



# St. Lawrence College

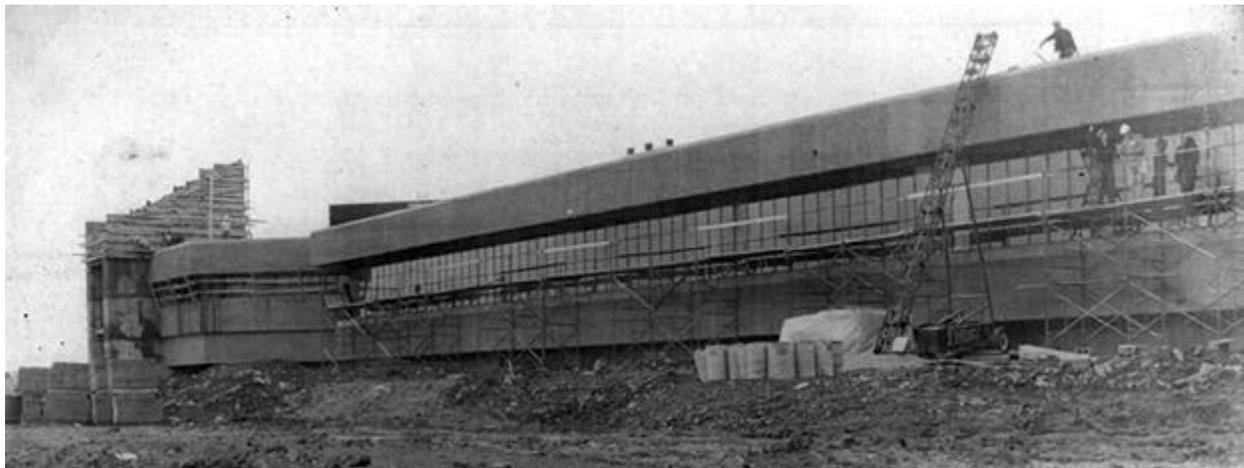
RETIREES  ASSOCIATION

Retiree Reflections, Ruminations, and Ramblings (R<sup>4</sup>)

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## Old and New

Construction of the original main building on Kingston Campus. Photo by Cliff Knapp and available at [www.vintagekingston.com](http://www.vintagekingston.com).



Architectural rendering of new Student Life and Learning Centre, which opened in late fall 2018 and is attached to the building above. [The green grass is not there at the moment.]

<https://www.stlawrencecollege.ca/about/hello-future-capital-project/>.



## Acclaim for SLC Retirees

Brad Hill sent me a report from the Kingston Hockey Hall of Fame, concerning the impending move of the Kingston Voyageurs after 45 years in the city. The same document featured a story on the St. Lawrence College Vikings hockey team which won the OCAA Tier II championship in March of 1985. That team was coached by Ron Robinson, shown “front and centre” in the accompanying photograph. Also visible are Brian Hoobin and Paul Hannah, second row left, and George Macmillan, the Major-Domo of Supplies, second from right in that row.



Hockey was one of many sports for **Brian Murphy**, who is being honoured on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> this year by Centennial College with its Athletics and Recreation Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2019. He was the male athlete of the year at Centennial in 1970-71. The event will be held at the Athletic and Wellness Centre Gymnasium at the Progress Campus of Centennial College.

I must note that Brian is not the only Murphy receiving a distinguished award this year. Last month, at a Red Carpet Rally in Myrtle Beach the night before the Oscars, **Peggy Murphy** submitted a ballot with the most correct answers for five major categories, and was presented with a Special Oscar Certificate from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Science (Myrtle Beach Division).



## Show Me the Money

Our CAAT Pension Plan is doing well and is now 120% funded on a going-concern basis (<https://www.caatpension.on.ca/en/news/everyone/caat-pension-plan-funded-status-grows-120-benefit-security-reserves-26-billion>), with a funding reserve of \$2.6 billion. However, there will be no financial gain for those who worked for the college in the early decades and have since 2014 been without any indexing for inflation for the years of employment prior to 1992. Instead, the Plan governors determined that “allocating additional reserves to further strengthen benefit security is the most prudent option at this time. Funding reserves, we are told, maintain the Plan’s resilience and cushion the Plan against future economic or demographic shocks.

While this reasoning is doubtless sound, it is cold comfort to those members of our Association (the vast majority) who retired around the end of the 1990s and now receive indexing on only a few years of service, and whose purchasing power steadily erodes with each passing year.

## SLC Strategic Plan 2019-2024 Taking Shape

<http://www.stlawrencecollege.ca/about/college-reports-and-policies/strategic-plan/>. The Plan includes vision, mission, and values statements, with the latter comprising the four components of *students first*, *teamwork*, *innovation*, and *integrity*. As a point of comparison, 35 years ago (April 1984), the College identified seven beliefs.

1. Our purpose is to help our students succeed through learning.
2. Our people are our strength.
3. Individually and collectively we are St. Lawrence.
4. We excel by working together.
5. We respect each individual as a unique and important adult.
6. We commit time, talent and College resources to ensure that our community is better for our presence.
7. We are sensitive to the bilingual and bicultural nature of our country.

The Kingston Campus Business Department held a “Beliefs Luncheon” to demonstrate solidarity and support for the Beliefs initiative. Among its seditious conclusions, as reported in the *Book of Memories* (p. 125) covering the first half century of SLC:



WE BELIEVE that the description of the College’s new logo as “two sharks mating in the Red Sea” is unkind. [True, but unkind]

WE BELIEVE that the theme from *Jaws* as the school song would complement the new logo.

Now that I have become more mature and responsible, I will not subject you to the rest of the frivolous report, but you can find it at

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ys6sxfxzajzuea/Book%20of%20Memories%202017.pdf?dl=0>.

## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday April 10**, at 10:30, first *Coffee and Conversation* of 2019, in the first floor lounge at 1066 King Street West – the last of the three high rise buildings as you head west from the college. Please send an email to [scretirees@gmail.com](mailto:scretirees@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

**Wednesday May 15**, at 10:00, AGM of the SLC Retirees Association. Details to follow.

