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SUMMER 2010

A Groundbreaking for the Health of our Community

Friday, April 30, 2010 a ceremony was held to break ground on the College's \$32 million Centre for Applied Health Sciences Building.

The building construction is well on its way. It was one of the first opportunities to have all of our provincial and federal partners together to share a tour of the newest addition to the campus with students.

President Dr. John Strasser proclaimed that this state-of-the-art building "will move the college to the forefront of health learning and will provide an outstanding student learning experience."



Student President, Justin Fox; M.P. Jeff Watson, M.P.P. Sandra Pupatello, M.P.P. Dwight Duncan, Dr. John Strasser participate in the ground breaking ceremony.



Architectural rendering of new Health Sciences Building.

Windsor West MPP and Cabinet Minister Sandra Pupatello said "the timing is perfect, the government is guaranteeing Ontario jobs for every nursing graduate and plans are underway for the first "nurse-led clinics which are unheard of elsewhere".

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St. Clair College - "Help For Haiti" Campaign

In over three weeks, our St. Clair College Alumni, staff, students, faculty and community friends donated, online and in person, at the student government offices a total of \$16,621,62.

This was matched by the St. Clair College Alumni Association for another \$16,621.62, for a total of \$33,243.24.

The \$33,243.24 was forwarded to the Faas Foundation for another match of \$33,243.24.

Andrew Faas was the former Vice President of Shoppers Drug Mart and an alumnus of St. Clair College.

After the tragic earthquake, Andy Faas called the college to request the school participation in raising money for the work in Haiti with MSF - Doctors Without Borders. Over the past few years, Andrew Faas has been the largest Canadian individual donor to "MSF - Doctors Without Borders".

MSF - Doctors Without Borders have been running vital healthcare projects in Haiti for the past 19 years - most recently operating three emergency hospitals in Port-au-

Prince - and are mounting a major relief effort to help the most vulnerable.

The \$66,486.48 was then forwarded to the Federal Government CIDA for a match of \$66,486.48.

The total contribution of the St. Clair College and Friends "Help for Haiti" Campaign supporting MSF - Doctors Without Borders was \$132,972.96.

Thank you for your participation!



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Rising Insurance Costs in Ontario

Important Information about Rising Insurance Costs in Ontario

As part of our commitment to you, we are dedicated to keeping you informed of the changes occurring in the home and auto insurance industry and how they might affect your policy premium.

Unifund Assurance Company is the primary home and auto insurer for Johnson Inc. Unifund takes a long-term view of the industry and in an effort to ensure long-term rate stability, they have taken necessary steps to address rising auto claim costs as well as the increased frequency and severity of property losses and under insurance.

Auto Insurance

Some of you have, or will see increases in your auto



policy renewal. Ontario has the most generous Accident Benefits package in North America and, as a result, has the highest claims costs in Canada – almost double that of any other province. Accident Benefits include loss of income, medical expenses, rehabilitation, death benefits, and compensation for many other expenses that may be incurred by an injured party. Costs for this portion of a policy are driven by escalating health care and rehabilitation costs, fraud, and abuse. Unfortunately premiums have not kept pace with the increasing costs the industry has experienced.

The Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO) regulates automobile insurance in Ontario and all rates that are charged are actuarially justified by the insurer and approved by the regulator. Like most other insurers in Ontario, Unifund has received FSCO approval for a rate increase. Therefore, over the next year, many Unifund renewals will see an increase in

premium. This was not a decision Unifund wanted to make, however, it was a necessary one.

Home Insurance

Over the past few years, water damage has emerged as the leading cause of loss for the insurance industry. This includes both internal (the failure of dishwasher and washing machine hoses, and the leaking of inside water tanks) and external water issues (which may be caused by an inordinately heavy rainfall and/or a crumbling/inadequate infrastructure). Even the smallest amount of water in a finished basement can result in damage that requires costly repairs. Likewise, severe weather can cause damage to the exterior of a home, swimming pools, outdoor furniture, etc. which has been evidenced by the recent hail storms and tornadoes in southern Ontario.



Another factor is that many homes are underinsured. For example, some experts estimate that Canadian homes are underinsured on average by approximately 25%. Also, the tools used to establish a valid replacement cost are dated and questionable in terms of accuracy and the industry is charged with striking the balance between surging construction costs, insurance to value (ITV), and premiums.

To address these issues, building values and the subsequent rate will also increase. Your home is one of the greatest investments you will ever make and we want to ensure that the coverage limit protects your investment and provides the peace of mind you deserve.

If you have any questions, would like to discuss your coverage, or wish to find ways that you can help prevent water damage to your home, please contact a Johnson representative at 1-800-563-0677 or your personal Service Supervisor.



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Dwight Duncan, Windsor-Tecumseh MPP and Ontario Finance Minister said "Windsor will lead in health education with the teaching provided here at the College and at the University of Windsor."

Essex MP Jeff Watson exclaimed he "was proud to have a part in delivering the state-of-the-art facility and the largest building project in the colleges history which will deliver an outstanding student learning experience."

The Centre for Applied Health Sciences will be a centre for learning for Collaborative Nursing, Practical Nursing, Personal Support Worker,

Paramedic, Med Lab Science, Med Lab Technician, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, and Pharmacy Technician.

There are also proposed new Health Science programs (based on Ministry approval) Sonography Technology (3 Year), Cardiovascular Technology (3 Year), Forensic Chemistry Technology (3 Year), Radiology Technology (3 Year), Dispensing Optician (2 Year) and Central Supply Room Technician (1 Year).

The project received \$16 million from the Government of Canada's Knowledge Infrastructure Program and \$16 million from the Ontario Government.

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For information about how the Government of Ontario is helping to build and revitalize infrastructure across the province, please visit www.mei.gov.on.ca/en/infrastructure.



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A Man Named Q



June 4th 2010, was the day on which the College formally recognized the contributions of its first president, Dr. Richard Quittenton. Joining Dr. Strasser and college staff were past and present students and staff who shared fond memories of "Q" at a media event dedicating the naming of the student residence on main campus. Derek Quittenton, Dr. Q's son, represented his father and family at the dedication ceremony. The event was videotaped for the family to show to "Q". Due to health issues, Dr. Q was not able to attend. Dr. Richard Quittenton was known to student and staff simply as "Q". Our first President was born in Toronto,

Ontario and was trained as a professional engineer. He has a doctorate degree in chemical engineering from the University of Toronto.

He was the college president who successfully completed the transformation from the Western Ontario Institute of Technology (W.O.I.T) on Mercer Street in Windsor to the St. Clair College of Applied Arts and Technology in South Windsor.

The new beginnings of St. Clair College had a 12 classroom temporary building on a 92 acre campus that housed classes of business students. He was instrumental in the design of the \$13 million, four storey building that would house the 850 students at St. Clair College. He finished the construction of "A" block in 1970. "F"

Block was opened in 1972. The other campus blocks and the landscaping and veterinarian tech buildings were added in 1974. Our Chatham Thames campus began its construction during his term in 1976.

While he was president, the student population grew from less than 400 students to just over 3,000 when he left the college in 1977.



Dr. John Strasser and Derek Quittenton, Dr. Q's son at the unveiling ceremony.

Dr. Q's philosophy of St. Clair College was written on an embossed plaque on his office door:

"It is my personal philosophy that St. Clair be a student-oriented college, where students and staff have a jolly time and where students get a jolly good education so that they leave with a glowing pride of workmanship and scholarship, a strong self-reliance and a cheerful outlook. Such are St. Clair people."



Derek Quittenton addressing the attendees at the dedication ceremony.

This plaque and the 2010 dedication plaque are now displayed in the lobby of the Quittenton Hall Student Residence at the south campus. Dr. Quittenton and his wife now reside in British Columbia.

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE ALUMNI & FRIENDS

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Friday, July 16

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Pazman's Super Session • 25th Tug Across The River

Saturday, July 17

Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes • Ronnie Baker Brooks
Gord Downie & The Country of Miracles • Big James & the Chicago Playboys
Watermelon Slim

Sunday, July 18

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Mark Hummel & the Blues Survivors
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Trades and Technology Centre Breaks Ground

Chatham - Under a grey sky and a brisk fall autumn wind, surprising for an April day, M.P. Dave Vankesteren and M.P.P. Pat Hoy helped with the ground-breaking of the new Technology and Trades Centre at our Thames Campus. About 75 faculty, staff and students joined Dr. Strasser and Chatham Kent Mayor Randy Hope for another positive step in the investment of both our Provincial and Federal Governments at Thames Campus.

“The investment we celebrate today, will help us take the next steps towards our Thames Campus enrolment reaching our goal of 1,500 students” Dr. Strasser said.

This new building will be constructed beside the existing campus with the \$ 4.4 million in federal and provincial stimulus funding. The Federal and Provincial Governments each contributed \$2.2 million to St. Clair College for a new Technology and Trades addition. The college is investing \$ 730,000 for a total project cost of \$5,130,000.



M.P. Dave Van Kesteren

Chatham-Kent Mayor

Randy Hope looks to this project as another example of the growth of the need for trades and the creation jobs in the region. Mayor Hope has been proud to be part of the colleges growth to increase the capacity of learning space for students which increases the capacity of students attending college in Chatham Kent.

The building will be approximately 18,000 square feet and will be the home of existing and brand new programs which are waiting for ministry approval.

Based on ministry approval, we will provide the following programs: Power line Technician, Renewable Energy Technician, Electrical Technician, Electro Mechanical Technician and Powerline Electrician Apprentice. Existing programs which will be moved to the centre are Construction Electrician Apprenticeship, Maintenance Electrician Apprenticeship and Electrical Techniques.



M.P.P. Pat Hoy



Chatham Mayor, Randy Hope, M.P.P. Pat Hoy, T.S.I. President Kaitlyn Nantais, Dr. John Strasser, M.P. Dave Van Kesteren and College Board Chair Ron Shaw

The new centre will be ready for classes for the fall of 2010.

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Knowledge Infrastructure Program - Canada and Ontario are making infrastructure investments of \$1.5 billion in capital projects at colleges and universities across Ontario.

MediaPlex Official Opening



On June 24th, the sun was the spotlight on the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new St. Clair College MediaPlex. Our MediaPlex is the third in the world, which was inspired by the design of the Newsplex at the University of South Carolina (first in the world) and is a hybrid of the South Carolina Newsplex and the Newsplex in Germany (second in the world). In late spring 2009, College administration submitted a federal grant application to the Community Adjustment Fund. On September 2nd, Essex MP Jeff Watson announced the funding for our St. Clair College MediaPlex. The funding announcement of over \$ 5 million allowed the college to build and provide a state of the art newsroom, classrooms and



equipment, all of which will give students a broad base of experience.

In the fall of 2009, the City of Windsor officially turned over the keys of the former Salvation Army building at the corner of Victoria and University Ave. West. This was an investment that the Mayor and council made in the revitalization of the downtown core. The 16,000 square foot MediaPlex will open for student education

on September 2nd. It will be the new home for two existing programs, Journalism and Tourism & Travel. The college plans to expand the journalism program and to also offer two new programs - Public Relations and Publishing (based on ministry approval).

The guest of honour was Senator Mike Duffy. Prior to his appointment to the Upper House he was the Ottawa editor for CTV News Channel, and a host of Mike Duffy Live and Countdown with Mike Duffy on the

network. Duffy sits in the Senate as a Conservative, representing Prince Edward Island. Mike Duffy was very impressed with the state of the art Newsplex area and what it means for the students at the college. “This hands on training at the college will allow media students to walk into any media outlet in North America and function as an active participant in the media of today and tomorrow.”

The building has two computer labs each having a capacity for 50 students. There are four classrooms with a capacity of 50 each with portable walls to accommodate two rooms of 50 or one room of 100. The NewsPlex area includes a nexus, four television edit bays, radio control room, radio studio, television studio, television control room and computer lab.



Senator Mike Duffy addresses the attendees.

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University of Windsor Meet and Greet

The St. Clair College Alumni Association Board hosted a informal "Meet and Greet" reception with the University of Windsor's Alumni Board.

Both the college and the university share many of the same alumni.

We will be looking to partner with the University of Windsor Alumni Association to host events where our shared alumni can participate.

College President Dr. John Strasser and University President, Dr. Alan Wilderman joined the reception and encouraged the continued cooperation amongst the alumni boards. Both presidents have been working together on many projects for the betterment of both institutions.



University Alumni Board President, Tom Porter; University of Windsor President, Dr. Alan Wilderman; St. Clair College President, Dr. John Strasser; College Alumni President, Derek Renaud.



University of Windsor



2010 Alumni and Friends Night at Comerica Park



May 29th - WHAT A NIGHT!

Alumni Visit at Art In The Park 2010

The Alumni Association was a first time vendor at this year's Art in the Park at Willistead Park.

Alumni stopped by the Alumni tent and received a St. Clair College Alumni frisbee which was a hit with all ages attending the annual Rotary Event. Alumni updated their contact information which you can do online.



Alumni Night at the Windsor Spitfires Game

Over 75 Alumni and guests won their night at a Spitfire Game March 4th. The Windsor Spitfires took on the Saginaw Spirit and beat them 7 to 1 at the new Windsor Family Credit Union Arena.

Alumni won their tickets by qualifying for monthly draws at a St. Clair Alumni Night game during the regular season. Alumni stopped by the Alumni table to update their contact information. Look for us at home games during 2010-2011 Spitfire season.



Winter Olympian Women's hockey player Meghan Agosta stopped by the Alumni suite to show off her gold medal to the group.



Welcome to the Alumni Family!



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Convocation
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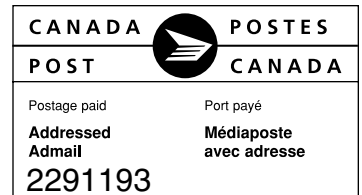


**Chatham Convocation
June 19**



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