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The Editor Writes
Anne Marie Peirce '84

We are so pleased to offer you this latest issue of the *Herald*, and I can promise that it's full of a variety of interesting profiles and news from campus.

In this issue, we profile three grads from the 1990's who are marketers and entrepreneurs: Cynthia Martyn puts her marketing background to great use in her special event planning business; meet Matthew Stradiotto, who is a pioneer in word of mouth marketing; and Steve Deighton, whose field marketing firm Go Bee Industries is getting all the buzz.

As well, you will hear how sports and King's have shaped the lives of four King's grads in very different ways. You'll meet former CFL star Sandy Annunziata, aspiring wrestler Chris Gray, golf pro Michael de Courcy, and international "Right to Play" volunteer, Pat Breech.

We also feature coverage of the new Centre for Catholic Jewish Learning at King's, and you will meet the current co-chair, Rabbi Joel Wittstein, and one of the co-founders of the Centre and King's alum, Rev. Murray Watson.

Professor Srividya Natarajan took up an interesting challenge recently when she entered an international writing competition. The task was to complete a novel in three days. You'll read about her challenge, her passion for writing, and the novel that earned her a second place in this competition.

From time to time, we highlight King's volunteers who give of their time and talent to King's. We think you'll enjoy getting a glimpse at the volunteer work of three dynamic alumni who spend countless hours to enrich the campus community and the alumni experience: Leanne Perreault, Brent Shea and David Elias.

There are a few upcoming events that you won't want to miss. We'll be holding networking pub nights on March 29 at Fionn MacCool's on the Esplanade in Toronto, and on May 10 in Calgary at Melrose Café and Bar. Please spread the word about these great events, and plan to attend!

The Alumni Award of Distinction is awarded at Homecoming each year. I encourage you to think about your fellow alumni through the lens of this award. If you know a King's grad who has achievements worthy of this distinguished award, we hope you will consider nominating them. For more information, see page nine or visit: www.uwo.ca/kings/alumni/awards.html.

Finally, everyone is invited to attend Homecoming, one of the best alumni events of the year, taking place on September 28–30. It is always a memorable weekend, with a variety of events – watch the alumni web site for details, or contact us if you would like to organize a special reunion. Save the date, and plan to attend!

First MSW convocation

The first-ever Master of Social Work graduates from the School of Social Work at King's convoked on October 20, 2006. Congratulations to the 23 graduates who completed the part-time program over three years.

Ipod contest winner announced!

Congratulations to James Walker '86, the winner of our iPod Nano contest from the Fall 2006 issue of the *Herald*! James updated his address on the King's alumni website and was entered into the contest.

For your chance to win:

Fill out and submit the on-line address update form at www.uwo.ca/kings/alumni for your chance to **win an iPod Nano!** Once we receive your information you'll automatically receive King's alumni magazine the *Herald*, e-mail notifications regarding upcoming programs and events as well as other communication to keep you connected to King's. Submissions must be in before June 15, 2007



Buy King's gear on-line

Now You Can Buy King's Gear On-Line! Visit www.kucsc.org/catalog to see the wide selection of items in the King's Closet. You'll find everything from degree frames, to toddler t-shirts, to desk clocks. This is a new initiative by the King's University College Students' Council.

Faculty in the News



Ken Bowlby
Professor Ken Bowlby of the Economics, Business and Mathematics Department, delivered three

two-day seminars on Western Business Practices in three different cities in China: Shenyang, Dalian and Beijing. The seminars were made possible through the support of research grants from King's and a visiting professor scholarship from the Department of Foreign Affairs, through the Canadian Embassy in Beijing. The research and preparation for the seminars took more than 18 months, and involved several people in research and translation. E. Patrick McDermott, a lawyer and business professor at Salisbury University in Maryland, USA, partnered with Ken in delivering the seminars.

Nancy Calvert-Koyzis

Dr. Nancy Calvert-Koyzis' article, "Re-sexualizing the Magdalene: Dan Brown's Misuse of Early Christian Documents in *The Da Vinci Code*", was published in *The Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, vol. 12, Spring, 2006. She teaches in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

Hugh Mellon

Dr. Hugh Mellon, of the Department of Political Science, served as one of the two plenary speakers at the Fifth Annual Conference of the Baltic Association of Canadian Studies, which met in Riga at the University of Latvia in October 2006. Following the Conference he gave an invited lecture to a class of students in the Faculty of Modern Languages at the University of Latvia regarding contemporary Canadian politics.

Prof. Norman Pizzale

Norman Pizzale of the Department of Social Justice and Peace Studies obtained a Master of Law in the spring of 2006 with his thesis entitled, "The Co-evolution of Natural Law and International Trade Law".

Catherine Burr

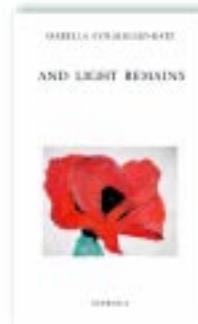
Catherine Burr of the Department of Political Science, co-authored a three-part article on bullying in the workplace, published in the July to September 2006 editions of "Municipal World" magazine.

Rev. Brian Dunn

Rev. Brian Dunn of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, had several papers published recently including: "The Changing Face of Liturgical Music, Part 1 and Part 2," in *Celebrate!*, Vol. 46, No. 1 and No. 2 (Jan-Feb and March-April 2006); "The Liturgical Theology of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart," in *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (Aug-Sept 2006).

Carol Tattersall

Dr. Carol Tattersall's case, AmeriChem Inc. #9B00C028, was selected to appear in the textbook "Cases in Leadership", authored by Glenn Rowe and published by Sage Publications Inc. The case is about various management styles, but the teaching strategy notes included in the publication concentrate mainly on the causes and effects of conflicts in corporate cultures during management re-organization. Dr. Tattersall teaches English at King's.



Isabella Colalillo Kates

Professor Isabella Colalillo Kates of the Department of Psychology is also a writer under the pen name Isabella Colalillo Katz. Her new book of poetry *And Light Remains* was recently published by Guernica Editions.

King's University College Buys Hebrew Day School

In October, King's University College bought property up the street - 247 Epworth Avenue - which is currently operated by the London Community Hebrew Day School Co-operative Inc. Many alumni will remember this as the Broughdale Public School. The building has been an educational facility since it was constructed in 1920.

The College plans to use the facility to add to our inventory of classrooms and provide additional parking spaces to help alleviate parking congestion in the neighbourhood.

The Hebrew Day School will continue to operate at the site until June 30, 2008, at which time it will move to a new location.

The transition of the property from the Hebrew Day School to King's has been widely supported by the principals of both organizations and the Broughdale Community Association.

Says Gerry Killan, Principal of King's University College: "We are glad to acquire the property and look forward to the benefits of more space and extra parking that it will provide."



From the **Principal's Desk**

By Dr. Gerry Killan

In September 2003, twenty-five students registered in the first class of the College's new Master's of Social Work program. Twenty-three of those students graduated at our Fall convocation, October 2006—a stunning success by any measure.

To its great credit, the School of Social Work is not resting on its laurels. Now that the students of the so-called “double cohort” are finishing their undergraduate degrees, they are poised to compete for spaces at the graduate level. The provincial government has responded by providing the funding to expand the number of spaces for graduate students across the

university system. Seizing this opportunity, our School of Social Work is moving forward quickly to expand the MSW program to accommodate full-time students. Currently, our MSW program is operated entirely for part-time students with all classes held in the evenings. The program was created this way to accommodate the many BSW qualified social workers in London and region who wanted to obtain a master's degree while continuing at work. Having met this pent-up demand, and with government funding now guaranteed, the time is ideal to develop a full-time MSW program beginning in September 2007. This initiative will require two additional faculty members and a practicum/graduate program assistant within the next two years. By 2009, we anticipate reaching a steady state of 30 graduating MSW students annually, of which 20 will be full-time. Dr. Ken Gordon, the Director of the School for the past decade who will step down from this position in June, has provided exemplary leadership in developing the MSW, and leaves a noteworthy legacy in what is one of the College's signature programs.

The successful development of the MSW program is a stimulus to other disciplines at King's to follow suit in the near future while government funding is available. Only speciality programs unique to the College are eligible—Religious Studies, Thanatology and Palliative Care, Social Justice and Peace Studies, and Childhood and Social Institutions. To expand our graduate program offerings is no small matter; the implications of such a decision are significant. There is a much heavier demand on the faculty in graduate programs to advance their research agendas. This imperative would need to be reconciled with our traditional undergraduate liberal arts college emphasis on outstanding teaching and intensive student-faculty interaction. Moreover, graduate program expansion must not come at the expense of our outstanding undergraduate offerings. These and other questions will have to be addressed by our departments and strategic and academic planning groups. It promises to be a soul-searching but exciting exercise. We may be on the threshold of historic new possibilities at King's University College.

Chapter news

Upcoming Alumni Events

March

■ Toronto Chapter Event – King's Alumni Hours

Thursday March 29, 2007, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Fionn MacCool's, 70 The Esplanade
Special Guests: Gerry Killan, Principal,
Anne Marie Peirce '84, Director of
Alumni Affairs and Paul Webb '68, King's
History Professor

April

■ Music Reigns, The Gala

Saturday April 21, 2007
The London Convention Centre
A Tribute to the Beach Boys ~
Endless Summer
Cost: \$150/person
www.musicreigns.ca

May

■ Calgary Alumni Event

Thursday May 10, 2007, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Melrose Café and Bar, 730-17 Avenue SW
Special Guests: Gerry Killan, Principal
and Anne Marie Peirce '84, Director of
Alumni Affairs

■ Ottawa Chapter Event

Thursday May 24, 2007
Barbecue with special guest Paul Webb '68,
King's History professor

September

■ The 12th Annual King's Golf Classic

Tuesday September 18, 2007
Forest City National

■ Homecoming 2007

Friday Sept. 28 – Sunday Sept. 30, 2007

For further details please visit the King's University College Alumni Events page www.uwo.ca/kings/alumni or contact Kelly Schaus at kschaus2@uwo.ca or (519) 433-3491 x4502

David Elias '90 helps build the Toronto chapter



"When you look back, you realize how important your undergraduate years are, and how your friendships and experiences shape your future."

David Elias is explaining why he got involved with the Toronto alumni chapter of King's University College a few years ago. The Toronto chapter was formed in 2001 to give King's grads in the Toronto area an opportunity to build and retain friendships and stay in touch with the College. Each year the Chapter plans special events for alumni to meet socially and network.

Pub nights are always a popular way for grads to get together. Last year the chapter ran two alumni events at Fionn MacCool's, an Irish pub located in the

heart of downtown Toronto. In September the Chapter also organized a chocolate school at js bonbons, a well-known chocolate boutique. The owner, Jenn Stone, taught King's grads to make their own hand-rolled truffles. "People who come out to these events always enjoy themselves," says Elias.

Elias recently joined the board of the King's College Alumni Association, where he is hoping to share ideas and success stories with other chapters. One of the goals of the Toronto chapter is to broaden its base so grads of all eras are well represented. It's a matter of building slowly, he says, and taking a grassroots approach.

Elias has spent the last 11 years in Toronto working for Petro Canada in its marketing department. There are a large number of grads who live and work in the greater Toronto area, he says, and it's important that they don't lose touch with their King's roots. "There's something very special about being part of that community."

Watch for Toronto chapter events coming up: Thursday, March 29 - Fionn MacCool's

Tailgate party!



Former Students' Council members and Orientation leaders enjoyed a tailgate party reunion at Joe Kool's on Homecoming weekend. L to R: Margie Grier '90, Adria Killian '97, Dan Desjardins, Homecoming Chair Leslie Gloor-Duncan '96, Andrew Thibodeau '93.

Ottawa chapter event



Ottawa Chapter leaders met with the Member of Parliament for Delta Richmond B.C. and King's alumnus John Cummins on Parliament Hill in the fall. L to R: Richard Dixon '78, Principal Dr. Gerry Killan, Alumni Director Anne Marie Peirce '84, Moira White '77, Mr. John Cummins M.P. '66 and Geoff Hutton '66.

Homecoming 40th Reunion

Classes of '66 and '67 celebrated their 40th reunion at Homecoming 2006. Before the football game everyone enjoyed a barbecue with Tony Furfaro's homemade sausage, cooked by Bill



DeLuca. Neil McQuaid shared photos of events from previous years and Pat Cummins (John's wife) assumed the role of photographer this year. This BBQ occurs on an annual basis at the Liston farm at 11:00 am on Homecoming weekend, and Kingsmen from the 1960's and before are welcome to attend. Details can be obtained through the Office of Alumni Affairs at King's. We hope to see more Kingsmen here next year!



Back row left to right: Sam Cino '67, Gord Smith '67, Art Daniels '66, Silvio Valeriote '67, John Liston '66, John Cummins '66, Mike Doucher '67, Geoff Hutton '66.

Front row left to right: Ron Romeo '67, Bill DeLuca '67, Tony Furfaro '67, Neil McQuaid '66, and Serge DeSousa '66.

Save the date!
Homecoming
at King's
September 28-30, 2007



President's Message

Sophia Katsios '94
President, King's University
College Alumni Association

King's University College is a unique, first class institution where students are encouraged to get involved, develop friendships and take advantage of all the opportunities that go along with the pursuit of a post-secondary education. The sense of community and connection that students experience at King's does not have to conclude upon graduation. The alumni association exists primarily to encourage graduates to stay involved and connected to one another and to King's.

The alumni association represents all alumni, regardless of where they may end up. Currently there are representatives from Toronto, Ottawa, Stratford and London on the alumni association board. Throughout the year alumni gatherings take place in various cities such as Calgary,

Ottawa, Hamilton, Toronto, and of course London. The fact that so many of our graduates gather together despite their distance from King's is evidence that geography is not an obstacle to active, meaningful participation with the King's Alumni Association.

In 2007 a keen and energetic group of alumni will launch the King's Young Alumni Council (YAC). The purpose of the Young Alumni Council is to provide meaningful opportunities for young graduates to learn, socialize, network and maintain their ties with King's and each other. We look forward to their first event!

The Alumni Association exists to benefit all King's graduates. It is my hope that in the upcoming year you will attend an alumni event, return to campus for a visit or perhaps sign up to be an ambassador in your city. I hope that you choose to stay connected to your King's community.

Interested in getting involved with your Alumni Association?

If you are interested in renewing or maintaining ties with King's University College and your fellow King's graduates please consider putting your name forward for a position with the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Alumni Association Board members have the opportunity to:

- Attend meetings to discuss Alumni Association activities.
- Participate in alumni activities on campus, in London or in other cities near you.
- Share ideas about how best to engage alumni and promote alumni events.
- Actively reach out to friends, neighbours, colleagues and associates to identify King's alumni and encourage their involvement in the Association.

For more information please contact Kelly Schaus, Alumni Officer at kschaus2@uwo.ca or (519) 433-3491 or (800) 265-4406 x4502.

Does your employer match charitable donations made by employees?

Many companies match donations that their employees make to charities. Visit your human resources department at work to find out if your company will match your gift to King's. Some companies even match gifts from retirees and spouses.

If you work for a matching gift company, here's how to ensure your donation to King's is matched:

- obtain a matching gift form from your company's human resources department
- complete the required information on the form
- mail the form to:
King's College
Foundation,
266 Epworth Ave,
London, ON
N6A 2M3



2006 Annual Fund Results

Thank you to all who contributed to the King's College Foundation's 2006 Annual Fund. We are grateful for your support for scholarships for students in financial need. We hope that you enjoyed speaking with the students who made fundraising calls in the fall. They enjoyed chatting with you.

We are pleased to report that with your help we raised over \$57,000 for scholarships and bursaries, which will be matched dollar for dollar by the provincial government, for a total of \$114,000 in new endowed funds. These funds will be gratefully received by students in financial need. Thank you very much for supporting King's students.

New sports pad at King's

King's now has its very own sports pad! The pad is located behind the Alumni Court residence and townhouses and can be used in all four seasons for ball or roller hockey, ice hockey, tennis and basketball. The sports pad, sponsored by the King's University College Students' Council, is a welcome addition for students and staff to enjoy some exercise and friendly competition!

On February 9, 2007 the team led by Students' Council president, Francis Doyle, won the first annual students vs. faculty and staff shinny game and happily received the Killan Cup trophy. Principal Dr. Gerry Killan dropped the puck and made the trophy presentation to the students.

If you are interested in using the sports pad, please email King's University College Students' Council at kucsc@uwo.ca.



Principal Gerry Killan drops the puck at the Killan Cup on February 9, 2007. David Sheedy, '06 (right), captain of the faculty and staff team, who initiated the sports pad project when he was Students' Council President, and Francis Doyle (left), the current Students' Council President and captain of the student team, face off at the first annual shinny game.

On-line Giving Now Available

Now you can make a donation to support King's and our students at any time of day by using the on-line giving option on the web. To make a donation using Visa or MasterCard, please visit: www.uwo.ca/kings/foundation/index.html. On behalf of the students at King's, thank you for your support.

King's University College

Alumni Award of Distinction

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The King's University College Alumni Award of Distinction celebrates talent, achievement, commitment and community.

There are many very talented and deserving King's alumni who deserve to be recognized for their outstanding achievements. If you know a King's graduate whose contributions enhance his or her community and who is an inspiration to those who know them please take the time to put forward a nomination.

Past Recipients:

2006: Robert Paterson '72

2005: Sheila Capps '74 and
Sally VandeSompel '97

2004: James Scarfone '70

2003: Barbara Tiessen '86

2002: Gary Comerford '73

2001: John J. Callaghan '67

2000: John (Jack) Petch, Q.C. '60

To download a nomination form, please visit our website www.uwo.ca/kings/alumni. For further information, please call the Office of Alumni Affairs at (519) 433-3491 x4502 or (800) 265-4406 x4520

Nomination Deadline: May 1, 2007

Joy of marketing

A good marketer requires savvy, creativity, and discipline, a perfect fit for King's grads. Meet three entrepreneurial marketers, Matthew Stradiotto '94, Cynthia Martyn '95, and Steve Deighton '93, who have carved out a special niche.

All the buzz

Matthew Stradiotto is a pioneer in "word-of-mouth" marketing



Matthew Stradiotto thanks a strong liberal arts education for his success as an entrepreneur. "Every day I face the challenge of presenting concepts and ideas to people, some who are open to them and some who are not. These are the skills I learned studying English and philosophy at King's." As co-founder of Matchstick Inc., Stradiotto is a leader in the rapidly growing field of word-of-mouth marketing.

Stradiotto loved King's for many reasons, but most of all because it always felt like home. "King's was a place I could retreat to," he says. "I loved the cozy atmosphere and camaraderie." His fondest memories

are of hanging out with friends in the students' lounge over a game of ping-pong or "gitoni" (foosball).

In the summers Stradiotto ran his own house painting franchises, an experience that sealed his interest in entrepreneurship. On graduation he began working for small media companies, where he found he had a knack for presenting marketing ideas and thinking critically about business plans. While researching consumer markets for big brand clients, he discovered word-of-mouth as a number one influencer in consumer behaviour. In 2001 he co-founded Matchstick, the first marketing company of its kind in Canada.

Although word-of-mouth marketing had not at that time been embraced by big brand marketers, the idea behind it was simple yet powerful. "It's not about how loudly and frequently you go out to your target market," he says. "It's about listening to your customers and offering them an experience that they want to talk about. Word-of-mouth marketing means the consumer is in charge."

Product seeding – putting a product into the hands of the right person at the right time – is one way to get the word out among consumers. For example, Matchstick has worked with Adidas for the past three years to create buzz about its basketball shoes. Research shows that the opinions of young, savvy, male basketball players are very important to the success of a shoe. In one case, Matchstick invited

Toronto's top amateur players for a tournament to try out a new line that was about to be launched. The players did the rest, talking up the shoes with their friends just as they came on the market.

With the rising popularity of word-of-mouth, Matchstick has grown by 40 percent in the past two years. In 2006 alone, it conducted 20 separate campaigns. With a full time staff of 12, and a freelance staff across Canada and the United States, Matchstick has large clients in the sports, beverage, auto, and technology sectors. The company is a charter member of the Word of Mouth Marketing Association (WOMMA). Formed two years ago in Chicago, the organization represents over 250 companies worldwide. Stradiotto has spoken at WOMMA conferences across North America, and is working with marketing academics at the University of Toronto and Northeastern University in Boston.

Now that word-of-mouth marketing is no longer a new concept, Stradiotto continues to apply the skills of his liberal arts education to stay ahead of the competition. "When we started Matchstick, everyone else was going right, and we went left. Our new challenge is to differentiate ourselves in a world where word-of-mouth marketing is more prevalent. As pioneers in this area we are constantly looking for new ways to shape our firm and the direction of things to come."

“Simple elegance”

As a wedding planner, Cynthia Martyn combines people skills with business acumen

Cynthia Martyn doesn't mind being asked if she's like “J-Lo” in the movie *The Wedding Planner*. “There are a lot of similarities,” she says. “Wedding planning is great fun, but it's also a high stress job. It's a day that only comes once, so it has to be perfect.”

Martyn always wanted to be an entrepreneur. She started her first business when she was eight years old – collecting bottles and pop cans. At King's she loved history and toyed with becoming a professor. Instead she joined the investment industry on Bay Street, landing a job as a stock trader for TD Canada Trust. Although the work was exciting, it lacked the creative challenge Martyn craved. She asked to be transferred to the bank's marketing department, where she became part of a team planning special events across North America.

When Martyn founded her own event planning business in 2004, she didn't expect weddings to be her focus. “I started getting wedding inquiries right off the bat,” she says, “so I just went with it.” She quickly found her niche in the industry, so much so that Elle Canada magazine recently named her one of Canada's “hottest talents.”

The wedding industry in Toronto is about \$400 million a year, says Martyn, who relies on word of mouth to bring her new clients. Her wedding budgets average about \$80,000, and go as high as \$250,000. This year she planned 25 weddings, mostly in the Toronto and Muskoka areas. With a wedding coming up in Florence, Italy, she's setting her sights further afield. “Destination weddings are a growing trend, and I'd like to do more in the future,” she says.

Martyn's hallmark, according to her clients, is simple elegance. “There is a certain look I have for weddings – nothing too garish or over the top,” she says. “Most of my clients are willing to spend a little more to ensure a higher quality in the product.”

Weddings can be stressful for families, and one of Martyn's secrets of success is her ‘calming influence.’ “You sometimes have situations where things go awry, but you deal with them and smooth them over. By the time the wedding day comes, everybody is ready to have a great time and enjoy the day. And that's what it's about.”



Last year Life Network asked Martyn to participate in *Rich Bride/ Poor Bride*, a reality show that pairs a wedding planner with a bride and groom, and gives them a budget. The show follows the couple through the entire wedding process. Ironically, one of the couples she was paired with originally wanted to hire her, but then agreed to be part of the show. “So we still got to work together. It was perfect.”

Although Martyn loves running her own business, she admits there are challenges. During peak season she works 80-hour weeks, which means putting her personal life on hold. Managing growth is also a challenge when clientele expect to deal with her, not someone who works for her. Martyn has a part-time assistant, but she would like to bring on more staff.

Although King's doesn't offer a course on event planning, Martyn believes that her time at the College helped hone her entrepreneurial skills. “King's gave me a sense of discipline, the ability to tune everything out and focus on what needs to be done. It also taught me time management – a key part of what I do.”

Martyn also says that the friendly environment made her a lot more open and outgoing. “King's gave me confidence. I just loved the intimacy of the campus.”



Making Honey

Steve Deighton's field marketing firm owes more than its name to the common bee



A number of years ago, Steve Deighton fashioned a giant bee costume for a Halloween party, complete with antenna, sunglasses, boots, and stretch pants. The getup, similar to that worn by John Belushi in his famous SNL “killer bees” sketch, was a great success and he began wearing it to other events. At one Grey Cup game, fans began shouting “Go bee!, go bee!,” and the words stuck with him. When Deighton founded his own marketing firm in 2003 he called it Go Bee Industries Inc.

The name of the firm says a lot about its founder, who has since retired his “bee” persona. “The Bee represents the creative, fun, exciting side of my personality that pushes boundaries,”

says Deighton. “The other side of the bee represents tenacity, hard work, a commitment to the team and building something special.”

When Deighton came to King’s his immediate goal was to win the title “frosh of the week.” That’s exactly what he did, thanks to his performance in the dance-off held at Springbank Park. He went on to found the King’s College Debating Society, where he and colleague James Sbrolla ’90 competed successfully in the World Championships three times. The highlight, though, was winning the 90/91 USC presidency in a close race ultimately decided by King’s. It was late at night when the King’s votes – 92 percent in Deighton’s favour - were finally tallied. “It was the single most exciting night of my university life,” he says. “I was truly humbled that I had gained so much trust and confidence from my King’s peers.”

On graduation, Deighton took a number of jobs in sales, marketing, and politics, before joining a small marketing firm in Toronto. After five years, feeling unfulfilled, he decided to take flight and form Go Bee, a firm that specializes in field marketing for consumer packaged goods companies products and services. Shortly after setting up on his own, he asked Jeff Roche, a King’s ’02 grad, to join him. Roche is responsible for U.S. business operations and development and select business relationships in Canada.

Field marketing builds brand awareness and sales through one-on-one consumer interactions and events in the marketplace. Go Bee has operated thousands of promotions and a number of mobile tours for brewery giant InBev USA over the past

four years. The “Red Triangle Pub Tour” promoting Bass Ale has visited 30 U.S. cities, using an authentic, fully interactive English pub on wheels. The firm executes hundreds of “retailtainment” promotions for Unilever in Loblaws, Wal-Mart and Costco stores, and works with a number of high profile clients including Sony and LG to promote their products in office towers and malls. Go Bee also runs the ‘NBA Cares’ tour across Canada on behalf of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, owners of the Toronto Maple Leafs and Raptors.

One of the keys to the firm’s success is its ability to mobilize quickly, says Deighton. When InBev USA asked him to organize 385 promotions in ten markets across the United States within a four day window, he didn’t hesitate. “We can be in the market lightening quick,” he says. “We’re very lean, and very transparent.” With about 15 full-time employees, the firm has a network of more than five hundred part-time, contract and seasonal workers in cities across North America.

Deighton has many tips for would-be entrepreneurs, including patience, hard work, and knowing when to say ‘no.’ He also stresses the importance of making a good impression and building personal relationships.

Although he’s always had a strong bent toward entrepreneurship, Deighton believes he owes a lot to what he learned at King’s. “My time there gave me a broad perspective and an ability to make good choices,” he says. “When people ask me ‘what can you do with a liberal arts education,’ I have a standard answer: ‘Anything you want.’”

United in spirit

King's University College launches the Centre for Catholic-Jewish Learning

When Rabbi Joel Wittstein was a young boy, his best friend, a devout Catholic, gave him a pamphlet to read. The title was "The Hungry Sheep," and its object was to convert Jews.

The pamphlet was symbolic of the tension that has plagued relationships between Jews and Catholics through the ages. In 1965 a remarkable document, the Second Vatican Council's *Nostra Aetate*, affirmed the essential link and spiritual unity between the two faiths. "The changes that have occurred since then are really quite amazing and wonderful," says Rabbi Wittstein.

Rabbi Wittstein, who now serves London's Temple Israel, is co-chair of the new Centre for Catholic-Jewish Learning at King's University College, along with Dr. Gil Brodie of King's. The Centre, the first of its kind in Canada and one of about 20 in North America, was launched this fall.



The notion of a centre at King's for reconciliation and healing between Jews and Catholics is not new. It was raised in the late 60s, but the plan never came to fruition. The idea arose again when Father Murray Watson

'91, a King's and St. Peter's grad, returned to London after earning a Licentiate in Biblical Studies from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.

Through his studies in biblical languages while he was in Rome, Father Watson gained a whole new perspective on the Bible and Judaism. "To understand who Jesus is, you need to understand a lot about Judaism," he says. "Jesus was thoroughly Jewish and he lived a very Jewish life."

Father Watson points out that Judaism and Christianity spring from the same roots. "Judaism is the mother religion to Christianity, written into its theological DNA, so it's a relationship of families, more than friends," he says. "But of course the history, up until the last 40 years, has not always been a happy one."

When he returned to London, Father Watson got together informally with local rabbis to discuss ideas and share resources. When public concerns arose, such as the depiction of Jews in Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," they talked about ways to foster closer relations and better understanding. When they came up with the idea of a centre to be affiliated with King's University College, Principal Gerry Killan gave his full support.

The aim of the Centre is to serve as a place for scholarly discussion and public education on the evolving relationship between the two faiths. This summer Father Watson, working together with King's webmaster Tim Bugler and graduate student Andrea Rector, put together a comprehensive website of resources for researchers, educators, and community leaders (www.uwo.ca/kings/ccjl). In February,

Dr. David Novak of the University of Toronto, one of North America's top Jewish scholars of Jewish Christian relations, spoke at King's Religious Life Series. Plans are being made for other speakers, along with some new course offerings.

The launch of the Centre has attracted attention from both the local and national media. Father Watson says that people find it exciting for a number of reasons. "Since September 11, the subject of the relationships of the world's religions is at the centre of everyone's agenda," he says. "The public is asking whether religions can get along with each other in peace."

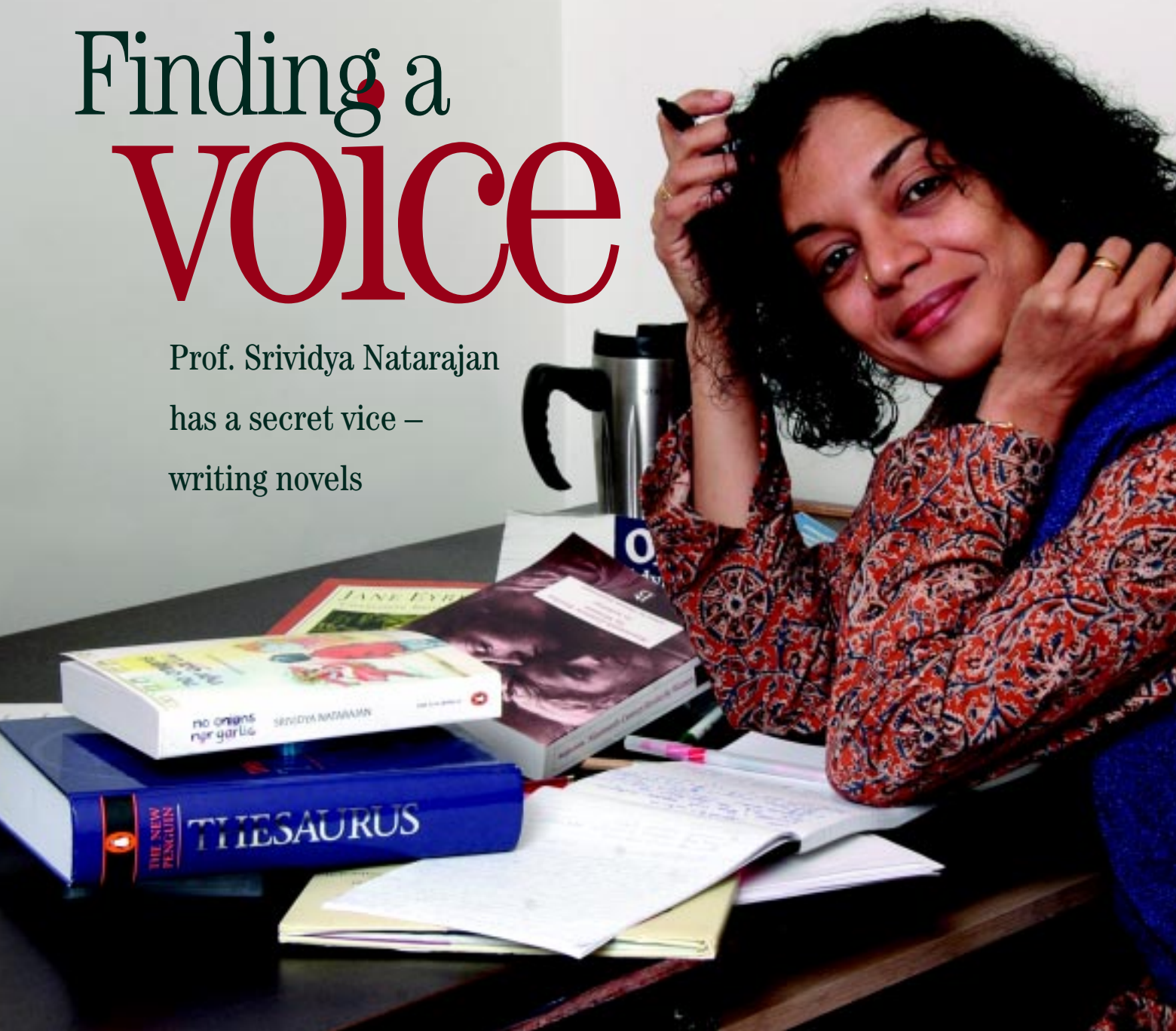
Father Watson is currently at All Hallows College at Dublin City University working on his PhD. He is looking at two translations of the New Testament, one by a French Jewish scholar, and another by an American Jewish scholar. "They're unique among all the translations because they are made with a specific attention to the Jewish context and flavour of the New Testament. When you start becoming sensitive to that fundamentally Jewish background, things begin to leap off the page in exciting, thought-provoking new ways."

Father Watson is excited about the potential of the Centre to add to the scholarship that is already being done in this field. "We want to provide a high level of scholarship on some of the most important and intriguing questions in religion today," he says. "If it works, then it will provide a model that can be applied to other religious relationships as well."

King's is a good home for the Centre, says Rabbi Wittstein, because of its unique Catholic Studies Program, and its pool of scholars who believe in the value of dialogue and good relationships. "It's important to keep in mind that this is an academic centre," he says. "That's why King's, a Catholic college with deep Catholic roots, is perfect for this."

Finding a VOICE

Prof. Srividya Natarajan
has a secret vice –
writing novels



For most people, writing a novel over a holiday weekend seems more like torture than fun. But King's professor Srividya Natarajan was intrigued when she came across the International 3-Day Novel Contest on the Internet. "I just love writing," she says. Her novel, *Skunks I Have Loved*, won the second prize of \$500.

A teacher, illustrator, editor, publisher, classical dancer, and lover of animals, Natarajan is like a character out of a novel herself. As a girl growing up in Chennai, India, she mastered Bharata Natyam, a form of classical dance that had been banned by the government in the late 40s and later revived. She studied the traditions of the dance form from a feminist perspective as part of her PhD in English at The University of Hyderabad. She later produced a documentary, based on first-hand accounts, that explored the

dance's impact on women and India's anti-colonial movement.

After a stint of teaching, Natarajan began a career as an editor and illustrator of children's books. Four years ago she and her husband Nigel Joseph decided to move with their six-year old son, Richard, to Canada. Natarajan has been a professor of English at King's for three years, and her husband has just completed his second PhD at the University of Western Ontario.

An avid reader of fiction all her life, Natarajan never thought seriously about writing a novel until she came to Canada. "I began to think much more about what my Indian experiences meant to me," she says. "You sometimes need that distance." Her debut novel, *No Onions Nor Garlic*, was written in the summer of 2004, and published by Penguin India.

The title of the novel was borrowed from Bottom, a comic character in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, who exhorts his fellow actors to eat "no onions nor garlic" before their performance. A romantic comedy, the story is based on the subtext of the *Dream*. "The central idea of the *Dream* is that the lovers are kind of star-crossed," says Natarajan. "In my novel, what comes between the lovers is the caste system. The novel becomes a way of talking about castes, particularly in universities. It's largely around the question of affirmative action, and reflects my own experience of activism in the university setting."

The International 3-day Novel Contest, begun in 1977, has become an annual Canadian literary tradition. Writing begins at 12:01 a.m. Saturday of the Labour Day Weekend and ends 72 hours later on Monday at midnight. For two weeks leading up to the 2005 contest, Natarajan came up with a different idea almost every night – from Peter Pan as a vampire to a tightly plotted murder mystery. In the end she decided to write about the life of a new immigrant to Canada, drawing on her own experiences.

Her prize-winning novel, *Skunks I Have Loved*, focuses on a character who is very fond of animals and somewhat antisocial. "He's a bit like myself," says Natarajan, a cat-lover who also tames squirrels and raccoons, and feeds backyard skunks from her hand. "I have never been able to figure out why certain animals are considered pets, and others as pests." The character in her novel

doesn't know how to commit to relationships, and learns about taking responsibility for people through his understanding of animals.

Natarajan is now working on an ambitious historical novel that looks at India's caste system and also draws from her PhD research on Bharata Natyam. The dance form was originally performed by single women dedicated to Hindu temples. They lost both their property and way of life when the dance was banned. The story starts in the 30s and spans three generations: a grandmother, daughter, and grandson. "They're part of the dance community, but they have to disown the whole ethos and leave it behind in order to survive," she says.

After two works of light fiction, Natarajan is aiming for a more serious voice for her current project. "A lot of Western writing comes from a very powerful sense of one's interiority or inner life," she says. "Most people from my country function more as social animals than introspective creatures. I need to find a voice to bridge that gap." She is currently re-reading the Victorian novelists, such as Dickens and Gaskell. "They have the perfect form and structure for exploring people's relationships."

Natarajan currently teaches children's literature and writing for ESL students, and is looking forward to the time when King's offers a creative writing course. "We have some very creative professors here - a number of good poets and short story writers." She recently did a reading of her work at a program organized by King's Professor Dorothy Nielsen through *The Write Place*, the College's Writing Help Centre.

Natarajan's ultimate goal is "to write very well," and see where that will take her. "I have rather strange aspirations," she says. "I don't want to be a millionaire unless it will help with novel writing."



Novel-writing tips

Advice from Prof. Sridivya Natarajan for aspiring writers:

Read as widely and broadly as possible. This helps you understand and explore voice. Stay away from writers such as James Joyce and Virginia Woolf when you are writing. They are so powerful that they tend to exert too much influence on your style.

Have something to say. Writers should preferably write about something that's bigger than their life experiences. A lot of amateur writing is just about catharsis, and tends to be excessively autobiographical.

Be prepared to write and rewrite. Realize that you are not going to achieve a perfect sentence or a perfect chapter at the first sitting. You must keep rewriting your work.



Good Sports

Home to many talented athletes, King's University College is a place that nurtures both athletic and academic prowess. Meet four recent grads, one who has made his mark in pro football, two to keep an eye on in wrestling and golf, and one who has used sport to help refugee children in Africa.

Sandy Annunziata '04

When Sandy Annunziata was in his first year at King's University College, he was nicknamed the 'Sandman'. "My roommates will say it's because I slept so much," he says, "but I prefer to think it's because I hit people so hard on the football field I put them to sleep." The nickname stuck with him throughout his 12-year career in the CFL as a standout offensive guard.

Annunziata followed his older brother Anthony to King's in 1988. An OUAA all-star and member of the Vanier cup winning Western Mustangs, he decided to pursue a professional football career before he completed his degree. Over the years he kept in touch with King's, and with the guidance of Jim Zuchero, graduated in 2004.

Drafted by the Calgary Stampeders in 1992, Annunziata played for Edmonton, Winnipeg, and Toronto in a long and highlight-filled CFL career.

His greatest memories are his nomination as an all-star in 2001, and his first Grey Cup victory for Toronto in 2004. "After spending ten years in the league and never seeing my goals reach fruition, to win the Grey Cup was like a big monkey off my back," he says. The very next year he won his second Grey Cup with the Edmonton Eskimos.

Annunziata says he owes much of his success to his knowledge of the game. "My biggest strength was my ability to prepare for a game and study my opponent. I know the game inside and out."

Last year Annunziata was signed to a generous five year contract with Ottawa, but when the team collapsed he decided to "semi-retire." While pondering his future, he is focusing on other sports-related pursuits. He recently founded a health and sports diagnostic clinic in Niagara Falls called *Body Science*.

Annunziata is confident he'll return to football, but is not sure in what capacity. "I love the game and the CFL so much that I can definitely see me pursuing a career in some shape or form."

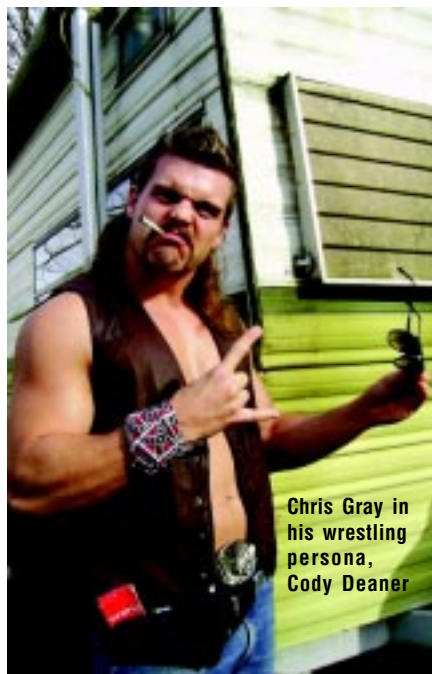
As a proven veteran, he believes he still has a lot to offer on the field. "I miss the camaraderie with the guys, and the fans," he says. "And strangely, I miss the soreness that comes after a game."



Sandy Annunziata celebrating Grey Cup win with son Max

Chris Gray '05

Chris Gray remembers spending long days at home with his mother before he was old enough to attend kindergarten. “The only way she could get me to settle down was to put some wrestling on the television,” he says. “Afterwards I’d run around the house and pretend to be one of my favourite wrestlers, like Hulk Hogan.”



Chris Gray in his wrestling persona, Cody Deaneer

For Gray (*see Milestones*), it was the beginning of a lifelong passion. “Wrestling was something that was larger than life. I was awestruck every time I watched it.”

In Gray’s final year of high school he decided that he wanted to pursue the sport as a career and began to research various wrestling schools. His dad, however, insisted that he attend university. “We made a deal — he said that he would pay for wrestling school if I went to university.”

Perhaps it was a case of ‘father knows best.’ Gray’s four years at King’s prepared him for the challenges of professional wrestling in ways he couldn’t have predicted. “It helped by teaching me to be independent and responsible, and to work hard at achieving my goals,” he says. It also helped him qualify for an alternate career. After graduating, Gray completed teacher training at Althouse College.

As an undergrad Gray began wrestling for a number of independent wrestling promoters in Ontario. Since then his professional career has taken

him to venues across Canada and the United States. One of his most memorable moments was wrestling for two consecutive nights on the WWE (the big leagues of professional wrestling). The first night was in Buffalo and 20,000 people filled the arena. “The crowd really responded. It was awesome—like a dream come true.” The next night in Rochester, Gray was thrilled when Vince McMahon, the celebrity owner of the WWE, congratulated him personally on his performance.

These days Gray is busy developing his new wrestling persona, Cody Deaneer, in hopes of securing a full-time contract with the WWE. “Cody Deaneer is basically the stereotypical red-neck from a trailer-park: no job, no ambition, just likes to drink beer and party,” he says. “It’s a character that hasn’t been done in wrestling before.”

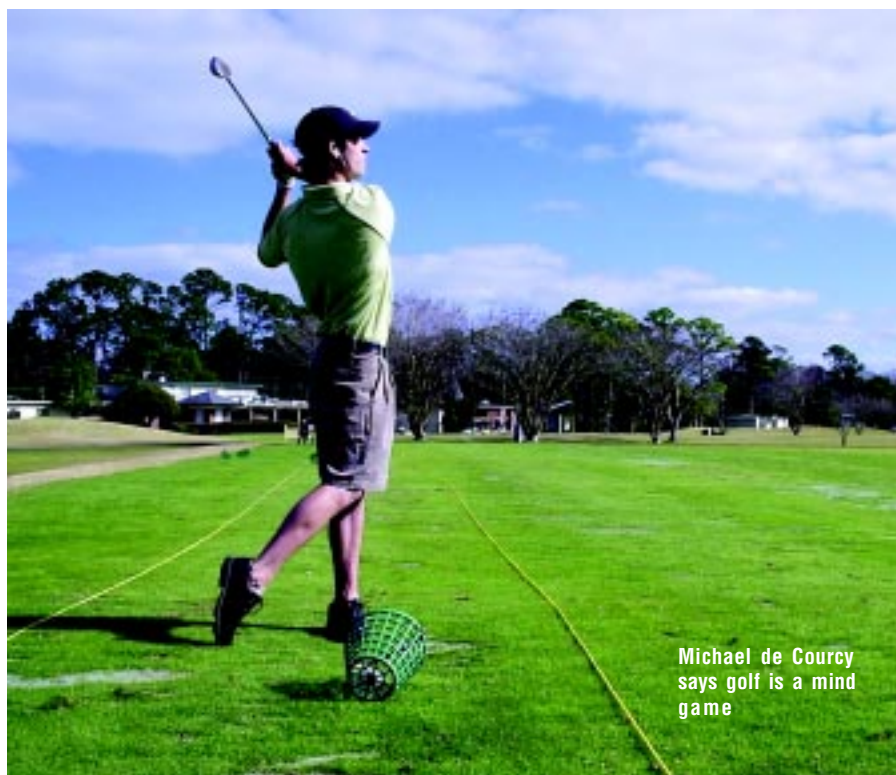
If a career in the WWE doesn’t work out, Gray plans to pursue teaching. But for the time being, his goals are clear. “People in the wrestling business keep telling me I’m on the cusp of getting a contract. That’s my dream.”

Michael de Courcy '06

Ask Michael de Courcy the key to great golf, and he’ll tell you that it’s all in your mind. “The time you spend actually swinging the club is pretty minimal,” he says. “Most of the time is spent just thinking about the game. That’s what separates the great players from the others.”

De Courcy has been playing (and thinking about) the game for a long time now. At the age of nine, he dragged his father’s bag around the golf course, observing and taking an occasional chip or putt. Later in life, de Courcy played golf for Western’s varsity team while attending King’s, getting better each year. Golf, however, was just a diversion – something fun to do in his spare time. It was only in his final year at King’s that de Courcy

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Michael de Courcy says golf is a mind game

began to think seriously about pursuing golf as a profession.

The decision was made easier when he won the OUAA golf championship, the first time in 24 years for a Western golfer. "It was such a highlight to play in my final tournament of university and win it," he says. "I was on the fence throughout the year about whether I should try golf or just do something different, but that pushed me over the edge."

This year de Courcy played on the Great Lakes Tour, finishing among the top players several times, and qualifying for the Tour championship. He is hoping to break into the Canadian Tour in the near future, and ultimately the PGA. Mike says the strongest parts of his game are his accuracy and work ethic. "I love to work and get better. I know that I'm not the best yet in any one part of the game so I just keep working."

De Courcy gives credit to King's for helping to develop his work ethic and mental fortitude. "King's really challenged me and made me work harder," he says. "I learned that if you want something and work hard at it, you're going to achieve it."

De Courcy's passion for the game extends to teaching as well. He is the assistant professional at Scarborough Golf and Country Club. "I love to see people get better," he says. "It's a good feeling when you give someone a tip and they go out and execute."



Patrick Breech '02

When Patrick Breech left for the refugee camps of Tanzania as a volunteer for Right to Play, he had no idea what life would be like there.

When he arrived he found the inhabitants of the camp living in dire poverty, often cut off from friends and family living in other parts of Africa. He was surprised to discover, though, that the refugees had a cheerful and optimistic outlook on life. "They have so little, but they still enjoy life," says Breech. "They're very family and community oriented, and they know how to have a good time."

Right to Play is an international humanitarian organization whose mission is to foster community development in impoverished areas of the globe through the power of sport. Founded by Norwegian gold-medalist speed-skater Johann Olav Koss in 2001, the athlete-run organization is currently active in 23 countries in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

At King's, Breech was a member on Western's cross-country team. When an injury prevented further competition, he played in "as many intramural sports as possible" and was active in Students' Council. After

graduation, he worked as a Liaison Officer for the College, then qualified as an elementary school teacher. His brother Michael is a King's '05 grad, and his sister Caitlin is in her 4th year.

Breech's passion for athletics and leadership experience made him a perfect choice for Right to Play, who selected him as one of 40 volunteers from a pool of 450 applicants. Breech's role was to teach coaches in the camps the Right to Play philosophy, and to train them to work effectively with children. The ultimate goal is to help children develop teamwork, communication, and self-esteem through participation in sports. The program benefits the coaches as well, says Breech. "People in the refugee camps are not allowed to further themselves too much in terms of jobs and education," says Breech. "But the training they get from us can help them get a job if they are resettled or able to go home."

Breech returned to Canada last fall after 13 months in Tanzania, but he says he would like to return some day. "It was difficult to say goodbye because we had got to know each other so well. They love to have visitors and guests, and they love to make friends."

The gift of Service

King's University College is blessed with a group of committed and dedicated senior volunteers. The Herald asked two volunteers, Leanne Perreault '83 and Brent Shea '80, why they give back to King's.



Leanne Perreault '83

When choosing a university, Leanne Perreault followed some good advice: listen to your friends. She found King's University College to be everything her friends said it would be. She liked the warm and caring atmosphere, the small classes, and the “phenomenal

attention” given to students. After graduating in Honours English, she joined Air Ontario in an operational capacity. She then moved to a management position in marketing and corporate communications, and later led the team that branded Air Canada Jazz. When the head office was moved to Halifax in 2003, she accepted a communications position with the Stratford Festival of Canada. As Director of Communications and Patron Experience, she is responsible for everything from internal communications, community relations and publications, to front of house staff and the theatre store. She and her husband Rick, also a King's grad, have two daughters: Charlotte, nine, and Claire, four. Leanne joined the King's University College Board in 2002, and also sits on the King's Alumni Association Board. She was part of the committee that oversaw the rebranding of the College, and also helped with the marketing and public relations for the 2004 King's Fling.

How did you become involved in the College?

About 10 years ago at Homecoming I met Jim Zucchero '82, a former classmate, who asked me to be part of a mentors panel to talk to students about the value of a liberal arts education. I really enjoyed the experience, and it felt great to be part of the King's environment again. I was impressed by the enthusiasm of principal Gerry Killan, and when invited, agreed to participate on a group putting together a strategic plan

for the College. The result was “Vision, Values, and Learning,” a living document that has guided the progress of the College and been continually updated. It was an easy decision to accept an invitation to join the board. There's a real spirit of collegiality that permeates everything about King's.

How do you see the role of the Board?

The Board is quite unique. It's extremely well rounded and well informed, and the meetings are always positive and productive. Board members serve as real advocates in the community at large, supporting, promoting, and talking about King's. I've learned a lot about the College. It feels good to be part of the many wonderful things happening here, and to watch King's take its place on the world stage.

Any best memories of King's?

My graduation was a highlight. My whole family was there, including my sisters, my grandmothers, and two aunts. I remember how proud my mom and dad were. A photo was taken for the King's Herald of the three of us (*see below*). My father, who sadly is no longer with us, is grinning from ear to ear.



Leanne Perreault with her mother and father, Elizabeth and Bill White, on her graduation



Brent Shea '80

King's University College has become a family tradition for Brent Shea '80. He met his wife Becky '79 here, and his sons Adam and Cameron both graduated from King's in 2005. His third son Daniel began at King's before moving to main campus. Brent completed a degree in honours history, and then turned down an acceptance from law school to join the police service. He has enjoyed a varied career in the service, working in Uniformed Duties, Major Crime, Vice and Drugs, Forensics, Professional Standards, and now Human Resources. Brent returned to King's in the late 90s and completed his Honours standing. He is currently enrolled as a part-time student at UWO in the Masters of Public Administration Program. Brent has been active in fundraising work in the community, and two years ago he agreed to serve on the King's College Foundation Board. He currently chairs the Foundation's Development Committee.

How did King's help prepare you for your career in policing?

When I was a history student, my professor Gerry Killan said that we would quickly forget most of the facts and dates that we recited on exams. He told us that the most important thing we were learning at King's was how to think. He and other professors always made sure we looked at every side of a question before we formed our own conclusion. That's what a good liberal arts education is all about, and it's always stuck with me.

Why did you agree to join the Foundation Board?

I really enjoy the atmosphere at King's. There is a lot of energy on campus and I see the same energy on the Foundation Board. There are a lot of talented people on the Board and I'm learning a lot from them. I'm hoping that as an alumnus I can help re-ignite the "King's" feeling in many of our alumni and encourage them to support the excellence we were so fortunate to enjoy many years ago.

The growth at King's has been nothing short of remarkable, but it brings with it significant challenges. We need the ongoing support of the King's community to ensure success.

As an alumnus, why do you feel it's important for other alumni to support King's?

It's been said many times, but it bears repeating – King's is different from other universities. It's a welcoming environment that embraces diversity and encourages learning. I had a lot of fun here, and learned a lot. The alumni I talk with have similar memories of King's. They recall great experiences they enjoyed – the friendships, the learning, and various clubs and social activities. These are what made King's special. We want to keep the King's spirit alive and growing to accommodate the needs and challenges of our current reality. I want alumni to know that every donation received is valued and makes a difference.

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Milestones

Jim Tangney '62 celebrated 40 years of marriage to Barbara. At age 65, he received a certificate as a Gestalt Therapist from the Gestalt Institute of Toronto, completing 5 years of part-time study and practicum work. He has a private practice in Toronto. This new vocation follows a lengthy career in the Ontario Public Service, including 20 years in the Cabinet Office. He would like to hear from classmates and friends at jetangney@ca.inter.net

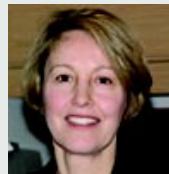
Peter Cavanagh '71 provided an update on his four children. Jamie, received his undergraduate degree from The University of Western Ontario and is currently practicing Law in Toronto. Son Matt, Doctor, Medicine at The University of Western Ontario, resident in Toronto. Craig, Honours in Science at The University of Western Ontario 2006, Masters at Western in the Fall. Daughter, Maureen, rebel, University of Waterloo, 2nd year.

Martin Slobodnik '79 became engaged March 18, 2006 to Mary Robinson, Laurier alumna, and moved into their present home in July, 2006.

Ian Scott '82 recently began a new position as the Regional Manager, Ontario for Accredited Home Lenders Canada. Ian is married to Jane A. Scott and has three children, Mallory, Jacob and Cassie.

H. Cheryl Cameron '84 is a certified teacher working in the ESL Department at a continuing education centre in Oshawa, Ontario with Adult LINC/ESL Students. She is also working on her Certificate in Adult Education. As a five-year breast cancer survivor, Cheryl is very active with her local BCS Dragon Boat Team (The Pink Sensations in Pickering) and currently holds the position of Team Ambassador. Cheryl would love to hear from old friends; she can be contacted through King's Office of Alumni Affairs kcalumni@uwo.ca

Richard James '84 was appointed Principal of a new Catholic High School in Russell. Richard resides in Russell with his wife, Mary Ellen (Brescia grad) and their four children.



◀ **Marion Zych '85** received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1985. While at Western she volunteered at CHRW and TV Western. This whet her appetite for a career in journalism. Marion earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Ryerson in 1988. After spending 17 years as a writer, editor and producer with CBC radio and television, she left the corporation in December of 2005 to assume the position of Director of Communications with the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario.

Marion is married and has a daughter, Emma who is three and a half years old. Marion and her family live in Toronto.

Jim Walker '86 and Odette Walker are pleased to announce the birth of their first baby girl - Emma Marie on June 15, 2006 in Toronto.



▲ **Sandra Zebroski '90** is happy to announce the birth of her daughter, Tatyana Paulina, on May 30, 2005. Sandra is currently on leave from her position as an elementary teacher with the Grand Erie District School Board, in Brantford, Ontario. She has been happily married for 12 years to Thadeus Zebroski, who is a principal with the Grand Erie District School Board.

Robyn Brooks (nee Lumley) '91 was married in 1997 to Doug. Robyn and Doug have three beautiful daughters: Carissa (15), Delainey (7) and Ryleigh (3). Robyn has been with her current job since 1998 and enjoys the challenges of being a scheduling assistant. In her "spare" time she teaches figure skating and enjoys scrap booking. She still remains close friends with Jenn (Ellis) Van Damme whom she met in 2nd year at King's. In fact their 3 yr olds were born just four days apart.

Crystal Smith '91 and her partner Karl have just welcomed their second son. Like his father and brother Nikolas, Eliot was born in the month of September. After several years working as a technical writer in the software industry, Crystal now operates her own home-based freelance writing business, Tiger Lily Media.

Ivan Ing '93 was recently promoted to the position of Agency Field Specialist for State Farm Insurance and moved to Kitchener-Waterloo to assume his new career there.

Vanessa Sevc '94 moved to Ottawa in 1999, obtained an Archives Technician diploma and worked at the National Archives of Canada as an Archival Assistant. In 2003, she joined Joan Holmes & Associates Inc. as a Historical Research Consultant. The firm performs work in the areas of aboriginal rights and first nations land claims. Vanessa plans to wed John Lavergne in January 2007. The couple resides in Stittsville.

Janet White (nee Bucy) '94 celebrated her 10th anniversary with husband W. David White (BA '95 UWO) in September. Janet is the adoring mom of Mitchel, 11, and Renee, 6.

Milestones



▲ **Natasha Crowell (nee Butkovich) '95** and her husband Derek welcomed little Scarlet to their family on February 22, 2006. She weighed 8 pounds. Her big brother Samuel is now 3 1/2. Natasha and her family currently reside in Sault Ste. Marie where she teaches high school English at St. Mary's College and Derek works for Re/Max Realty.

Karen Frank (nee Howard) '97 got married in September 1997. She has two daughters Julia and Gloria. Karen works as a Compliance Specialist for Sun Life Financial.

Sara Folkes (nee Hunter) '99 married Sean Folkes of Markham in June of 2003. Sara and Sean are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Hunter James Joseph on April 9, 2006. Currently Sara is working at IBM in their Education Services Dept and lives in Uxbridge.



▲ **Lindsay Payne Pynten '99** married Layne Pynten in Edmonton, Alberta on May 6, 2006.

▼ **Janet Toohey '99 (nee Thuss)**, husband Patrick and big brother Joel welcomed Laura Gertruda into their family on August 25, 2006. Janet is currently on leave as Executive Assistant, King's College Foundation and Office of Alumni Affairs.



Jennifer Smith '00 graduated from the King's Social Work program in 2002. Following graduation she spent a year in PEI with her sister as she finished her studies. Since September 2003 she has been employed at the London Middlesex Children's Aid Society where she worked as an Intake Worker, Child Abuse Investigation Specialist, and in the Supervised Access Program. Jennifer has completed a world of travels from 2004 until the present, including England, France, Spain, Ghana, Africa, and Mexico, and is planning even more destinations in the future!



◀ **Teresa Gerhold-Hunt '02** married her best friend and soul mate Andrew Hunt on September 23, 2006 in London, Ontario.

Andrea MacDonald '02 married Derek Bezaire on August 12, 2006 in Strathroy. Andrea graduated from the University of Windsor law school in 2005 and was called to the Bar in July, 2006. She is an associate lawyer at Bennett Jones in Toronto. Derek is a chemical engineer at OPG in Pickering. They live in Toronto.



▲ **Erin Gall (nee Kennedy) '03** and Jeff Gall BA '05 were married on July 15, 2006 at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn in London. It was a beautiful day and they were surrounded by family and friends!

Candice Mathany '03 is in the process of beginning her thesis for her Masters degree.

Leanne Young '03 married **Mike Gill '05** on May 6, 2006. They celebrated their day with family and friends in Thorndale, Ontario. Leanne is a full-time secondary school teacher with Thames Valley District School Board, and Mike is currently attending the Faculty of Education at The University of Western Ontario.

James Howe '89 was married in Québec City to Marie-Hélène Brais on August 13, 2005. In March, he became the Director of Communications for the Kitchener-

Waterloo YMCA and on August 2nd 2006 became the proud father of a beautiful baby girl named Justine Elizabeth Howe.

Sarah Clift '05 is currently working on her Masters degree in developmental psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Chris Gray '05 (see *Good sports* on page 17) runs a professional wrestling school in Tillsonburg, ON. Chris can be reached at cody_deaner@hotmail.com.

In Memoriam

The King's University College Office of Alumni Affairs and the Alumni Association extend condolences to the family and friends of **Krista Vanderweyst**. Krista, a student in the Social Work program at King's, passed away on July 20, 2006 after a courageous fight with cancer. Her spirit and ability to overcome adversity were admired by her friends and family.

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