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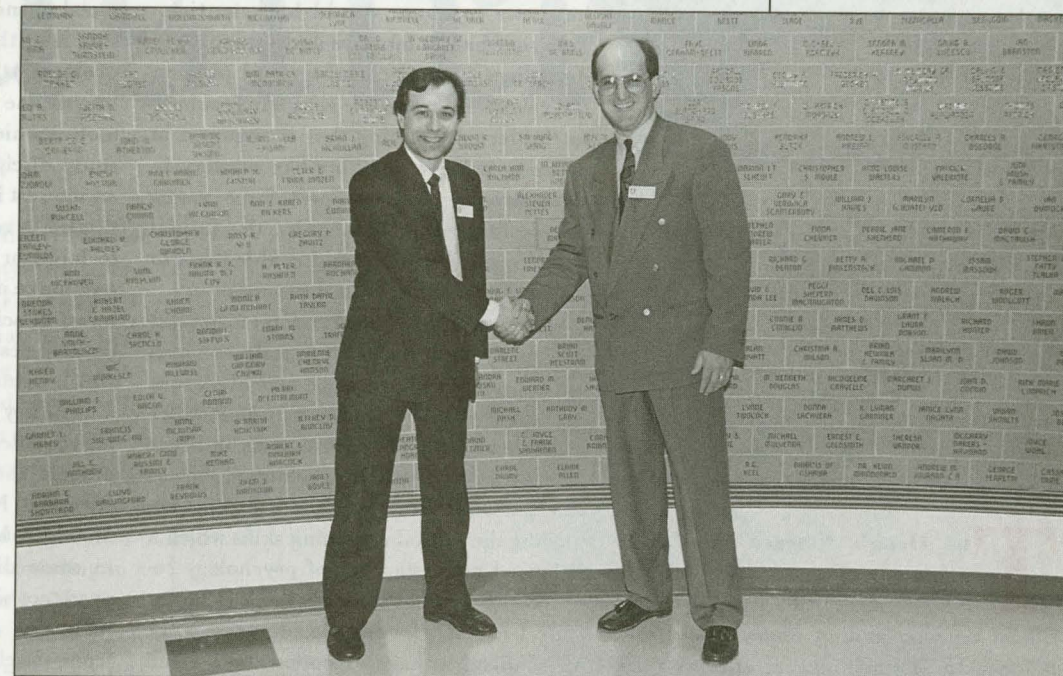
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*David Betzner, Past-President of the Brock University Alumni Association and Kerry Leask, Current President, at the opening of the Alumni Donor Wall*

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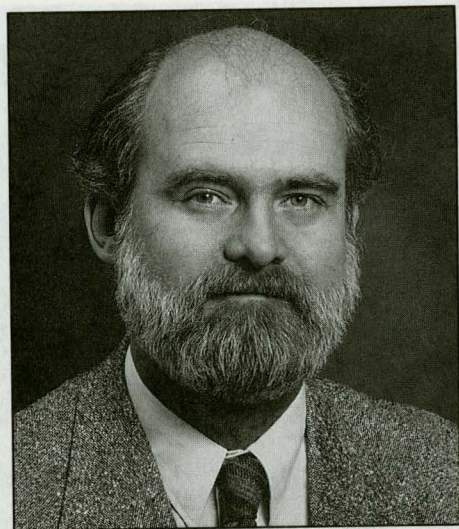
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## FORUM

# Why more students don't take science



**T**he Dean's Niagara Council is made up of community leaders who consult with the Deans of Social Science and of Mathematics and Science to identify mutual interests and opportunities. At the January, 1991 meeting, Brock psychology professor John Benjafield shared his thoughts on why students don't continue their science studies.

When I started to think about this topic, it reminded me of the possible parallel between learning science and learning music. Jeanne Bamberger of MIT studied the development of music in so-called child prodigies. These children found music performance to be an easy matter when they were very young; they had an intuitive appreciation of music. At some point, however, even the most talented student must master the formal aspects of music and submit to the rigors of music theory courses. Many exceptionally talented young people drop out of music at that point. They feel that the formal approach masks their intuitive feeling for music, which they are unwilling to give up. Bamberger calls this the mid-life crisis of the musician, and says it occurs around 14 to 18 years of age.

It seems to me that something similar happens to some would-be scientists. Everyone has an intuitive understanding of disciplines such as chemistry and physics, but relatively few people voluntarily submit to the formal training that is required in order to achieve anything like mastery in these areas. And we don't force young people to attempt to acquire the formal reasoning skills that would enable them to be successful students in these areas.

The result is that when they get to university, many students enroll in courses which appear not to require much formal reasoning. In psychology we see a large number of students with impressive skills in areas which are very useful in psychology, such as interpersonal skills, but who still resist acquiring the formal reasoning skills which a balanced understanding of psychology requires. For these students there is no escape, because before they graduate we make all of them, without exception, take a full course in statistical reasoning. At this point it is probably too late to change disciplines, and even if they did, they would find that all the other social sciences are requiring the same kind of thing. So they reluctantly take the statistics course. For many of them it is a hurdle to get over and done with; for others it is an occasion for changing the way they think. The statistics course provides an opportunity for real cognitive growth in an area which has perhaps not grown very much since the student was in junior high school. These students have the feeling that they now understand psychological issues in a qualitatively different way.

When students successfully acquire the new viewpoint that heightened formal reasoning skills afford, then they may begin to be interested in science in a way that they were not before. Consequently, it is very important for us to provide avenues that lead from social science toward garden-variety sciences such as chemistry and biology. I believe that we at Brock have been trying to do just this. We have put in place

interdisciplinary programs which combine social science with natural science (such as the Health Studies and Neuroscience programs) that make it possible for students to combine an interest in helping people, a motive which often underlies the desire to study disciplines such as psychology, with an interest in one or more of the sciences. I think it is very important for us to continue to build bridges between the two faculties and make it possible for students whose interest in science may be late awakening to nevertheless explore some of the possibilities which natural science disciplines afford.

The key issue is the extent to which learning the rules of one discipline will generalize outside the problems in that discipline. Richard Nisbett, of the University of Michigan, has shown that graduate training in some disciplines, such as psychology, produces significant increases in the ability to reason about problems quite removed from psychology. Interestingly, graduate training in other disciplines, such as chemistry, does not appear to produce such increases. As Nisbett and his co-workers put it, "the luxury of not being confronted with messy problems that contain substantial uncertainty and a tangled web of causes means that chemistry does not teach some rules that are relevant to life."

Nisbett is careful to say that this is *not* a criticism of chemistry. However, it does suggest that social science disciplines may be able to offer students the opportunity to acquire reasoning skills that they may not be able to acquire otherwise. It also suggests that, having acquired these skills, students may be able to begin to generalize them not only to everyday life, but perhaps to some of the natural sciences. That is why it is important to build bridges between the social and natural sciences that will allow mature students to explore natural science. I believe that here at Brock we have begun to build these bridges and I am confident that this work will continue.

BY JOHN BENJAFIELD

## COVER

# M A D A M Justice

**R**eceived from Politics Professor Bill Matheson, a tiny item in *The Globe and Mail*, February 21, 1991: "The first native woman to be made a judge in Canada is among 10 appointments to the bench announced yesterday by Ontario Attorney-General Howard Hampton. Terry Vyse, a lawyer in private practice in St. Catharines, is also the first native person of either gender to be appointed a judge in Ontario, according to a statement from Mr. Hampton's office."

"Terry Vyse is a Brock grad," Prof. Matheson advised. "She was one of my students."

Within a week, Terry Vyse's picture was smiling from the pages of newspapers all over Ontario, admitting to readers that it was television's fictional WASP lawyer Perry Mason who had first inspired her to become a lawyer.

What does being native mean to Canada's first native woman judge? "That's a haunting question," she says. "It has haunted me all my life."

Sitting in her law office above King Street in downtown St. Catharines, the Brock graduate pointed to herself. "You're looking at D. Terry Vyse, the individual—the sum of all the things I am, native and non-native."

Her first experience dealing with her "nativeness" came while she was in prelaw at the University of Saskatchewan, after graduating from Brock University, then studying law and cinematography for a year at Niagara College while she made up her mind what to do next. "At Saskatchewan I met all these natives who

couldn't speak their own language, didn't know their own chief. To me they were not really native; they were red on the outside and white on the inside. I felt I was the same, except that I didn't even look native. Finally I asked myself, do I have to meet this test to be native? No. My blood is native, so I'm native."

"I associate more with natives than non-natives do," Terry said. "Every year I attend the big pow wow at the Turtle in Niagara Falls, New York. It's the only place to find really wonderful native jewelry, and



BY LEILA LUSTIG

## Cover (cont.)

firewalkers—dancers—come from all over North America. And I go to Ohsweken near Brantford, where my family are from, for Bread and Cheese Day. Queen Victoria used to distribute bread and cheese to us on her birthday, and we still go to receive our bread and cheese."

Terry says native men have "fantastic" senses of humor, very different from non-native humor. "And native elders," she observes, "like no other people, can help me keep things in perspective. They get things back to simple basics. They strive for reasonableness and harmony. Several years ago when I was on the warpath about all the native children that were taken away

from their families—and lost forever—by governmental legislation, an elder reminded me, 'Don't forget about the few native children who were helped by being taken away from their bands.' It gave me perspective, calmed me down."

Asked to define the relationship between native and non-native culture, Terry mentioned the "Two-Row Wampum" as an expression of keeping the two ways of life separate. It wasn't easy for her to explain. Finally, she

picked up the phone and called Native Elder Reginald Henry at the Woodland Cultural Centre in Brantford. He said the Two-Row Wampum was one of the first wampum belts ever made—a means of bringing peace between natives and non-natives. The Dutch, he said, wrote down their side of the agreement, while the natives—who had no writing—"wrote down" their side by making a white beaded belt with two rows, side by side, of purple beads. The rows represented two rivers. "One stream," Reg

explained, "will be where the Indians will be travelling up and down in a canoe containing their way of life and everything they believe in. On the other river will be a big ship containing what the others believe in. Nobody will interfere with the other. And what happens if somebody wants to get in my boat? We deal with them the same as our own people. But nobody is going to get out of the big boat and into ours. It only happens the other way!" he chuckled. "First the Dutch, then the French, then the English and then the Americans came; so every once in a while, the natives were supposed to bring the belt out to renew the peace."

Terry Vyse grew up in St. Davids. Her

Saxon at the University of Saskatchewan—paved the way for natives in the law. Now there are a lot of natives going into journalism and social work, too."

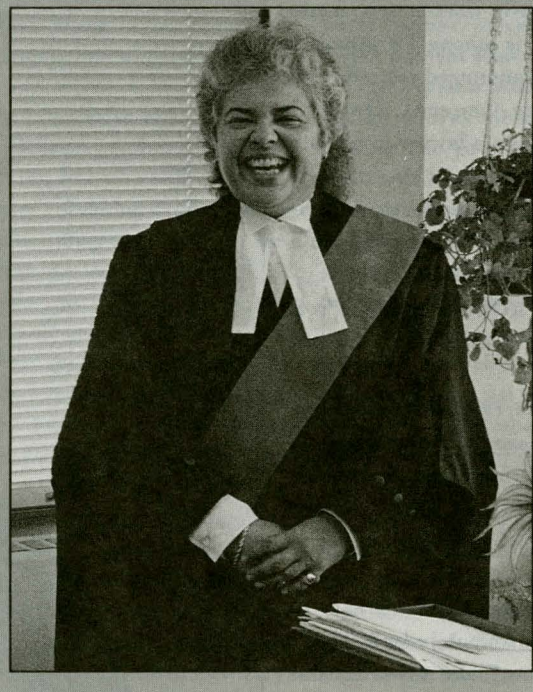
Brock University was "a great experience" for Terry Vyse, "truly academic, because I lived at home in St. Davids and didn't socialize much with other students. I was at Brock in the mid-70s, when there were student protests going on; but I didn't become involved in them. I majored in politics and the sociology of law. I had fantastic professors, especially Professor Matheson; in fact, he's one of the best teachers I've ever had. I still remember things he taught me...the organization of the political

system. Boy, did those professors get me thinking! Political Philosophy shivered me to my timbers. I spent three weeks reading Nietzsche, and it really rocked me. My mother grew up a Seventh-Day Adventist," Terry explained, "and so did I. It's a very strict religion. My experience at Brock taught me to question my faith...and everything else!

I think I needed that. It opened my mind to new ideas and possibilities."

Terry said a session with a native elder helped her restore some inner balance after this "horrendous experience" at Brock. "Native elders can help me much more quickly than religion can, with just a few words. There's something even in the way they speak, their tone of voice, their sense of phrasing." This ability—and willingness—to embrace the best both cultures have to offer seems a key to Terry Vyse's

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father and mother were both full-blooded Mohawks, whose parents had moved off the reservation because they thought their children would have a better life outside, better access to jobs and opportunities. "And they were right," Terry insists today. As Canada's first native woman judge at age 38, she is living proof of her grandparents' wisdom. "In 1980 there were only maybe a dozen native lawyers in Canada," she explained. "Today there are 160 native lawyers and 120 native law students. Professor Roger Carter—a white Anglo-

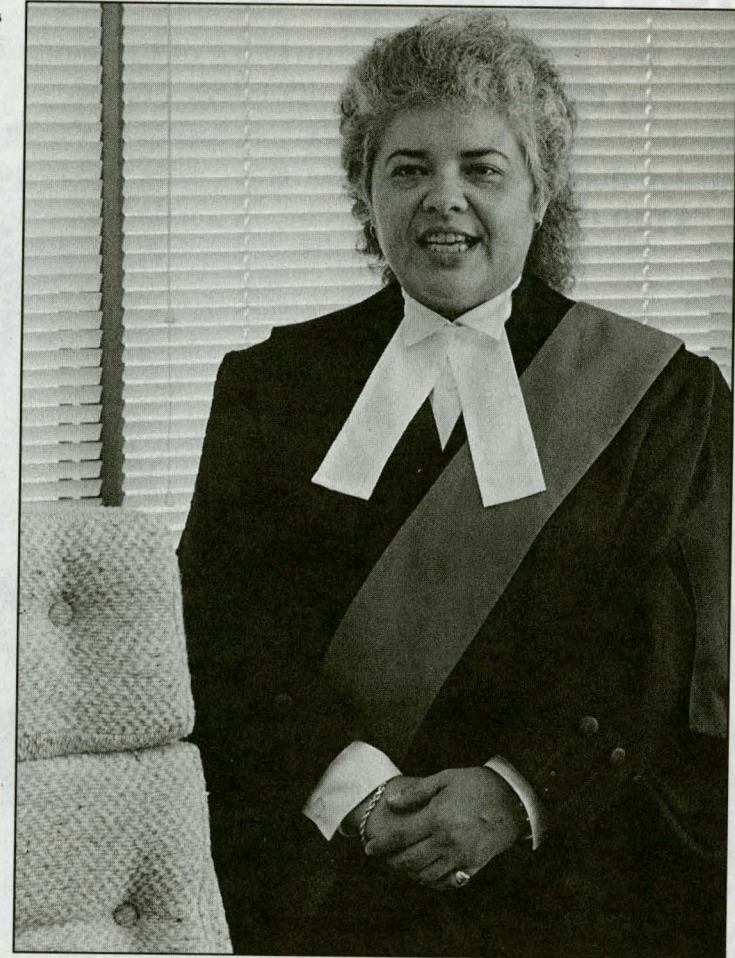
personality and her success as well. She tries to live the way of the Two-Row Wampum.

One difference, she explained, between native and non-native culture, is the communal concept of property. "When a native hunter kills an animal, he takes only what he needs, and leaves the rest of the animal in plain sight in the centre of the camp for others to use. I still think it's strange to buy time," she laughed, "like using a parking meter, for instance."

After six weeks on the bench, Judge Vyse said the difference between being a lawyer and being a judge is "concentration. A lawyer prepares and then argues a case, and goes away. A judge sits there all day with only a short lunch break, and she can't miss anything." Terry said she has always preferred criminal to family law. "I had trouble practising family law, because it's very emotional and I'm very emotional. It's funny, but people seem to get a lot more emotional if you take their money away than if you take their freedom away!"

Does she think it will be depressing passing judgment on people day after day? A mentor in St. Catharines advised her that judging juvenile cases is less stressful because at least the judge feels he or she might make a difference. "When you see the same adult come back into court the second, third or fourth time, and you know the sentence will have to be heavier for each conviction, and you know it just isn't making a difference in this person's life...yes, it does become depressing." Judge Vyse says she will probably consult her mentor when and if depression becomes a problem. One suspects a visit with a native elder will also be in order.

Does being native make a difference in her work? "When I sit and preside as a judge, it's over individuals—not races,



alcohol-related—native or non-native. Nativeness hasn't been argued by either defense or crown attorneys. But there are native court support systems, and they sometimes have to interpret my legal-ese for native defendants." St. Catharines' native court worker Jean Wilson was particularly helpful to her as a lawyer, she said, in communicating with natives whose education level was not the same as hers.

Does Terry Vyse see any progress for natives in the justice system? Yes. A recent change, Terry explained, allows natives sentenced to community work service to perform their service on their own reservation at Ohsweken. Previously such service had to be performed in a city, to which natives had no transportation. She recently heard about a non-native judge in Alberta who, after he

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registers a conviction of a native youth, convenes a committee of native elders from the convicted youth's community to determine his or her penalty. The crime rate among native youth has declined by five percent or more in Judge Spence's jurisdiction, which Terry sees as a significant improvement. She would like to institute a similar program in Ontario.

And how does her favorite professor, Bill Matheson, remember Terry Vyse? "She worked very hard as a student. She was very quiet and soft-spoken in class. I remember Terry as a person of considerable personal integrity who was serious about what she did. She's a person who found herself after she finished her degree: she went to Niagara College and took the legal secretary course. I suggested she pursue law at the University of Western Ontario. I respect her and her beliefs, and I'm really pleased at her success. She's earned everything she's ever received."

sexes or classes. So far, the nativeness of people who've come before me has not been an issue. For example, many people think of drinking as a native 'issue,' but 80 to 90 percent of the cases that come before me are

# Another brick in the wall

Saturday night, May 4, 1991 saw the unveiling of the Alumni Donor Wall in Brock's new Alumni Student Centre.

Almost 300 people attended to witness the conclusion of the first phase of the "Buy A Brick" campaign that, together with matching gifts and bequests, has raised over \$140,000 to furnish this much needed space.



**Christina Wichartz of the Student Centre Board, and Kerry Leask, President of the Brock University Alumni Association unveil the wall**

It was 1988 when the Brock University Student Union (BUSU) held a referendum and decided they needed a larger venue to accommodate an ever growing student body. Brock's student population has almost doubled (an increase of 95.8 percent) since 1980 and the beloved *Alphie's Trough* was just too small. The students were also in desperate need of space for their organizations and activities: the time had come to rectify this need. The BUSU referendum revealed that the student body would be willing to pay an \$10 levy on each course to help fund a student centre. Today, just two years later, the University owns a new \$4 million building and students have already raised over \$1 million of its cost. Through an agreement with the University, the Board of Student



Centre Inc. is responsible for the management of the Centre.

The donor wall faces the lobby at the entrance to the new pub and contains more than 289 bricks, each bearing the name of a donor who gave a minimum of \$250 to help furnish the Alumni Student Centre. Following President Terry White's welcome

and the official unveiling, there was a great deal of activity in the lobby as each donor searched for his or her particular "brick." The "Buy A Brick" campaign was one of the most popular in Brock history; and because brick requests are still being received, it has been decided to construct a second Donor Wall. If you would like your name immor-



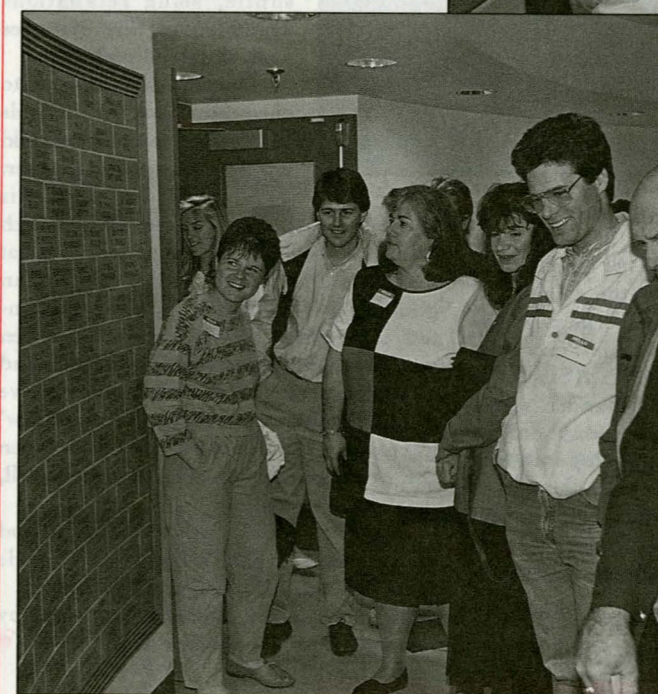
alized on this second display, contact the Manager of Alumni Affairs at the Office of External Relations. It is not too late to be included in the next wall.

For many people at the May 4 event, this was a chance to see for themselves just how impressive are these new facilities, and the consensus was very favorable. The students felt there could be only one *Alphie's Trough* so they named the new pub *Isaac's*. Already a hit with the student body, *Isaac's* contains state-of-the-art lighting and sound equipment, a d.j. booth, a spacious dance floor, video machines, television monitors, a large screen TV and balconies equipped with soft drink machines for underage students. Alumni and guests had to agree that Brock now has one of the best student centres in the country.



It seemed fitting that Pat Hewitt should entertain past students in the home of future students because this popular performer has been entertaining at Brock since 1978. Mr. Hewitt took the audience on a trip back to student days by playing as many old favorite songs as possible. His request list grew longer as the evening wore on and more and more people took to the dance floor.

*Alphie's*, lives on. The soon-to-be-renamed and renovated facility will house the Brock Faculty and Staff Club which will be available for rental to alumni and other groups for special events.



# A Death in the Senate

*Surgite!* recently received a complementary copy of a new murder-mystery novel called *A Death In The Senate*.

To our great delight, we realized that the author, John C. Aveline, is a Brock graduate.

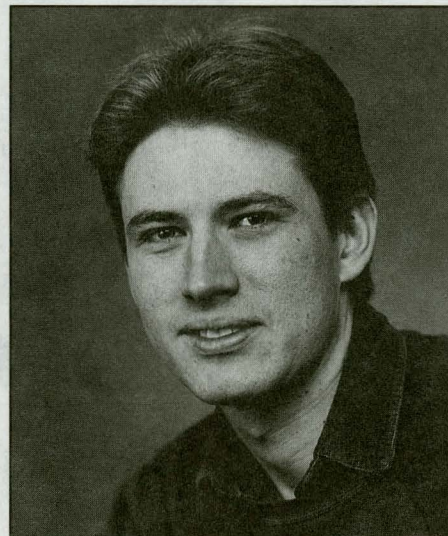
**J**ohn C. Aveline (Classics '87) grew up on the Toronto Islands. He discovered the Classics in high school and wasn't satisfied until he had earned a BA and a MA in Classics from Brock and McMaster respectively. Mr. Aveline has spent the last nine years lawn bowling in about 150 games a year in an effort to reach the national championships and is currently tutoring "one whole student" in the translation of Greek and Latin, "especially the naughty bits."

*Surgite!* asked Brock University Classics Professor Richard Parker to give us his impressions of his former pupil's novel.

John C. Aveline has written a novel that comprises, like some mythical beast, seemingly disparate elements, to wit, a murder mystery set in the 'mean streets' of ancient Rome and imbued with the ambience of (and peopled by the denizens of) ancient Roman Comedy.

The scene is set among the household of an aristocratic but impoverished Roman senator whose ambitions far outstrip his abilities, and the plot concerns the struggle of the protagonist a clever (Greek, naturally) slave, to solve his master's murder and thereby secure his own and his fellows' freedom.

The cast of characters would be perfectly at home in a play by Plautus or Terence: an insolent, but clever slave (the sleuth), a stodgy and severe Roman father (the victim), a disinterested and cynical magistrate and his venal attendant (the ambitious chief and his misguided gumshoe), and a household full of suspects including a demure wife, useless sons, a pretentious pedagogue, doltish farmhand and a comely cook whose nobility of character, like the courtesans of Roman Comedy, belies her servile status. In fact, the introductory material includes a list of *dramatis personae* as well as a floorplan of the victim's house (thus putting in mind the popular murder-mystery board game *Clue*).



John C. Aveline

*aliquis peccavit, Impsum necavit,  
Vilicus stolidusne, filius cupidusve?  
uxor cara vel coqua ignara?  
(illa inculpabilis, haec, quam amabilis!)  
paedagogusne venenarius? — mehercle, nullus est cellarius! —  
quisquis scelus perpetravit, servus procax vestigabit.*

*An evil dastard's killed our Master: Whodunnit?  
Was it Bailiff obtuse?, or greedy Son's ruse?  
The loving Wife, so free from blame?  
The Cook? — she's lovely, was she framed?  
Perchance the Professor poured poison subtler?  
(I'm stumped: you see, there is no Butler!)  
Whoever did the awful sin, the saucy Slave will bring him in.*

Ironically, it is in a very rare lapse of narrative detachment that the author expresses his disdain for the 'New' and Roman Comedy in preference for the ribaldry of Aristophanes. Therein he perpetrates the novel's only significant sin against genre: an anachronistic comparison of Neil Simon (ye gods!) to the comic poet Menander, whose popularity in antiquity was second only to Homer's: *de gustibus non disputandum* ("to each his own"). Otherwise the author sustains the "feel" of daily life in ancient Rome admirably, and it is from this arena that the charm of *A Death* emerges triumphant.

Aveline does not dwell on the glory and the grandeur that was Rome, but focuses

instead on the sights, sounds and smells of the gutter and garden, that is, the everlasting city as she was experienced by the vast majority of her inhabitants. The reader is treated to the humble pleasures experienced in garden and kitchen, the heat and hustle of Rome by day, the stench and danger by night.

This focus on everyday life carries over to the characters and their attitudes. The Roman aristocrat of the story is decidedly not one of the movers and shakers who rent apart the Roman Republic in the first century B.C.; and, with one small exception, the author avoids injecting famous historical persons into the story, a grating bit of preciousness that other writers of historical novels inevitably refuse to resist. Most of *A Death's* characters are slaves, and the reader is given many glimpses into their inner feelings and attitudes towards their own servitude. It is to the author's credit that these feelings are not developed by means of melodramatic scenes of cruel punishment or the separation of friends and family through sale; rather he targets the endless, minute irritations and humiliations of a slave's lot, as well as the subtle, smug retaliations against, and tiny victories over, the stolid masters.

The reader who yearns to encounter familiar factoids of Classical antiquity should not be disappointed either. The author indulges his audience by displaying his learning in such scenes as a son's supper-time report of what he learned in school today (Epicurean philosophy to his father's apoplexy), a contest of ancient "Trivial Pursuit" between our hero and the pretentious pedagogue and an exchange of critical views on the relative merits of 'old' (i.e., Aristophanic) and 'new' (Menander, Plautus et al.) comedy between the protagonist and the cook (after all, they're Greek slaves!).

All in all, for those who like period pieces, John Aveline's book will provide some pleasant diversion and amusement.

*A Death in the Senate* is published by Vantage Press, Inc. of New York.

## 1970

**Marlene (Ryan) Ostrander** (BA, psyc) operates her own travel agency in Peterborough, Ontario. Her husband Archie is a portrait painter.

**Brian Guest** (BA, psyc) works for the Sisters of St. Joseph as Executive Director, Health Care System. Brian received his MBA from McMaster in 1987. He lives on a small farm in Caledonia with wife Faye, children Eric and Katie, two horses, three dogs, and seven cats.

## 1971

**Dan Schmid** (BA, Engl) was assigned to the position of Acting Director, Strategies and Services, with Agriculture Canada, one week after the birth of his son Neal Edward, March 26, 1991 - a brother for Elizabeth Rose.

**Arthur G. Wiebe** (BSc, biol) is a Physician in Kincardine, Ontario. He was recently in Europe with the Canadian Junior Cross-Country Ski Team as team physician.

## 1973

**Jim Thornton** (BA, geog) has been teaching for 15 years and is now with the Peel Board of Education. Jim and wife Patricia live in Inglewood with their two children. Jim is also an active Shriner in the Brampton area.

## 1974

**James Dow** (BA, econ/poli) and wife Judy are the proud parents of twin boys, Shawn and Kyle, born Dec. 21, 1990.

# ALUMNEWS



Marlene Ostrander

**Carl Lettau** (BA, geog) received his 3rd class certification as a Stationary Engineer, April 1, 1991. He has recently been promoted to Chief Operating Engineer with Canadian Linen Supply, Toronto. Carl *The Cadet* would love to hear from *The Mate, The Leckie, The Sparks, The Leaner, Young Reg, Lovely Leslie* and *The Old Fella*.

## 1975

**Louise (Notte) Bowman** (BA, Fren) and husband **Brian Bowman** (BA, adm/econ, '79) are the owners of a fitness centre in St. Catharines.

**Al Workman** (BSc, geol) had his five-year sojourn to Saudi Arabia interrupted by the Gulf War; however, he is hopeful that his contract with Watts, Griffis & McOuat (Toronto), will go forward in the autumn. The purpose of his journey is to explore and develop mineral deposits within Saudi Arabia.

## 1976

**Lomond Wallish** (BA, psyc) is working part-time as a Coronary Care Nurse in

Canterbury, NSW, Australia, where she lives with husband Terry and sons Sean and Gareth. She would love to hear from her old mates.

## 1978

**Louise (Anderson) Bratt** (BPhEd) and husband David were married March 2, 1991. At present they are living in Kitchener but plan to move to the Niagara region, where Louise is hoping to find a teaching position.

**Danny Saliani** (BPhEd) would like to hear from former classmate **Donna Lawless** (BPhEd; BEd, '79).

**Andrew Stirling** (BA, Engl) lives in Regina, Saskatchewan, where he is a co-ordinator with the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

**Kevin Taylor** (BA, poli) has transferred to Ottawa from Montreal. He is Senior Branch Manager with the Bank of Montreal. Kevin says 'hello' to **Bill Matheson**.

**Judith Watson** (BAdmin) announces the arrival of a daughter, Julia Kirsten, on January 26, 1991, a sister for big brother Jens.

## 1979

**Jody Davis** (BPhEd) moved back to Kingston in January 1990. She is starting her MSc degree, part-time, with the School of Physical & Health Education, Queen's University, in September 1991; her area of study will be motor learning.

**Kathryn (Hill) Hookey** (BA, psyc; EST '73) and husband Robert reside in Guelph. Kathryn is an elementary teacher with the Peel Board of Education.

## 1980

**Martin Philp** (BAdmin; MA, poli, '86) and **Patricia (Luft) Philp** (BA, psyc '81) now live in Hasting, Nebraska where Martin was recently promoted to Controller of the Vertical Turbine Pump Division of Ingersoll Rand Canada. Pat is enjoying her role as wife and mother to their three children, John (6), Ryan (3), and Andrew (1).

## 1982

**Stephen Chi Ho Chung** (BAdmin) works for IBM Canada Ltd. as a Plans & Controls Analyst.

**Geri (Lama) Harris** (BPhEd, BEd '83) and husband Scott wish to announce the birth of their second daughter, Jaclyn Nicole, born April 2, 1991.

**Val (Todd) Shaw** (BSc, geol) and **Bruce Shaw** (BSc, geol, '84) reside in Calgary where Val works for Norcen Energy Resources. After 16 months of playing "Mr Mom" to their two children, Holly (4) and Willie (2), Bruce has returned to work full-time at Agat Laboratories in Calgary.

## 1983

**Joy (Carne) Collins** (BA, chld; BEd, '84) and **Warren Collins** (BEd, '89) wish to announce the birth of their first child, Victoria Joy, born Feb. 1, 1991.

**Danny DiLorenzo** (BRLS; BEd, '84) and **Lidia (Sardella) DiLorenzo** (BA, recl/soci, '83) have two children, Andre (2 1/2), and Maria (1). Danny is a resource teacher for the Welland County RCSSB.

**Susan Green** (BA, Germ) married Geoff Gordon in 1986

## Alumnews (cont.)

and settled in Cambridge. Their first child, Michelle Elizabeth, was born August 31, 1990.

**Herman Gunadi** (BSc, cosc) is an Analyst Programmer with Wilcom Pty. Ltd. in Sydney, Australia. He would like to contact other graduates living in Australia. Herman is also planning a trip to North America later this year when he hopes to visit his old mates **Bala Balanaser** (BSc, cosc, '83) and **Paule (Conkie) Balanaser** (BSc, cosc, '86).

### 1984

**Rae (Murray) Catella** (BSc, biol; BEd, '86) has a new baby boy, Mark James, born April 1, 1991, a brother for Krista. Rae works as a Teaching Assistant at Brock.

**Larry Clifford** (BE; MEd, '88) and wife **Patti (Byrnes) Clifford** (BE, '84) announce their latest edition, Katelyn Marie, born April, 1990, a sister for Kyle Michael, (4).

### 1985

**Carol (Salisbury) Antle** (BA, geog/uest) and husband David have bought their first home in Mississauga. Carol works for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in Toronto. Her brother Duncan is now attending Brock.



Zailah Sainudin and husband Ahmad Zulkifly

**Ann Hicks** (BA, chld; BAdmin '87) is thrilled to announce her upcoming marriage to fellow Brock student Doug Gow on July 6, 1991 in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

**Mei Mei (Fong) Lee** (BBE) and husband William are very happily married and living in Australia. Mei worked in Malaysia for three years as a Purchasing Officer before moving to Australia. She says 'hi' to all her old friends, and that fond memories abound.

**Curtis Magee** (BA, adm/pol) and wife Barb are happy to announce the birth of their second son, Dylan James, Nov. 30, 1990. Curtis joined Hayden Mfg. in February, 1991 as Sales Manager, Eastern Division.

### 1986

**Eleanor (Bergen) Neufeld** (BSc, biol/chem) and husband Doug wish to announce the birth of their first child, Chad Douglas, born January 26, 1991. Eleanor would like to hear from Tina, Les, Steve and Jill.

**Joan (Stang) Stang-Kim** (BA/BE) and husband **Kimin Kim** (BPhEd, '86) are happy to announce the birth of their first daughter, Katrina Victoria Mindilae Kim, March 28, 1991.

**Jane (Storrie) Storrie-Baker** (BA, psyc) has completed her Master's degree at the University of Waterloo. She will be continuing at Waterloo toward her PhD after a much-needed vacation in Britain. She is married to **Darcy Baker** (BSc, geog/uest, '87) who works as a Senior Planner with the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority.

**Cathy Sussman** (BA, chld) and husband Robert are living in Hawaii with children Keegan, born Sept. 20, 1988 and Kierstan, born August 5, 1990. Cathy received her Masters in Elementary Education from SUNY Buffalo, New York.

**Ian Ward** (BBE) and wife Lori were married Sept. 9, 1989; they moved to Calgary January, 1991.

**Zailah Zainudin** (BSc, phys) and husband **Ahmad Zulkifly** (BAdmin) are living in Penang, Malaysia; they have a two year old daughter, Afifah Hidayah. Zailah says 'hi' to her Canadian friends, (Queenston Res. 84-85), Amy, Janice, Jill, and many more.

### 1987

**Sarah Brillinger** (BA, chld; BE, '88) is teaching English as a Second Language to grades one and two with the Peel Board of Education.

**Duncan M. Fregren** (BA, adm/soci) worked for Giant Yellowknife Mines in Timmins before accepting a position with Inco Limited in 1989. He is currently in the MBA program at Laurentian University.

**Robert (Howe) Lee** (BAdmin) received an MBA from McGill University, Spring 1990. He is Research Manager with Proforma, a market research

firm, and is also in charge of special projects.

**Heather (Potter) McDonagh** (BA, chld) married Tim McDonagh October 6, 1990. She is a Community Resource Teacher with St. Thomas-Elgin Assoc. for Community Living and is in the process of obtaining her ECE equivalency. Heather sends a big 'hello' to all of the crick-shank cuties (1987)!

**Annemieke Nanninga** (BRLS; BE, TESL, '90) has been teaching in Cali, Colombia for one year, and is considering staying for one further year. If anyone is interested in doing the same, Annemieke would be happy to hear from you.

**Michael W. Ross** (BAdmin) was recently promoted to Supervisor, Customer Service, with Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd. Michael is also a certified Toastmaster. He is wondering if other grads are commuting daily from Niagara to Toronto. He says 'hi' to the business gang and wants everyone to know that he is still single!

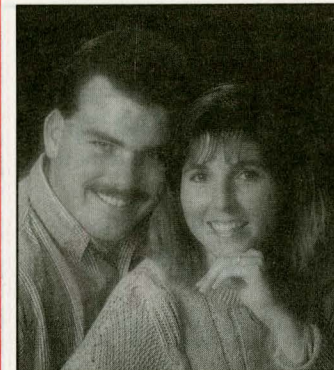
**Linda (Kuhns) Thorslund** (BRLS) married Craig Thorslund July, 1988. They are now living in Pittsburgh after two years in the Dominican Republic.

**Joan Velema** (BA/BE) is entering her third year as a teacher in Pikangikum, an Indian reserve in Northwestern Ontario.

**Russ White** (BAdmin) married his Spanish wife, Elena, in Jerez, Spain, July 6, 1990. He is currently a Mutual Fund Supervisor with Richardson Greenshields.

### 1988

**Ron Bartleet** (BA, adm/pol) and **Veronica Yeager-Bartleet**



Heather (Potter) McDonagh and husband Tim

(BA, adm/pol, '89) 'tied the knot' September 1990, and are now residing in their new home in lovely Mississauga.

**Deyanira Benavides** (BA, poli) and husband Diego are proud to announce the arrival of Amanda Deyanira, born March 4, 1991, a sister for Diego Jr., Wendy and Edenia.

**Thomas Fahey** (BAdmin) is working for Durward, Jones, Barkwell as a micro computer consultant. He and wife Kathy are the proud parents of two boys, Peter and Kyle, born July 21, 1990.

**Linda (Vanderburg) Hallatt** (BA, dram/psyc) and husband Bryan were married May 5, 1990. Linda was Admissions Officer at Brock from August 1985 to May 1990.

**Nancy (DiGiuseppe) LeDonne** (BA, chld) and husband **Larry LeDonne** (BAdmin, '88) are celebrating their first anniversary July 21, 1991.

**Debbie (Miller) McInerney** (BA, psyc/soci) and husband Robert would like to announce the birth of their son Brian, born June 15, 1990. She would like to get in touch with Jeni and Sandy.

**Michael Sullivan** (BA, geog/uest) is engaged to be married to Carol Pinet on September 28, 1991. He would

like to hear from former classmates.

**Victoria (Henderson) Williams** (BA, thea) is the Educational Consultant for Discovery Toys in Burlington. She has a son, Benjamin, born Dec. 29, 1990, a brother for two year old Jesse.

### 1989

**Rosemary Cercone** (BA, econ/uest) purchased a ticket in the United Way draw and won lunch with Ruth Grier, Minister of the Environment. Rosemary is a Research Analyst in the Policy and Planning Branch of the Ministry of the Environment.

**Susan Howe** (BSc, biol/psyc) is working in the challenging field of solid waste management, focusing on industrial waste reduction and disposal, home composting, and public education. She is employed by the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth.

**Leonard Kirk** (BA, visa) is a freelance comic book illustrator and has recently had work published in the *Alien Nation* comic book series. Further work will be published later this year in *The Eliminator*, *Galaxina* and *Planet of the Apes* "The Forbidden Zone".

**Janet (O'Brien) Linwood** (BA/BE) married Spencer Linwood July 6, 1990. She is currently a grade six teacher in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia.

**Karen Loftus** (BA, dram) and **Jacqueline Shepherd** (BA, Engl/thea, '88) are both working in Japan teaching English.

**Dave Osborne** (BSc, cose) is a Software Specialist with RDM Software Inc. in Markham.

### 1990

**John Douglas Bruce** (BA, adm/econ) is a guidance counsellor with the Peterborough Separate School Board.

**Elaine Carver** (BA, chld) is teaching the Montessori philosophy of education in a daycare centre run by Sheridan College.

**Michael Fitzpatrick** (BA, poli) married **Lori (Lembke) Fitzpatrick** (BRLS, '90) June 9, 1990—one week after commencement. Lori enjoyed planning her own wedding so much that she decided to open

her own bridal shop; this way she can help others plan their big day.

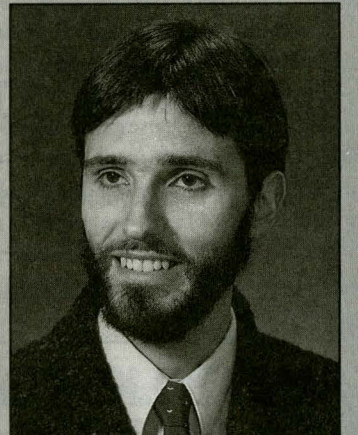
**Shannon Hinnegan** (BPhEd) is an Assistant Physical Director with the YM-YWCA in Woodstock, Ontario.

**John McCarthy** (BA, adm/econ) was married on November 1, 1991. His wife Yumiko is a Japanese student who graduated from the University of Buffalo. John is completing a second degree in Anthropology at U. of T.

**Colleen McNarry** (BA, cssp) is a media buyer in the Toronto area where she now lives.

## Brock Grad Named Acting Dean at Dalhousie

**Philip Girard** (BA '75, History/French) has been named acting dean of Dalhousie Law School. A native of Chatham, Ontario, Prof. Girard is a respected scholar who has been associated with the Dalhousie Law School since 1984. His teaching areas include administrative law, property in its historical context, legal history and comparative civil law.



Now working on a PhD in history at Dalhousie, the bilingual educator also holds a Master in Law degree from the University of California (Berkeley) and a law degree from McGill University.

Prior to Dalhousie, Prof. Girard taught at the University of Western Ontario. While there, he created a diploma program for bilingual law students, which allowed them to improve their French language skills while taking courses in comparative law, common law, and Quebec civil law.

Prof. Girard will take over as acting dean July 1. This new post will mark Philip Girard's second involvement with university administration. His first, "which I vividly remember," occurred during his first year at Brock when he participated in the student occupation of the 13th floor, in 1973!

## Alumnews (cont.)

**Larry Petrie** (BA, geog/uest) and wife **Martha Petrie** (BA/BEEd) announce the birth of their son Jesse Lawrence born March 5, 1991. Larry is a self-employed environmental contractor and Martha teaches with the Simcoe County Separate School Board.

**Robert Smith** (BEEd) is living in Hamilton and is a teacher with the Wentworth County Board of Education.

### In Memoriam

**Victor K. Barwell** (BSc, math '71) passed away on May 29, 1991 as the result of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife Margaret (BSc. chem '72). Victor was an active member of the Alumni Association in the early 1970's.

**Sheila A. Montreuil** (BA, music '87) died tragically of gun shot wounds May 29, 1991 at her home in Elmwood, Ontario. Her sister Joan was injured in the attack by a man believed to have previously lived with Joan.

**Christina Elder** (BA, clas/polit '83) died peacefully in her home in St. Davids on June 8, 1991 in her 77th year.

## SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH ALUMNEWS

Have you moved or changed jobs? Have you earned another degree?

Did you just get married or have a baby?

Tell your fellow grads about it! (While you're at it, why not send a picture?)

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(title) (given names) (surname)

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(given names) (surname)

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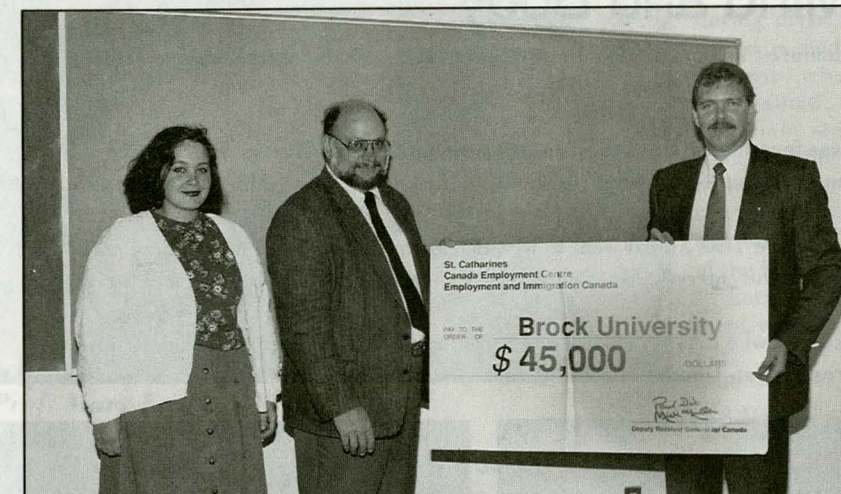
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I require a replacement for my Alumni Card. My cheque (\$5 payable to the Brock Alumni Fund) is enclosed.

# Brock Briefs

## Brock Employment Centre gets boost

**O**n May 10th Dean of Student Affairs David Jordan accepted a cheque for \$45,000 from Employment and Immigration Canada (CEIC) Area Manager Jim Williams. The cheque represents a one-year, one-time grant under the Canadian Jobs Strategy Employment Assistance Agreement, to assist the transition from the Canada Employment Centre on the Brock campus to Brock's own independent placement service. CEIC is contributing not only money to the transition, but also a direct computer link to an automated job-listing system through CEIC's St. Catharines office. Students can see the full range of jobs available, both on-campus and downtown.



Lisa McLean, David Jordan and Jim Williams

## Brock teams with Mohawk College to offer Tech Studies

**I**n response to a critical shortage of technology teachers, identified by both the Ministry of Education and the Teachers' Federation, Brock University's Faculty of Education and Mohawk College in Hamilton are offering jointly a teacher education program in Technological Studies at the Intermediate and Senior levels beginning August, 1991. The innovative new program will take advantage of Mohawk's excellent technology facilities and resources, and the expertise of Brock's Faculty of Education.

"Technological education is very important for everyone," says Allan Bennett, Brock's Associate Vice-President, Academic, who helped design the program. "In today's world you simply can't ignore it. We're pleased to be working with Mohawk College to fill this need."

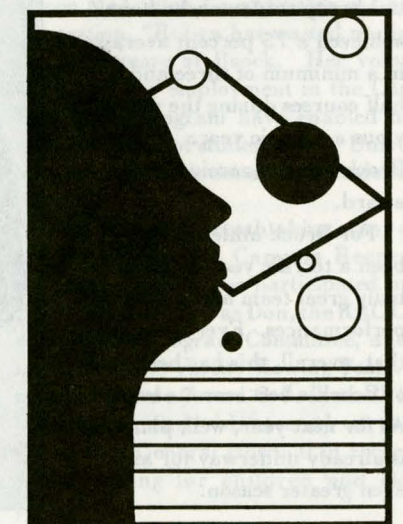
## Outstanding Ambassadors

**T**he Brock Ambassadors have won the District II Outstanding Organization Award from the Student Alumni Association/Student Foundation. An arm of CASE (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education), the SAA/SF is a North American network of student organizations whose primary purpose is to promote school spirit, create greater affinity among alumni and encourage community involvement.

District II contains 47 schools in Ontario, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Western Quebec. In the United States, such institutions as Penn State, SUNY, George Washington University, and the Universities of Maryland, Delaware and Rochester are involved in the SAA/SF; and the five Canadian Universities are Brock, Guelph, McMaster, Queens and Waterloo.

A seven-person committee chose the winning institution. Brock's Ambassadors were chosen for their participation, service to the institution, initiative, commitment, ability to adapt, teamwork and understanding of their role in the university. **Congratulations!**

## TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES





## Brock Briefs (cont.)

### Brock the hardest marker

**B**rock is the hardest marking university in Canada according to a recent study released by a University of Victoria professor. The study shows that in comparison to 11 universities across Canada, Brock students were the least likely to score an A on a variety of subjects.

Professor R. H. Mitchell, head of the University of Victoria's Senate Committee on Academic Standards, issued the report to call attention to the differences in grading scales between universities and their individual departments. Professor Mitchell called for standardized testing at all Canadian universities.

Only seven percent of Brock's English students received an A average, compared to 22 percent at the University of Western Ontario and 17 percent at the University of Toronto.

### Mind and Body

**O**n April 2, 1991, Brock University honored its outstanding 1990-1991 athletes at the annual Brock Athletic Awards Dinner in St. Catharines.

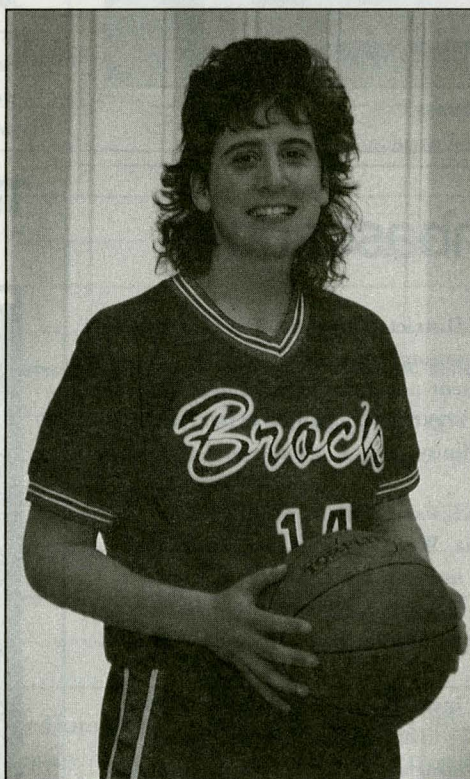
Female Athlete of the Year award recipient was fourth-year Physical Education major Heather Kurtz. The 23-year old basketball star enjoyed an outstanding season and was quoted as being "in shock" at her nomination. Ms. Kurtz was also named the Most Valuable Player on her team.

For the second year in a row, the Male Athlete of the Year award went to wrestler Marty Calder, who totally dominated the 1990-91 wrestling season, winning every competition he entered. Mr. Calder was also named his team's MVP and he is now aiming for a place on the 1992 Olympic team.

The Badger Spirit Award, presented to the student who demonstrates true Badger spirit through attitude, leadership, sportsmanship and performance was won by wrestler Dan Dandar. It was obviously wrestling coach Richard Deschatelets' night as his wrestling team, ranked second in Canada, was named Team of the Year.

There was a new award presented this year. Brock President Dr. Terry White authorized the granting of an annual "President's Award" which will be presented to inter-university students who have achieved a 75 percent average in a minimum of three and one-half courses during the previous academic year. Forty-six Brock athletes received this award.

For Brock athletes, it has been a terrific year with some truly great team and individual performances. Everyone agrees that, overall, this has been one of Brock's best seasons ever. As for next year, well, planning is already underway for an even greater season.



Heather Kurtz



Marty Calder

## And the winner is.....

**T**he 1991 Brock Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching has been bestowed on Chemistry Prof. Mary Frances Richardson. Cindy MacLaurin, a Brock Graduate, wrote:

"Had she not been my teacher for first-year chemistry, I would now be a mathe-

granted to only a few Ontario professors each year. Factors that were considered by the OCUFA were Dr. Richardson's consistently high ratings and glowing letters from students at all levels of study, her innovative programs and course designs and her teaching skills in both classroom and laboratory.

Dr. Richardson will receive her award at a banquet in Toronto later this year.



Prof. Mary Frances Richardson

matician. It was her enthusiasm and gift for making the difficult simple that enlisted the interest and devotion of her students....Mary had an open door policy....there were special Saturday tutorials for any students that wanted that little extra help before an exam. The get-togethers at her house for pizza and homemade ice cream...even at these occasions, you went away with some new insight into chemistry.

"It was evident to her students that they were her number one priority. As evidence of our importance, when personal computers became popular items for professors to purchase, Mary placed her computer in the laboratory (not in her office), and access to it was made available to graduate and undergraduate students.

"Dr. Richardson built confidence and taught concepts that last a lifetime. Such dedication as a lecturer and supervisor should be acknowledged by all; it certainly has been by her students."

Professor Richardson is also a recipient of the 1991 OCUFA Teaching Award for an outstanding contribution to teaching. The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations' prestigious award is

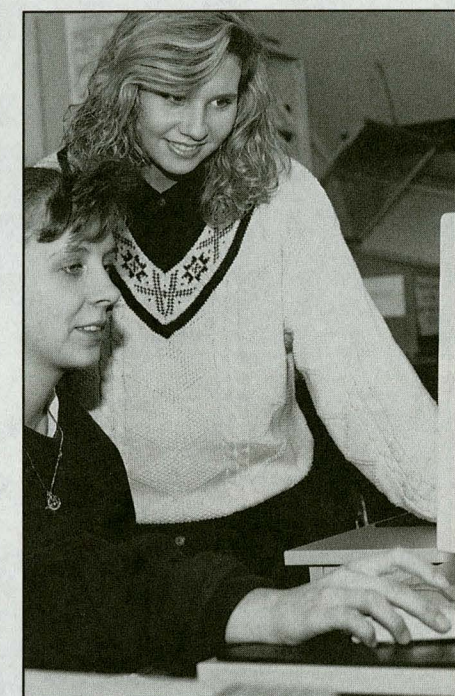
The Silver Badger Alumni Award is an annual award established in memory of Barrie-Ann Bergsma, a member of Brock's first graduating class. This award is made to a student who has maintained high academic standing while making a significant on-going contribution to the extra-curricular life of the University.

Lori Kasprick, a third-year Psychology and Child Studies major, is this year's recipient of the Silver Badger Alumni

Award. Lori has contributed many hours to the Brock Ambassadors and has served on the Brock University Senate Sub-Committee on Disability Accessibility. In addition, she participated in Brock's 1989 Jubilee Celebration and has worked in various departments within the University. Ms. Kasprick's unflagging energy and com-



Robyn McComb



Lori Kasprick

mitment to her fellow students certainly represents the spirit of this Award.

The Alumni Association Award is presented annually to a student who has made a meaningful contribution to the development of extracurricular life within the Brock University community. Nominees must have completed a minimum of 10 credits at Brock University and achieved a B average in their major.

Robyn McComb is a fourth-year Recreation and Leisure Studies student who has made a valuable contribution to the University and St. Catharines. According to Karen McAllister, Co-ordinator of Campus Recreation, "Robyn has wasted no time in her four years at Brock. Her volunteer work and her employment in the Campus Recreation program have enabled her to help thousands of students enjoy University life through recreational and residence activities."

Aside from the breathtaking array of activities within the Campus Recreation Programs, Robyn has participated on the Residence Life Staff as Don, the RAC Council, and the Program Committee, and is a member of the Varsity Rowing Team. She coached Grade 7 and 8 basketball in St. Catharines and volunteered at the St. Catharines General Hospital in recreation programming for children and elderly patients.

# Taro Hall Opening

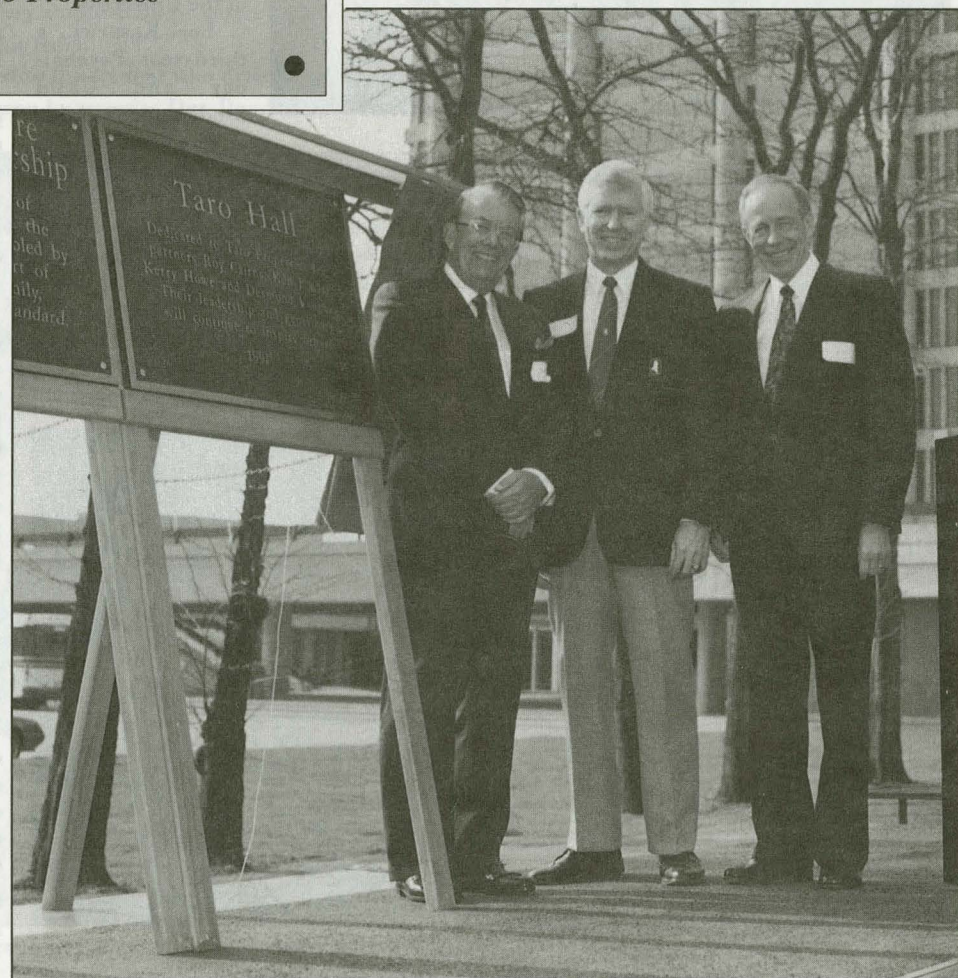
**"Many of us drive by Brock or attend a concert in the Theatre. But too few of us take the opportunity to get involved with our University. Believe me, it's a rewarding experience."**

*~ Ken Fowler ~  
President of Taro Properties*

**B**rock President Dr. Terry White led the opening ceremonies, unveiling plaques to recognize major donations to the building fund by the Taro Partners (Ken Fowler, Desmond Vaughan, Roy Cairns and Kerry Howe) and by *St. Catharines Standard* Publisher Henry Burgoyne. St. Catharines-Brock MPP Christel Haeck represented the provincial government.

Also recognized for his contribution was Raymond Moriyama of Moriyama and Teshima Architects, who designed Taro Hall. The faculty worked closely with the Toronto firm, discussing needs such as temperature control, air quality, lighting, and the availability of electrical circuits as well as the organization and interconnection of various spaces.

The 4,770 square metre (51,000 square foot), three-storey Taro Hall houses the Faculty of Business and the Departments of Economics and Politics, including faculty and graduate student offices, seminar rooms, five 44-seat case study rooms, and two 77-seat cast study rooms. The cost of the project was \$8.8 million.



*Dr. Terry White (centre) with Taro Partners Roy Cairns (left) and Ken Fowler*



**T**he architects have used color as an economical device to enliven the building. The exterior is concrete block with horizontal salmon-colored bands that echo the lines of neighboring buildings. Aluminum window frames are painted a deep teal. The color scheme continues inside with corridor ceilings painted in varying shades of green.

The second storey, glass-enclosed "bridge" that connects Taro Hall to the recently completed two-storey Student Centre, was also designed by Moriyama and Teshima. Said Raymond Moriyama, "Our structural steel bridge was inspired by the many railway bridges that cross the Welland Canal throughout the Niagara Region. The glass was sand-blasted to cast a bridge-like profile on its surface."



*Ken Fowler meets the press*



**T**ogether with the Alumni Student Centre, Taro Hall provides an anchor to extend the campus south. The two new buildings provide a stepping off point for future expansion into the southeast portion of the campus. "This is a great day for Brock University!" said Dr. White. "Taro Hall gives us exceptional new teaching facilities and represents a significant step in the continuing development of Brock. This opening is also a resounding vote of confidence in what the University has achieved and in our future prospects. The million dollar gift from the Taro Partners is the largest we have ever received from the private sector and the enthusiastic support from our old friends, the many new major donors and the Province, are evidence of a clear affirmation that Brock University is a special place whose quality is becoming widely recognized."


*Raymond Moriyama, Terry White and Bluma Appel*



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