

# What Loyalist students are saying about the federal election:



Margaret Kaiser, 51, is an Environmental Technology student at Loyalist College. “I don’t think there’s a lot of confidence in what the Conservative government is doing right now. I’m not too sure about the alternatives, though.”



Tara Kirkey, 22, is a Paralegal student at Loyalist College. “I think it’s good. It’ll be nice to have new representative for Canada.”



Stacey Trubridge, 25, is a Social Service Worker student at Loyalist College. “I don’t support Stephen Harper,” she said. “I hope it plays out by him not being in power.”



Raphael Borja, 25, is a Photojournalism student at Loyalist College. “It’s time for a change over. Whether it’s Ignatieff or anyone else. I don’t know if they’d be better, but I think any change could be welcomed.”



Kryston Burton, 21, is a Police Foundations student at Loyalist College. “Not to have another vote for an election because I like Stephen Harper on the whole. I think he’s doing a good job.”

## College salutes athletic achievements

By Amy Clark

Loyalist College will always be a special place to Greg Gavin. “It’s a place that is special to my heart, and it’s played a big part in my life,” said Gavin. He worked at the college as athletic director for 34 years with the athletics department before retiring two years ago. Even though he retired, he hasn’t really left the college. He now manages the Sports Dome. Working at the dome has been a step back for Gavin, and he feels it is a good first step to retiring. Gavin graduated from the University of Windsor. Since working at Loyalist he has made many memories, which he will always hold close. Gavin being surrounded by good people makes you better at what you do, he said. Gavin is one of three people who were inducted into Loyalist College’s Sports Hall of Fame Wednesday night. The other two were Joey Martins and Jutta Merilainen. All three were inducted on their overall achievements while at Loyalist College. Joey Martins graduated from Loyalist with his recreation diploma. Martins made a special trip back to get inducted into the sports Hall of Fame. In his two years at the college he played on both the soccer and volleyball teams. Martins said he liked having Chris Carson as a coach. He had a great team to play on and great support from the college community. “Chris being residence manager was really helpful, he put one of my good buddies and I together in the same residence apartment so we were roommates,” said Martins. “It was a great experience coming right out of high school, not really



Loyalist College welcomes the newest members to its Sport Hall of Fame. From left, Greg Gavin, inductee, Maureen Piercy, college president, Joey Martins, inductee, Jim Buck, athletic director, and Jutta Merilainen, inductee. Photo by Amy Clark

knowing what to expect, living away from home, not really knowing anybody,” said Martins. Martins made a lot of close friends and has great memories during his time at the college. “When you’re in a school with a small-college feel, it’s more of a family oriented feel. You know everybody, you say hi to people walking down the hallways, you see them almost every day and it’s a really different experience, especially when you go to a different school, or a bigger school you don’t really have that feel,” said

Martins. The final inductee into the hall of fame was Jutta Merilainen. While attending the college in the nursing program, she was on the cross-country team. As the oldest player on the team, she took the lead, even though it was always a team effort. The greatest experience for Merilainen while at Loyalist was being a part of the team. “It was being able to push myself as hard as I could to see where I reach,” said Merilainen.

All three were surprised at being honoured. “I guess it’s a big accomplishment for me,” said Martins. “It’s quite an honour to be recognized amongst many, many people. There are a lot of great athletes and builders within the Hall of Fame. “Playing beside Brad who is in the Hall of Fame, and being coached by Chris Carson is a great honour.” College President Maureen Piercy, and Athletic Director Jim Buck presented each of the inductees with a plaque.

## Green tour gets ready to roll

By Liam Kavanagh-Bradette

The Green Homes Bus Tour has come a long way since it started three years ago. The tour is part of the annual Living Green symposium hosted by Loyalist College, in partnership with County Sustainability, an organization of environmentally concerned citizens from the Prince Edward County area. This year the tour will include two buses. One will head south into the county while the other tour heads north of Belleville. Don Ross has been the tour’s organizer since its inception three years ago. The first year a handful of homeowners interested in green energy toured each other’s homes. But once word about the tour got out things grew rapidly. The following year the tour was opened to the public, and County Sustainability set up a tour of eight homes in Prince Edward County. “We put out the word for people and we told them where to go and they could pick and choose the homes they wanted to go to,” said Ross. He said the tour was a massive success, with 200 to 300 people attending. “It was kind of overwhelming. By the end of the day the home owners had lost their voices just from talking to everyone,” he said. They then joined with the Living Green symposium and set up the bus tour. The first tour was free. “[People] were actually asking ‘Where do we pay?’ We said ‘No, there’s no charge. Come and learn,’” said Ross.

## Pair of student athletes share year of joy and sorrow

By Christine Hosler

Loyalist College’s athletic banquet was a night of standing ovations, congratulations and a few tears. There were 32 awards presented and some athletes won more than one. But the emotional story of the night was the Larry Cook award. Named after current professor and rugby coach Larry Cook, it’s given to athletes who show the values of fair play, integrity, and commitment, and are leaders both on the team and in the community. Vanessa Brault, from the women’s soccer team, and Kaitlyn McConnell, from the women’s rugby team, shared the award. McConnell’s 18-year-old brother died in a car accident in October, and through it all Brault was there for her. “It was something that was really

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Vanessa Brault

hard for her to go through because they were so close,” said Brault. “As a friend it brought us closer together, and I made sure to be there for her all the way through.” McConnell took a month off, but came back determined to succeed. “I went in with a goal in mind, and I wanted to make it through, I wanted to finish,” said McConnell. “I knew my brother would want me to as well.” They met in the police foundations program at Loyalist two years ago,

and while they don’t play in the same sport, they became best friends. “I’ve never seen one without the other, except maybe on the field,” said Jim Buck, athletic director at Loyalist College and emcee of the banquet. The two received the award because of their dedication to each other and to their team during a difficult year. Buck described the girls as hard workers, who participate in a variety of community and school functions together. There were three awards presented to each team, with the exception of cross-country, which had two. Other highlights of the night were the male and female athlete of the year, which went to Sean McMurtry from the men’s rugby team, and Britany Gray from the women’s volleyball team.

## Exhibition showcases work of art and design program

By Amy Clark

Art and Design Foundation students of Loyalist College will be hosting their second annual juried student exhibition. Students in the program are organizing and will be running the exhibition. The exhibition does not influence the students’ grades, but does look good on a resume for future job opportunities, said Robert Kranendonk, coordinator for Art and Design Foundation. Various types of artwork will be showcased including graphic design, typography, paintings and sculptures. The students have until April 7 at noon to submit work for the exhibition, which opens on April 14 at 6 p.m. in the upper level of the student hub. “No matter what area you are interested in, people are intrigued by what

is visually stimulating,” said Kranendonk. “And if it is beyond visually stimulating, if it’s got something in there that makes them think and has an element of communication in it, they’re going to be intrigued to look at it and try to understand what they are looking at.” A juried exhibition is when a number of professionals from different areas get together and decide on a process to judge the students work. Not every student will make it into the exhibition with his or her own piece. The show is open to everyone and has no specific audience. “It’s focused on both the current students that are here so they can show what they have done its also for the community plus it’s for advisory committee will be attending, their family, friends and future students,” said Kranendonk.

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