Centre For Applied Health Sciences Building Now Open

The largest building project in St. Clair College history is complete and receiving rave reviews. The $32 million Centre For Applied Health Sciences opened in September and has impressed students, faculty and alumni with its state-of-the-art facilities. Located on the college’s south campus, the Centre For Applied Health Sciences is home to various programs including: Collaborative and Practical Nursing, Personal Support Worker, Paramedics, Med Lab Science, Med Lab Technician, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene and Pharmacy Technician.

In addition to the programs mentioned above, St. Clair added three new programs to the centre’s fall schedule. Students interested in the ever-growing health care field now have the option of registering in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Respiratory Therapy and Cardiovascular Technology.

M.P. Jeff Watson, M.P. Sandra Pupatello, M.P. Dwight Duncan, Dr. John Strasser, Jeremy Roberts, Jim Martin, Fulvio Valentinis and Mary Jo Haddad participate in the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on August 26, 2011.

New Truck and Coach Building Now Open

The St. Clair College automotive department made an exciting addition this September with the opening of the new Truck and Coach Building on the South Campus in Windsor.

As the automotive sector begins to make gains after the recent economic instability in their industry, there is hope. The three year training and apprenticeship opportunities in the Truck and Coach area will help to provide knowledgeable workers in all areas of the automotive-related skilled trades.

“The skill set for tradesmen and journeymen will be completely diversified going forward,” said Robert Chittim, Chair of the School of Skilled Trades. “The new program will provide great opportunities and hopefully help us become more of a transportation hub.”

As many as 6,000 to 10,000 transport trucks pass the south campus on a daily basis and having the truck and coach program offers endless possibilities for international exposure.

There are two components to the program, explained Chittim. The first component, Truck and Techniques, is the basis for all learning in the program. The second component, Truck and Coach Apprenticeship, requires students to complete 6,720 hours of on-the-job experience.

“There is a big demand for skilled workers right now,” said Chittim. “Soon there will be massive trades shortages with most workers being over 50. Truck and Coach training will hopefully sell people on learning a trade.”
Imagine trying to make it through the demands of our modern culture without having the knowledge of basic skills like reading and comprehension. That scenario is a reality for over 40 per cent of adult Canadians.

In an effort to help combat this problem for our youth, the St. Clair College Alumni Association has extended its support for our local Canspell program by paying the materials and registration fee for all participating schools. This means schools will save the $109 registration fee and can simply sign up for the 2012 program at no cost to them.

The Windsor Star Regional Spelling Bee will take place Feb. 26, 2012 at the Chrysler Theatre, located inside the St. Clair Centre for the Arts. Please join us as we cheer on these students from Windsor and Essex County.

Alumni can purchase Spitfire tickets at a special rate of $18 for the following Alumni and Friends Spitfire Games:
Sunday, January 22 & Saturday, February 11, 2012

The alumni will be hosting their Suite Night Thursday, March 8th, 2012
Call 519-972-2747 for Ticket Information.

Alumni Sponsor the 2011 Bluesfest
The St. Clair College Alumni’s Association was thrilled to be a sponsor at the 2011 Windsor Bluesfest International. The event was held at the Riverfront Festival Plaza July 15 - 17 and featured both local and international artists, such as Steven Page, Alto Reed, and Tim Robinson. Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Alumni table and updated their information.
St. Clair College Thames Campus HealthPlex Finally a Reality

After 18 months of anticipation and waiting for construction to be completed, the Thames Campus doesn’t have to wait any longer. The new HealthPlex is open and gaining glowing reviews in the community.

Costing a total of $11.5 million, the HealthPlex was partially funded by $7.8 million from the federal government and another $1.2 million from the municipal government. The 54,000 square foot building offers something for everyone with both recreational and classroom space included in the structure. The facility features a 5,000 square foot fitness area, a double gymnasium with a green play floor which offers high-end performance and environmental benefits, a suspended two-lane track, weight training and cardiovascular equipment, a yoga and Pilates studio and classroom space for paramedics lab and occupational therapy students.

Director of Strategic Planning and College Advancement at the Thames campus, Lynn McGeachy Schultz, said the facility is “a valuable asset” to the community.

New Tech and Trade Programs

A brand new state-of-the-art building and never before offered programs are the talk of St. Clair College’s Thames campus.

The new $4.4 million Technology and Trades Centre opened in September for the fall semester and the 17,000 square foot space gives students a chance to study in areas never before offered at the college. Among the new areas of study are Power Line Technician, Sustainable Energy Technician and beginning in the fall of 2012, Robotics Technician.

“Adding these programs has helped to boost enrollment,” said Mark Benoit, Chair of the School of Academic Studies at the Thames Campus. “Eventually it will also supply workers in much needed fields. We’re one of only four line programs in the province and power line workers will be needed in high demand very soon. Right now, the average age of a lineman is 56.”

The new building and programs were funded by the provincial and federal governments under the Knowledge Infrastructure Program. The aim of the program is to strengthen the ability of colleges to deliver advanced knowledge and skills training.

Chatham Granite Curling Club

January 21st, 2012

To register to play or for more information please call 519-972-2727 ext 4567

Free Family Skates in Chatham

This Winter Season
Free Family Skate in Chatham at the Thames Campus Arena

January 15, 2012
February 26, 2012
March 18, 2012
from 1:00 - 2:15pm

Sponsored by the St. Clair College Alumni Association
In the early hours of Monday, November 14th St. Clair College lost a true pioneer and a large piece of its heritage with the passing of Alex Hoffman at the age of 75. Hoffman who in many ways was the architect of inter-collegiate athletics on the campus of St. Clair College also was a driving force behind the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) and the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA).

Al Hoffman was the Athletic Director at St. Clair College from its inception in 1967 and oversaw the department until his retirement in 1995. He served at St. Clair College under many titles including; Chairman of Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics, Director of Student Services, Director of Student Life and Athletics, Director of Policy, Operational Review and Athletics and Director of Student Life, Athletics and Facilities.

Hoffman’s contribution to the OCAA began as a founding member in 1967. He served on the OCAA Executive first as President in 1969-70 and 1970-71. Hoffman then served as Past President for the next two years. He received the ‘Award of Excellence’ from the OCAA in 1977. During that time he was also the Men’s Basketball Coach at St. Clair from 1967-68 to 1979-80 compiling an impressive 128-42 OCAA record and was given the Coach of the Year Award in 1979.

Hoffman researched, established and funded the first Athletic Scholarship program in the OCAA. In addition, Hoffman was the President of the CCAA from 1978-82. Previous to this he served as CCAA Secretary and Convenor for Men’s Basketball from 1972-77. Hoffman was inducted into the OCAA Hall of Fame in 2005 in the Builder Category.

Hoffman held several educational attainments including a Doctoral Candidate (Education), Faculty of Law and Masters of Education (Major Thesis) from Wayne State University. He held a Bachelor of Physical Education and Health Education (Honours) from the University of Windsor and a Permanent Ontario High School Teacher’s Certificate – Type A. Hoffman also had a Bachelor of Arts (Honours English) from Assumption University. His educational attainments allowed him to write and publish numerous works in the field of Athletics and Student Life.

St. Clair annually gives out the Athlete of the Year for Outstanding Achievement in honour of Al Hoffman with the criteria listed below:

The award recognizes intercollegiate athletes, who perform at a high level of athletic excellence combined with sound scholastic achievement; who have excelled in athletic competition at the college, regional, provincial and/or national levels; whose efforts have contributed to the success, competitiveness, enhancement and overall quality of their respective sport. This award is named after former Athletic Director, Al Hoffman who has been inducted into the OCAA and Windsor Essex County Sports Hall of Fame. Starting in 2007, this award recognizes the most outstanding Male and Female Varsity Athletes at St. Clair College.

On Thursday, November 17th Alex Hoffman’s life was celebrated at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in the presence friends and family along with the many lives he touched through sport at St. Clair College and many generations were represented. Current and former administration along with co-workers at St. Clair College attended the services. The varsity coach bus that current athletes use to travel out of town was parked outside the church honouring his passing and exemplified Hoffman’s efforts. The CCAA chose to honour his passing by donating $2000.00 to be used for a Scholarship/Bursary in Hoffman’s name to be given annually to a CCAA athlete at St. Clair College. A moment of silence was part of the pre-game varsity volleyball and basketball games during the weekend events just after his passing to further remember the great effect that Alex Hoffman had at St. Clair College. St. Clair will be forever in his debt and he will not be forgotten.

Save The Date For the Next Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament

The annual alumni golf tournament was held July 23 at the Kingsville Golf and Country Club. Over 128 golfers swung their clubs to raise money for this years charity, the Windsor Spitfires’ Children’s Foundation. Tee time began at noon followed by dinner and prizes given out at the clubhouse.

Get your foursome ready to join us on July 21, 2012.

(Above) Kevin Ethier, Don France, Amar Singh, E.P. Chant
Amber Munt, Kevin Corriveau (Golf Pro), Ryan Duquette
Our 4th Annual Family Fun Day, in August was a great success!

Over two thousand people came by the college to enjoy this one-of-a-kind Alumni & Friends event. We enjoyed the clowns, dog show, kids' activities, live entertainment, classic car show, barbecue, magicians, a meet & greet with some of the Windsor Spitfire Hockey Players, free swimming and Windsor’s largest garage sale!

We will be hosting our 5th Annual Family Fun Day Sunday, August 19th, 2012.

Welcome to the Alumni Family

Congratulations to all of the 2011 graduates from the Alumni Association at St. Clair College!

Stay Connected!

Update Your Records Today at www.stclairalumni.com

Are you an Alumni now living in the Toronto or Ottawa areas?

Your Alumni Association is planning to hold events in the Toronto and Ottawa areas in 2012. Update your information so we can be sure to contact you with the details.
Each year, thousands of Canadians make a run across the border in search of U.S. bargains on everything from clothes and shoes to electronics and appliances. To prepare, they ready their passports and other identification, pack snacks, portable DVD players for the kids, and a roadside emergency kit.

Yet travel insurance — one of the most crucial components of any visit across the border — is often forgotten, which could result in thousands of dollars in medical fees for a traveler should a medical emergency arise.

Most of us don’t realize provincial health plans don’t cover the full cost of medical expenses incurred outside of Canada. Without proper protection, a quick, out-of-province trip to visit the in-laws at their cottage, or a weekend excursion to Detroit for some cross-border shopping could turn into a financial disaster.

Travel insurance can be a complex purchase to consider. To ensure proper, comprehensive coverage, it’s important to consider your personal situation before buying a policy that might not meet your requirements.

For example, travelers with a pre-existing medical condition are often surprised to discover medical emergencies for that condition are exempt from their insurance policy. In addition, travel insurance can often come with age limitations, particularly for those over the age of 65 or, in some cases, 76.

Attention to the insured person’s responsibilities is equally important. Some policies have co-payment clauses, which ask the insured person to pay for a percentage of the total claim. For some claims this may be a negligible amount, but for others it could mean thousands of dollars in unexpected co-payment fees.

Those who do happen to end up in the hospital while travelling shouldn’t get too comfortable. Extended stays are generally not covered by many travel insurance policies, nor are treatments that can be delayed until a traveler returns to Canada.

In addition to health coverage, travelers would be wise to secure trip cancellation, interruption or delay insurance, particularly if they have pre-booked arrangements, such as flights or hotel reservations.

While there’s much to consider, insurance providers can make it easier for consumers by providing them with comprehensive insurance policies that remove some of the guesswork.

For example, MEDOC travel insurance, offered through Johnson Inc. allows consumers to cover all their bases. Eligible expenses for medical emergencies are covered up to $5 million and the policy allows expenses to be paid directly to medical providers where possible. The multi-lingual assistance hotline can help you anywhere in the world and direct you to a nearby medical provider.

If you’re a frequent traveler, an annual, multi-trip plan is available and may be significantly more cost-effective than purchasing insurance for each trip separately.

Regardless of the plan you choose, be sure you’re well protected when travelling outside your province of residence. Without the proper precautions, a quick getaway could swiftly turn into a financial nightmare.

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Meet the Alumni Association Staff

When you call the alumni office at St. Clair College do you ever wonder ‘Who are the people answering my calls’? Well, we’ve got the answer for you right here.

**Joan Pocock**, Manager, Alumni Relations

Joan graduated from the Human Resources Certificate Program and the General Secretarial program at St. Clair College. She has worked at St. Clair for 23 years. During her time at St. Clair, Joan has served on the Board of Governors, the Foundation Board and spent many years on the Alumni Association Board, including several on the executive and one term as alumni president. Prior to joining the alumni office, Joan was Manager, Human Resources.

“I have been working in the Alumni office for almost a year and plan to serve my fellow alumni with the same amount of caring and dedication as I have given the college over the previous years,” said Joan.

While working in Financial Services, Joan happened to hear a student expressing his dismay about being cut off of social assistance and having to quit school. Joan, along with co-worker Sue Bezaire, decided no student should have to make the choice between eating and going to school and felt action had to be taken. Through their caring and compassion the St. Clair College Food Bank was founded.

Through the years bingos, dress down days and staff donations helped fund the food bank. It is now run under the Student Representative Council and includes an annual “Christmas Food and Toy Drive” campaign.

“I feel I have accomplished a lot at St. Clair,” said Joan. “But the food bank is definitely one of my proudest accomplishments.”

If you are looking for help as an alumnus, want to re-connect with lost friends or have a reunion, give Joan a call at 519-972-2727 ext. 4708, e-mail her j pocock@stclaircollege.ca or visit her in room 273 on the south campus.

**Justin Fox**

Support Services Officer, Alumni Relations

Before joining the alumni office staff, Justin graduated with an advanced diploma from the Business Administration Human Resource Management Program from St. Clair College, and was awarded the Student Leadership Medal in 2009. During his time as a student at St. Clair he served as President of the Student Representative Council as well as the Provincial President with the College Student Alliance for two consecutive years. As president of both organizations, Justin worked with the provincial government and other stakeholders to enhance the quality of education in the Province of Ontario for college and university students. Justin will now be bringing his expertise to the alumni office.

Give Justin a call at 519-972-2727 ext. 4567, e-mail him at jfox@stclaircollege.ca or visit him in room 273 on the south campus.