methods that industry will use in the near future. These methods will be better, cleaner, less expensive and produce innovative value added agricultural products."



## Jerry MacNeil Lancer Cross Country Team Coach

For the past six to seven years Jerry MacNeil has acted as co-coach of the Lancer Cross Country team with Larry Cook. He spoke of the great sense of satisfaction he gained in running with the students. During the training season he and Larry run with the students, striving to motivate them, always pushing them just a bit more to reach their personal potential. These runs are usually a couple of hours in length, five times a week, averaging ten hours each week. Not only will you find them running around the campus, but they can also be seen in the Oak Hills area, strengthening their stamina in the hilly terrain.

*"My favourite part is meeting the students and getting to see them in a different environment other than the classroom."*

"It's great to watch them improving throughout the season," Jerry said. "Larry has more experience and knowledge than I do. We both work hard to learn new training practices, covering both long and short runs. When they go to competition, they'll be there because of the training."

"I'm not sure why but for some reason our women's team always seems to be stronger," he commented. "It's not necessarily natural ability that makes the best runner, but it's more someone who is determined to do the best within themselves. It builds a lot of character. There is an interesting blend of running as a team, yet working towards your personal best."

Jerry is also co-ordinator of the Police Foundations program at Loyalist College. Whenever possible he encourages his students to run with the cross country team. He feels this helps them meet their program fitness requirements and admits that it helps keep him in shape also.

When asked what his favourite part of working with the cross country team he said, "My favourite part is meeting the students and getting to see them in a different environment other than the classroom. You see them in an entirely different light, as a different entity. You get to see their determination and struggling first hand and you appreciate their effort much more. I am always impressed with how they handle their time and commitment."

*This year's Lancer Cross Country Team framed by coaches, Jerry MacNeil on the right and Larry Cook on the left.*

## Loyalist Takes Silver in Canadian College Athletic Association Open Cross Country Championships



Jutta Merilainen, of the Loyalist Lancers, finished second at the Canadian College Athletic Association (CCAA) Open Cross Country Championships at St. Clair College in Windsor, Ontario. Runners from both Ontario and Alberta took part in the Championships. In total 59 runners competed in the five km race. Jutta finished the very challenging course in a personal best time of 19 minutes 39 seconds and was named a Tournament All Canadian. A first-year Nursing student, Jutta Merilainen, led the Loyalist's Cross-Country team to victory in a series of meets throughout the season.

"It's all about good health," said Jutta, mother of four from Batawa. "I want to set an example for others to stay healthy and have fun."

Jim Buck, Assistant Athletic Director at Loyalist College praised Jutta's achievements.

"This was a tremendous year for Jutta.



She is definitely not an average student. Not only has she distinguished herself as an athlete, but she is a Nursing student and juggles these responsibilities with those of being a mother of four. For her to train to be this competitive is a feat in itself without each of these additional factors."



# Annual Alumni Basketball Game

For over twenty years Alumni from the Loyalist Lancer Men's Basketball team have set aside one day to travel back to the Campus, and share a day of lay ups and laughs. This group of varsity alumni were back in full force this November, many with friends and family there to cheer them on.





(top left) "The Pioneers" as they like to be called, getting ready to board the Majesty in Picton Harbour on Saturday, September 13, 2003. This dedicated group of alumni gather every September to renew old friendships and create new memories.

(top right) Employment Officer, Kerri Ann Featherstone and Alumni Executive member, Carol Parks sold roses and welcomed graduates, proud parents, relatives and friends to Convocation 2003.

# What Have We Been UP TO?

(below) Krista Bernard, Employment & Alumni Services Ambassador, may not be able to carry this card in her wallet, but it certainly draws the attention of students and staff to the many benefits provided with the new Loyalist College Alumni Association MasterCard® credit card program.

(bottom) Student Ambassador, Marvay Spence passed out "kernels of wisdom" and popcorn to prospective students at Spring Open House while answering questions about what it's like to be a student and work on-campus.



Friends, family and College staff gathered in the Alumni Memorial Grove on Tuesday, August 26, 2003 for the planting of a Regal Prince Pyramidal Oak in memory of Mac Lawrence, former employee in Facilities Maintenance.





*(above) Ho Ho Hold the Alumni Holiday Auction! This fun event, hosted by auctioneer Wendell White on Thursday, November 20, 2003 raised more than \$4,100.00 for student emergency funds and bursaries for students in financial need. Wendell was assisted by our team of student elves, Meghan Lee, Emily Lebel, Gary Kerr, Krista Bernard and Yuzhen Huang (Angel).*

*(below) The Alumni Association provided a tour of the grove for a large group of retired Loyalist staff on Wednesday, September 17, 2003. The perennial gardens, arbours and benches, new additions to the grove in the summer of 2002, provide a quiet place for students and staff to relax and enjoy the outdoors.*



*(above) Vicki Bateman, Kerri Ann Featherstone and Al McAlpine were all smiles while assisting workopolisCampus Intern Krista Bernard in her clever approach to introducing new students to Loyalist on residence move-in day. In addition to a list of part-time jobs in the Quinte area, complimentary rolls of toilet paper and dish soap were handed out.*

*(below) "We're here to help you" was the message delivered by our graduate followup team of students as they telephoned 2003 graduates in August. Pictured below is Emily Lebel.*





# Observations from Down Under

By: Kathy Merez, Photojournalism '03 • As told to: Marilyn Warren

*When the time arrived for Photojournalism student Kathy Merez to select a location to complete her placement she decided to combine this program requirement with her love of travel. She chose the "West Australian" in Perth, Australia. Since completing her placement she has continued her stay and the following are just a few of her observations of this vast continent and the people she has met along the way.*

"Since my arrival in Perth on June 29th it has rained every single day. Not necessarily for the entire day, but for at least an hour or two. Then finally on Saturday, the 12th the weather forecast called for a 'fine' day. That is the word they use to describe non-rainy days. I've been reading the weather forecast in the paper on a daily basis and have been quite amused by the plethora of ways Western Australians describe rainy days. One day it may say 'shower or two', while the next day it is 'occasional shower' and on the third it's 'periods of rain'. My favourite of all is 'showery'! Whatever creative way they describe it, it all means the same thing! So finally one day I noticed that a 'fine' day was coming up, and it would fall on a Saturday. I thought and thought of how I'd spend such a day, a day when I wouldn't have to dodge the water pellets. I decided to explore Fremantle.

Fremantle is a port city, just 20 kilometres from Perth's centre. It is very historic and colourful. I started my day appropriately

enough with a cappuccino, on the 'cappuccino strip', a stretch of road lined with at least a dozen cafes. I enjoyed the morning paper, and people watching, while feeling quite trendy and hip. Once energized from the caffeine, I began my walking tour."

"Sunday, another 'fine' day, I spent in Kings Park, a huge green section of Perth. It began with Jacob's Ladder, an agonizing set of stairs that took me from the bus stop at the bottom of the hill, to the park. It is a popular exercise spot in Perth, people actually climb the stairs several times in a row just for fun (and I suppose muscle building)! Shamefully, on my way up, taking several breathing breaks, I was lapped twice by a pregnant woman. I hang my head low! The park was lovely, offering great views over Perth and the Swan River. It has a preserved bush type area, botanical gardens, picnic areas, walking trails and several monuments. Western Australia's State War Memorial is here, as are several other monuments to previous politicians and events in

the country's history. They will soon be building a memorial to the Bali bombing as well. By the time I returned to the hostel on Sunday evening, I was exhausted. After two days of walking, at least six hours each day, I felt like I'd been hit by a truck. My left calf muscle (yes, I do have a muscle!) is still throbbing and I'm walking with a bit of a limp. The pregnant lady, I'm sure, is feeling just fine!"

"I'm writing from the small town of Manjimup, located in the south-west corner of Western Australia with a population of under 600. My first week and a half I was living at the Manjimup Pub (no, not a bar-hotels here are called pubs), from where I was picked up each morning at 5:45 and driven on a school bus to work on the vineyards. My first morning I learned what pitch black looks like! Standing in front of the pub I couldn't even make out the shapes and faces of the others waiting with me. The hour long drive to the vineyard was mainly in darkness. I kept looking out the window trying to catch sight of a kangaroo, but I couldn't see much more than the dark outline of the trees. Around me, I could hear the conversation of the others on the bus, all of whom were male, and only one other was a backpacker. Well, I don't know what to say about these local guys... let's just say that the topics discussed and the language used would make guests on Jerry Springer blush. The driver seemed to be a kamikaze pilot on a mission! I doubt we dropped below 90 kms/hour on the hilly, windy road. Where was I and what was I thinking getting myself into this situation? Well, fortunately it wasn't long before things took a turn for the better. By the time we got to the vineyard the sun had come up and I could see around me the breathtaking scenery. I could hear the sounds of hundreds of musical birds and smell the intoxicating aroma of eucalyptus in the air.

Pruning vines is hard work. I've been doing it for just over two weeks now, and truthfully it hasn't gotten easier. I am paid by the vine, so the faster I go the better, but I haven't picked up much speed since day one. My fingers are swollen. I have calluses on my hands and my wrists hurt. I come home at the end of the day tired and dirty. But, despite that, I'm actually enjoying it. A lot. I love that I am working hard physically. I never have before, and I feel it is a right of passage to do this. I love being outside all day, I love the sights

and sounds and smells of it. I love looking down a row of pruned vines and knowing that I made them the way they are. It's all a little crazy, but it's very fulfilling spiritually.

As for the guys on the bus... they're all talk. Turns out they're mostly very friendly and their crass behaviour is now quite amusing to me. The kamikaze pilot behind the steering wheel, Gary (aka Grumpy), is the overseer of the job. He's actually one of the kindest men I've ever met. He isn't responsible for any

second and third 'roo just behind the first, leisurely eating and scratching themselves, not bothered by me at all. With the sun shining through the leaves of the trees and bushes behind them, the 'roos looked almost magical."

*Kathy decided to take a closer look at the South-West, so she rented a car from the coastal town of Bunbury and embarked on a road trip. One of her stops was at Cape Naturaliste.*

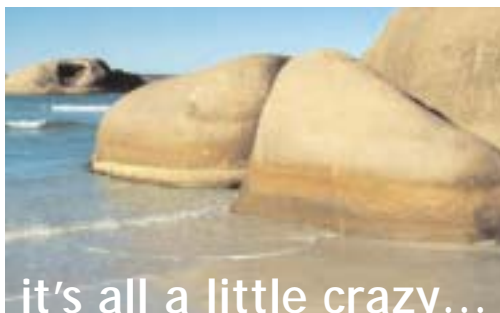


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pruning, just making sure we workers are doing things right. Nonetheless, he spends his day cruising between the rows, doing a couple of vines here and there for everyone. Mainly for us weaker links. He has pruned an entire row of 100+ vines in my name, for my financial benefit. He also opened his home to me. He offered for me to stay with him and his wife, Marilyn, instead of at the noisy Manjimup Pub. So this is where I am now."

"When I was still in Perth I had been told of a small population of kangaroo that live right in the city. Anxious to see one of the odd looking marsupials I visited Herrison Island early in the day, as I heard dawn and dusk are the best times for 'roo sightings. I had walked 3/4 of the way around the island and had accepted that there weren't really any kangaroo in Perth, when I suddenly rounded a bend in the path and there he was. On his hind legs, ears perked, curiously looking at me, wondering what I was doing on his island, was a kangaroo. I soon noticed a

"I decided to hike around the area and catch some of the famous views of the ocean. So I walked, stomping down hard (I had heard that the vibrations of footsteps scares away the snakes) and enjoyed the fresh air. The sun was shining and the birds were singing. It was quite lovely. The scenery around me changed often, from tall trees to low shrubs to rocky terrain. It was in the rocky terrain that I was challenged. The path I was taking seemed to keep wanting to hide, and I actually found myself quite lost a few times. I had to be resourceful. I watched the position of the sun, determined




it's all a little crazy...

my direction, looked for footprints in the sand... and I found my way back. Safely back in the car, knowing the road wouldn't disappear from under my tires, I headed further towards Margaret River."

*In October, Kathy moved on to Broome and began working in a restaurant.*

"Despite the sandflies trying to drive me mad, and the intense heat attempting to wilt my soul, I am persevering! I have a comfortable routine here in Broome, and as much as possible living in a backpacker's resort with about 100 strangers, I feel at home. I bike to work on the antique bike on loan to me from one of the girls at work. At one time it was Barbie pink, but now it's mostly rusty. The front brakes don't work (the brake lever is missing all together) and the rear brakes work only occasionally. Most of the time I brake with my feet in the style of Fred Flintstone. The seat is torn and the springs creak. The entire bike rattles as I ride it! At work I spend the day making cappuccinos and lattes, and taking food orders from customers. There's often confusion about what customers have ordered and that's when the cooks and I marvel at the subtle differences between our versions of the English language. The wet season is slowly approaching but no one has a definite answer for me as to when it actually starts. I guess it's never truly predictable. One day it will just start to rain and then continue raining for days, even weeks. A pub I was at had a contest going to see who could predict the first day of rain. It's hard to imagine this place in monsoon-like torrential rains; it's so dry now that the city is mostly covered in a dry red dust. Very few people have lawns. Even the trees are dried up."

"Christmas cards and decorations are on sale in the stores and the mercury reaches 40 almost every day. Sometimes I feel like I'm in an upside down world where things just don't make sense!"

*At the end of November Kathy was moving on again. She hasn't decided yet what she'll do when her visa runs out but she has eight months left to explore the world "down under".* 





# From Loyalist to Public Life in Nova Scotia -

## *An Interview With The Honorable*

*Chris A. d'Entremont* • Radio Broadcasting '92

By: Marilyn Warren

*From a little village called Pubnico in Yarmouth County Nova Scotia to Loyalist College in Belleville, Ontario then a move back to Nova Scotia to Belleville, also located in Yarmouth County, Chris A d'Entremont has blazed an amazingly interesting trail. Just a little over ten years ago he was graduating from Loyalist, an eager young radio grad and now holds the positions of Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister of Acadian Affairs in Nova Scotia. We decided to give Chris a call and find out just how this came to be.*

**How did you arrive at Loyalist College here in Belleville and what made you choose radio?**

"After I graduated from Ste-Anne du Ruisseau High School (a bilingual high school of about 400 students) I enrolled at St. Mary's University in Halifax. I was volunteering at the campus radio station CFSM. One of my friends from CFSM was working as a part time production manager at C100/CJCH and got me a job there. I liked the job so much that I decided to pursue radio as a career. Two Loyalist grads were working at the station and sold me on the college. I applied and voilà, I was accepted."

**What is your favorite memory about the time you spent at Loyalist?**

"Hanging out in the radio studios and producing radio ads."

**Are you glad that you chose to attend a community college instead of a university?**

"I am very practical minded and found community college suited me better."

**Did you continue on to any other training or designations after leaving Loyalist?**

"I have obtained Project Management, Team Building and Financial Management certificates from St. Mary's University."

**Can you describe to us how you came to be appointed the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister of Acadian Affairs?**

"I worked from 1999 to 2001 as Executive Assistant to our Finance Minister and MLA (MPP). Mr. LeBlanc retired and I was asked to run in his place. I worked very hard and was elected on August 5th, 2003. I won by 399 votes over our local municipal Warden. A week and a half later I received a phone call from the Premier's office that he wanted to meet with me the next day. I was asked to be Minister of Acadian Affairs, since I was French Acadian and Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. We were sworn in on the 25th of September."

**What would you say has been your greatest accomplishment or career highlight?**

"I have been many things in the last ten years, but the highlight was winning the Nova Scotia election and being named Minister."

**Can you give us an example of a day-in-the-life for you in your new role?**

"No day is the same. They include getting to work early, reading through a lot of correspondence, signing a ton of contracts, travel requests etc., meeting with my department and stakeholder groups and

then sitting in the house of assembly to debate legislation and answer questions about the department. On Mondays and Fridays I am in my riding, meeting with people and visiting the communities. My favorite part of the job is helping people with tough problems."


**What are you doing to fill in those spare moments you find here and there?**

"I am married to my long-time best friend Anne (we were seeing each other before I moved to Belleville). Anne attended Ste. Anne's University in Nova Scotia. We have two children, Andre is five and Alec is fourteen months old. I enjoy woodworking, sailing and playing with my children."

**Are you able to squeeze any community volunteer work into your schedule?**

"I am a firefighter and treasurer of the Eel Brook and District Fire Department and also a member of the Yarmouth Rotary Club."

**Do you feel that your career options and opportunities were greater because of the training you took at Loyalist?**

"On-air training at Loyalist helped me with my presentation and my years working part-time at CJLS in Yarmouth gave me enough notoriety to win the election. Without my radio training I would never have tried to be a politician." 

Pamela Earle, **Radio Broadcasting '93**

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"Ten years have passed. Where is everyone? I got married June 19, 1999. No children yet. Fellow classmates and friends drop me a line."

Andrea Hatfield (Williams), **Advertising '96**

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"Tim and I just celebrated our first wedding anniversary! We have a little three year old fuzzy bundle of claws and whiskers named Cleopatra. Tim's business and my work (Twin City Dwyer Printing - Digital Prepress) are great and keeping us busy! Would love to hear from old classmates - drop me a line!"

Thom Brown, **Radio Broadcasting '94**

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"I am looking to talk with former classmates and hope to regain connections with them."

Jocelyne Yerex, **Tourism and Travel '00**

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"Also looking for my buds from Hotel and Restaurant Management in 2001."

Adam Cockburn, **Radio Broadcasting '97**

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"Completed Radio Broadcasting which led me to the wonderful world of moving and storage, then to the restaurant biz, then back to moving (hated it so much I had to go back). Animal delivery for experimentation was my next stop, not for long though, pigs stink badly and I was not happy to have been vaccinated against rabies (another highlight). My journey ended last year. HVAC Commercial Sales and Dispatching (makin' the green now). Recently married to another graduate, Lesley Leclair (Cockburn now). She graduated from the advertising program and now works at the Ottawa Citizen in the layout and desktop departments (very lucrative, nice perks too!). She'll be a lifer there for sure. Well that's it for now, shout outs to my peeps. The "Dogpound" crew, you know who yee be. Give me a doggie some time, later folks."

Chad Cooney, **Accounting (3 Year) '03**

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"Hello everyone! It's now been approximately 5 months since I graduated and I'd like to hear from anybody who graduated from Accounting in '03."

Lori (Dawn) Randell, **Advertising '03**

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"I can't believe no one from '03 has joined yet! Harv would be so disappointed in us if we don't keep in touch. By the by...looking for a job in Belleville if anyone's interested! LOL...no...really, I am! (Sept. 03)"

Graham Stuart, **Radio Broadcasting '88**

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"I would love to hear from anyone from Radio 1988. Drop me a line!"

Kelvin Morrison, **Radio Broadcasting '91**

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"I'm now living in Fredericton, still working for the Federal Government with Corrections Canada at Atlantic Institution and loving every minute of it. Hi to all those 'Login's' still out there tearing up the air waves."

Gabrielle Pruchnicki (Byrnes), **Travel & Tourism '93 and General Arts & Science '96**

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"Hello all '93 TnTer & '96 GASer grads. Now in Burlington! Working in customer service. Loving it, life is good, still single and loving it too! Look me up, I'm in the book."

Bill Kearney, **Advertising '89**

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"Hello out there, where are ya? Drop me a line, maybe we can all get together in the future? Friday night, Copperfields, I'll buy the first round and tell ya some stories, EH!"

Al Levoy, **Environmental Technology '96**

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"Have been out of school for awhile in the wonderful workforce, wishing every day that I could be back in school living the good life! Drop me a line, I'd love to hear from some of the folks from the good old enviro course!"

Dan Allaire, **Radio Broadcasting and Broadcast Journalism '95**

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"Whazzz up radio and BJ grads from '94 and '95? I'm working in the Blaze101.9/Variety104/Jewel 1220 newsroom in Cornwall. I'd love to hear from old friends. It's been too long!"

Joan Walker, **Early Childhood Education '93**

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"It's been ten years. Where is everyone?"

Ken Kingston, **Radio Broadcasting '79**

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"After 13 years on Prince Edward Island, I've decided to move on. I didn't move too far away, Antigonish, Nova Scotia is now home; home of St. Francis Xavier University. I'm News Director of CJFX Radio which is celebrating its 60th birthday this year. I'd love to hear from anyone from the Radio program. Drop me a line anytime!"

Graham Hoselton, **Radio Broadcasting '99**

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"Hey everyone, hope life after College is all good. If you know me, give me a shout. If you don't know me, give me a shout and I will pretend I know you. Take care. Have a good one."

Steve Flanagan, **Advertising '89**

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"Looking for classmates 1987-1989. What's going on? What have you been up to?"

Sally Hansen (Hawthorne), **Social Service Worker '84**

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"I would love to hear from other SSW grads of '84. Currently, I am married with four kids - three boys, ages 13, 11 & 5 and a 2 year old daughter. I have been working as a Sign Language Interpreter for the past 15 years. I recently graduated from Trent University with a degree in Psychology and I'm now enrolled in the angular year of the Teacher Education Program at Trent. Life is busy, busy, busy!!"

Cathy Nevin (Zealand), **Early Childhood Education '82**

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"It would be great to hear from other Loyalist Grads!"

## In Memoriam Loyalist College Mourns Loss of Friend and Colleague Roy Gane



The Loyalist College community mourns the loss of Roy Gane, Director of Loyalist College Computer Services following a tragic riding accident in September. Roy joined Loyalist College in 1982. He was president of the Loyalist College Administrative Staff Association for eight years and was actively involved in the provincial association since OCASA was established in 1995. The Ontario College Administrative Staff Association (OCASA) presented Roy Gane with the first OCASA Distinguished Administrator Award at its Annual General Meeting in North Bay in June 2003. The award honours an administrator who has demonstrated distinguished performance at the local or regional level.

Roy served in the United States Marine Corps and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam, following which he received data process training. He worked for Gulf Oil in Toronto before joining Loyalist where he worked for more than 20 years. Roy's wife Jeanne and his four children shared his love of family, the farm and sports. Throughout the years Roy coached minor lacrosse, soccer, basketball and hockey.

A student award is being established at Loyalist in Roy's memory.

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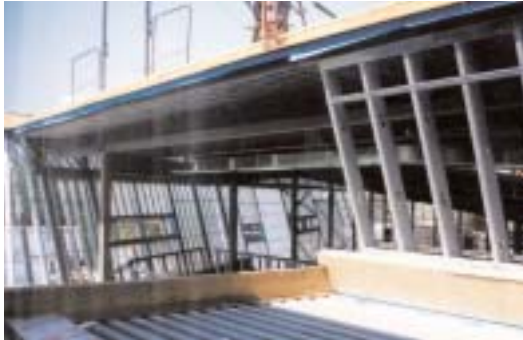


# Glimpses of Construction Underway at Loyalist



During the past number of months, students and staff have been watching a continually changing landscape as new construction takes shape. The new library and information resource centre will be named The Parrott Centre in recognition of a \$1 million commitment to the project by Mr. and Mrs. John M. Parrott.

The combination of private and public funding will create a new 14,000 square foot library as well as renovated space to provide for a new lecture hall and classrooms for an additional 340 students. The new facilities will feature high speed communications networks and enhanced information technology resources.



Here are some photographs of the work in progress here on campus.



## **MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DONATIONS TO THE STUDENT OPPORTUNITY TRUST FUND – Phase II**



Earlier this year the Ontario Government announced Phase II of the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF) program, an initiative which provides matching funds for donations made to establish endowed funds for students with demonstrated financial need.

During the first phase of the program in the late 1990s, Loyalist raised close to \$800,000, which was matched by the provincial government. The campaign resulted in over sixty funds being set up to benefit students at Loyalist College. In 2002 – 03, 92 awards were presented from the proceeds of the OSOTF funds, with a total value of \$66,000.

Phase II of the program provides the opportunity to establish more awards for Loyalist students who need the help to complete their studies. Individuals can pledge support over a four-year period (until December 31, 2007). As cash payments are made, matching funds are paid by the provincial government.

For example, a gift of \$500 becomes \$1,000, and will provide support to deserving students throughout the future. For more information about the Student Opportunity Trust Fund at Loyalist College, please contact The Loyalist College Foundation at (613) 969-1913 ext. 2-235, or 2-326, or the Alumni Office at 1-800-99-ALUMNI. Or go to: [www.loyalistic.on.ca/about/foundation.html](http://www.loyalistic.on.ca/about/foundation.html).



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