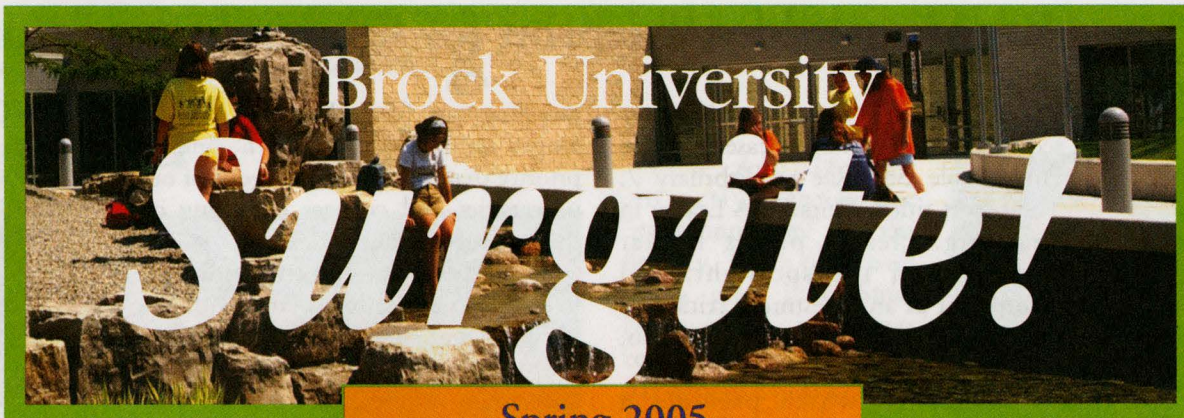
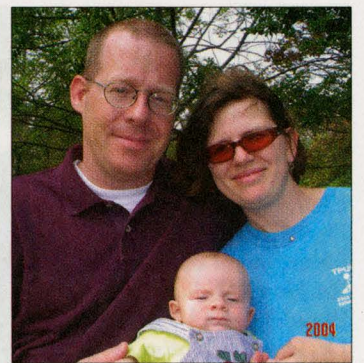




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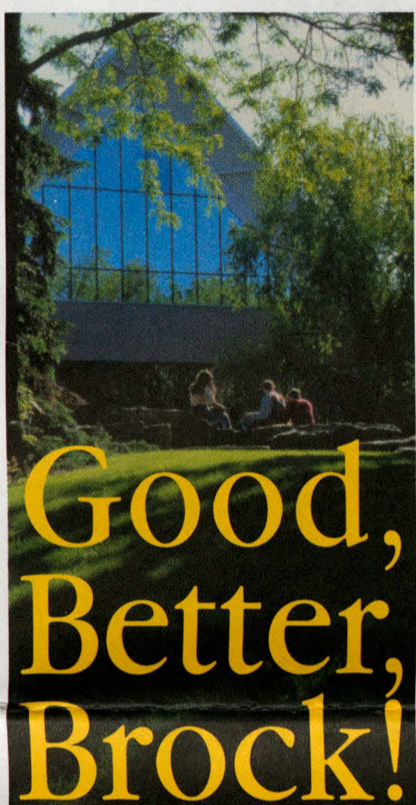
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Surgite! /sur-gi-tay/ Latin for "Push on!" The inspiring last words of Maj.-Gen. Sir Isaac Brock

Brock graduates contribute to a legacy



THE CAMPAIGN FOR BROCK UNIVERSITY

Last November, Brock University celebrated the success of Good, Better, Brock!, the largest fundraising campaign in the University's 40-year history.

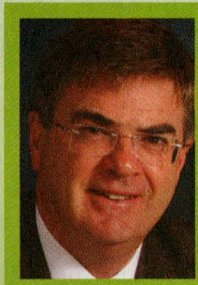
The campaign target was set at \$29,620,000. As result of the outstanding support from Brock donors, the campaign surpassed that goal, raising a total of \$30,538,237.

Contributing in a large measure to the campaign success was the outstanding participation of Brock graduates. In total graduates donated \$2,784,989.

"It's extremely gratifying for a University to receive support from its graduates," says Dr. Norris Walker, co-chair of the campaign. "When graduates support their University, in addition to making an important financial contribution, they send a very strong message about the value they place on a Brock education and a Brock degree. "It's probably even more important for young universities like Brock to have the support of its graduates."

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Search begins for Brock's new President



Dr. David Atkinson

Atkinson, who has been President of Brock University since July 1997, announced in December that he is leaving the University at the end of July to assume the presidency of Carleton University in Ottawa.

"Brock is an extraordinary institution, made so by the people who make up our community," says Atkinson. "It has been my privilege to serve as its President.

"But University Presidents have a

The process has begun to find a replacement for Dr. David Atkinson, Brock University President and Vice-Chancellor.

finite life, and they should not overstay their welcome. Universities need revitalization, and this clearly pertains to the Presidency.

"New leadership will take Brock in exciting directions as the University continues its adventure in institutional growth and change."

The job of replacing Atkinson will be the responsibility of a 12-person Committee on the Presidency that was established in January. The group will be led by St. Catharines lawyer David Edwards, immediate past chair of Brock's Board of Trustees. The committee includes broad representation from the University community.

An executive search consultant, specializing in post-secondary education, will be hired to assist the committee.

The committee's first step in the

search process will involve extensive consultation meetings with the University community to develop a candidate profile for a new President. Once the profile is established, the position will be advertised in national newspapers, applications will be received and candidate interviews will be held. The entire process is expected to take 18 months with a new president likely in office by the summer of 2006.

As the search will continue beyond August 1, when David Atkinson assumes the presidency of Carleton, the Brock University Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Terry Boak, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, as Acting President and Vice-Chancellor effective August 1 for up to one year.

Dr. Norris Walker, Chair of the Board of Trustees, says Atkinson

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Business students capture gold, silver medals



Members of Brock's award-winning ICBC team: Back row - Brandy Purdy, Brad Grabham, Nigel Corish, Rico Passero, Yonathan Levanoni. Seated - David Cullen, Mark Squire and Mads Pilested.

It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that the Faculty of Business congratulates the outstanding performance of the Brock teams at the annual Queen's University Inter-Collegiate Business Competition (ICBC) held in January 2005. For the first time in the 27-year history of this competition, Brock has won not one, but two gold medals along with a silver medal in debating. ICBC is Canada's pre-eminent undergraduate business case competition and attracts business

students from across the country and around the world.

The Accounting Team, made up of Brandy Purdy and Mark Squire, and the Marketing Team, made up of David Cullen and Mads Pilested, both placed first. Nigel Corish and Rico Passero, Brock's debating team, placed second. The MIS team, comprised of Brad Grabham and Yoni Levanoni, was a competition finalist. For more news on the Faculty of Business, please turn to page 4.

Join us for Brock Days 2005

Mark your calendar for Brock Days 2005, to be held September 23 to 25.

Graduates, students, faculty, staff and the broader community are invited to be part of the growing tradition of our Brock Days celebration. Once again, Brock Days will be held in partnership with the Niagara Wine Festival.

A number of popular events will be back again this year. As well, there will be new events and activities for people of all ages. Bring the entire family and celebrate the best of Brock and Niagara.

Watch for details in the next issue of *Surgite!*

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Faculty of Education turns 40

The Faculty of Education invites graduates to be part of a special celebration in June to recognize 40 years of teacher education at Brock University.

To mark the occasion, the Faculty will launch a lecture series with guest speaker Dr. David Booth.

Booth is a well-known professor of education who teaches courses in language literacy and literature. He will speak on "Literacy: Past, Present and Future" on Monday, June 6, at 7 p.m., in the Pond Inlet. Booth has authored many teacher reference books and texts. His co-authored books such as *Classroom Voices*, *Poetry Goes to School* and *The Arts Go to School* are used extensively in schools.

A wine and cheese reception will follow the presentation.

Tickets are \$20 and the price includes a complimentary drink.

To order tickets, please contact Lesa Mansfield, Administrative Assistant, Pre-service Department, Faculty of Education; 905-688-5550, ext. 3341; lesa.mansfield@brocku.ca

For more information on the lecture and the anniversary celebrations, please visit the Faculty of Education website at: foe40.brocku.ca

On the night of the lecture, the Faculty will exhibit memorabilia to commemorate its past four decades. Anyone wishing to contribute items to this exhibit should contact Lesa Mansfield.

The Faculty of Education had its beginning in 1965 as the St. Catharines Teachers' College, operating independently under the Ministry of Education. The College became part of the University on July 1, 1971.

Report provides blueprint for future of post-secondary education

The much anticipated post-secondary review was released by the Honourable Bob Rae on February 7. The report titled, Ontario: A Leader in Learning, clearly places higher education in the spotlight, and identifies it as an investment critical to the future well-being of Ontario, economic and otherwise.

The report, which provides a comprehensive blueprint for the development of post-secondary education in Ontario and for a prosperous future for the Province, should be endorsed and implemented by the Ontario government. In preparing the 2005 Budget, and

mapping out fiscal directions for the longer term, there can be no greater priority than restoring the vigour of our universities and colleges by acting on the Rae recommendations.

The Liberal government recognized in its election platform, and with the establishment of the Rae Review, that government under-funding of universities over the past 15 years has undermined our competitiveness. This problem must be addressed to ensure future prosperity. As the Premier has often said, in a global, knowledge-based economy, the only competitive advantage that matters is the intellectual capital of our workers.

The Council of Ontario Universities (COU), which represents Ontario's 19 universities, is co-ordinating an advocacy effort in support of the recommendations in Rae's report. It is particularly important that universities get their message to the provincial government, the general public, and to the media before the April 2005 budget.

As one part of this effort, COU developed www.thinkontario.com. Graduates are encouraged to visit this site to learn more about the Rae report, its recommendations and the future of post-secondary education in Ontario. See what you can do; read the advertisement on page 6.

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Collaboration flourishes between Brock and Thailand

Professor David Brown recently hosted a very successful Brock Days Around the World event in Bangkok. The event, held on December 17, 2004, celebrated the University's partnerships with educational institutions in Thailand.

By Professor David Brown

The Brock Days Around the World event in Bangkok brought together 64 guests from Burapha University, Rajabhat Institute Rajanagarindra (Chachoengsao), Srinakharinwirot University, and Mae Fah Luang University to meet, share reminiscences about their Brock experiences, and look at video clip greetings from Brock administrators, faculty, staff, and Thai colleagues currently at Brock. Among the attendees were senior administrators and staff from Brock's Thai partner institutions, undergraduate, graduate, and exchange students who have studied at Brock, academics who have worked at Brock under our Visiting International Professor, Visiting International Scholar, and University Mentorship programs, parents of current Brock students, and participants from Brock's CIDA-funded development project activities in the 1990s.

Collaboration between Brock and our Thai partners continues to flourish. In the past five years, several dozen students, staff, and faculty members have been involved in academic exchanges, research, mentorship, ESL and undergraduate studies at Brock. This year, three exchange students and one international office staff member recently returned to Thailand after a four-month stay at Brock. Srinakharinwirot University library staff members visited Brock under the University Mentorship Program last autumn, and are presenting the results of their workshop and mentorship activities to international conference audiences.

Brock faculty members continue to be involved in teaching, research, and program collaborations;



Dr. Dave Brown, left, celebrates international ties with Srinakharinwirot University Vice-President Academic Dr. Napaporn Havanon.

Professors Tony Ward and John Middleton have recently visited Srinakharinwirot University regarding collaborative environment and sustainability programs, and I am spending several months on administrative leave there, taking a lead role in setting up the Srinakharinwirot University's first International College in collaboration with the administrator for the university.

SWU International College is an innovative and ambitious project which features an interdisciplinary joint-major core modelled upon precedents from Brock University. The College's programs will integrate international academic experiences into the curriculum, emphasize environment and sustainable

development as fundamental literacies in an undergraduate education, and engage academics from around the world in delivering courses within a bilingual program format which meets international academic standards. It is a promising initiative which promises to have a significant impact on the academic culture of the university as a whole.

- Dr. David Brown recently completed a five-year term as Director of Brock International and Associate Vice-President for International Cooperation. In those roles, he provided administrative leadership to the University's growing international activities. Brown is Associate Professor of Environment.

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Brock graduates contribute to a legacy *continues from page 1.*

Graduates have many answers to the question: "Why do you support Brock?" Here are two stories that help explain why graduates feel strongly about being part of Brock's legacy.

MARGARET MEGANNETY (BA, hist/engl, '91)

The late Margaret Megannety was passionate about learning.

"For my mother, learning was paramount," says her son Steve Megannety (BA, hist/poli, '78; MA, poli, '80).

Her passion for learning lives on. Margaret, who died last November at age 89, was a generous contributor to Brock. She directed her donations to provide student scholarships and bursaries.

In 1997, she established and endowed the Margaret Megannety Scholarship in English. She also established a bursary for Music students in memory of her sister, Eunice Leahy, and contributed to an annual book prize awarded by the Department of History.

"She absolutely loved the learning part of this place," says Steve. "She was a very classical scholar — learning for the sake of learning. Words and language were always critical to her."

Margaret, a mother of six, began her university career when she was in her late 60s. Shortly after retiring from the Welland County Separate School Board, where she worked as an executive secretary, she began taking courses at Brock. She spent the next 10 years working toward a BA in History and English. She graduated with distinction in 1991.

Steve Megannety says his mother could relate to the financial implications for students. Margaret completed high school at the Loretto Academy in Niagara Falls in 1933.

"She had trouble graduating because she couldn't afford to pay for the final departmental exams," he says.

"I think that stayed with her and as a

result she put a priority on helping students who have financial need.

"The University made my mother young again. She fed on the learning. That's the legacy. Learning - it's the most important thing."

VAL FLEMING (BA, geog, '72)

Actions speak louder than words. Imagine just how powerful it gets when both action and words are involved.

That's the way Brock graduate Val Fleming demonstrates her commitment to supporting Brock University.



Val Fleming

"The University is a wonderful institution and it is a credit to the Niagara community," says the Beamsville, Ont. resident.

"I believe very strongly in supporting local organizations ... I see it as helping my community. And, I never miss an opportunity to talk highly about Brock."

Fleming started taking part-time courses at Brock in 1965, juggling her studies with raising a family of five children. Seven years later, she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography.

The Fleming family has generously supported Brock's needs since the early 1980s with contributions to annual giving, the alumni scholarship fund, the science development fund and the Taro Building capital campaign. In recognition of this long-time support and their gift to the Good, Better, Brock! Campaign, the University named the lobby of the Walker Complex and South Academic Building in their honour.

As well, Fleming has served on Brock's Board of Trustees since 1998. More recently, she accepted a position on a University committee for the newly acquired Rodman Hall Arts Centre.

"It's been a privilege for me to serve the University and to work alongside community leaders to set an exciting course for Brock's future," says Fleming. "Brock has had a huge impact on Niagara and I believe it will continue to have an important role in Niagara for years to come."

Search begins for Brock's new president *continues from page 1.*

provided outstanding leadership to the University during a period of remarkable change at Brock.

"David Atkinson is responsible for aggressive growth based on a strong strategic plan and we will stay the course," says Walker. "David is the first to say that what has been accomplished required a very strong team right across the campus. That team will continue to deliver on Brock's impressive plans as we go through the transition to our next President."

In the seven and a half years Atkinson has served as President of Brock University, total enrolment has increased from 10,700 to more than 16,000 while graduate programs have grown threefold. In the same period, the University's operating budget has grown from \$63 million to more than \$156 million. The number of faculty grew from 315 to more than 490. More than \$160 million in construction has been completed and commissioned. The number of co-op education programs

grew to be the second highest in Ontario and research funding has grown exponentially.

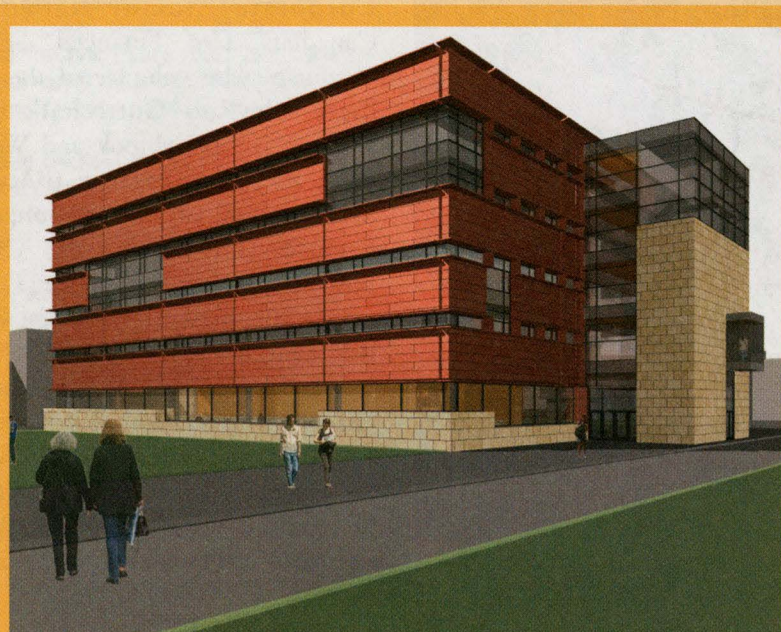
Atkinson is particularly proud of the University's commitment to becoming a comprehensive institution. Brock has moved aggressively in this direction through outstanding growth of graduate programs and success in attracting increased funding for research.

"Brock University and Niagara region have been served very well by David Atkinson," says Boak. "David established a comprehensive plan for the University which was based on the best of Brock's traditions and strengths."

"All of us at the University want to extend to David and his wife Terry the very best as they relocate to Ottawa and David accepts the position of President at Carleton."

Prior to coming to Brock, Atkinson was the Dean, Colleges of Arts and Sciences at the University of Saskatchewan. He also held increasingly senior academic appointments at the University of Calgary and the University of Lethbridge.

Research centre, bookstore part of \$19.5-million facility



This new \$19.5 million facility at Brock will house the Lifespan Development Research Centre, a new campus bookstore and additional academic space.

Brock University will construct a \$19.5-million facility to house a new bookstore, provide additional academic space and house the Lifespan Development Research Centre, a facility unique in Canada.

Approved by the University's Board of Trustees at its November meeting, the 75,000 square foot, five-level complex will be located to the east of Taro Hall and the Alumni Student Centre, to the south east of the Schmon Tower. The development and its location are consistent with the campus development plan which was approved last year following broad campus and community consultation.

"With 16,000 students, we have the same bookstore we had for 6,000 students. It is simply not functional," according to Brock President David Atkinson. "As Brock has experienced rapid growth, it continues to need new academic space. At the same time, our proposal for the Lifespan Development Research Centre has attracted great interest and major

grants from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and the Ontario Innovation Trust (OIT). Bringing the three initiatives together makes great economic sense."

The Lifespan Development Research Centre will bring 40 professors together from three different faculties to better understand issues ranging from infant development and teen gambling to detecting and treating dementia at its earliest stages. The Centre will work with 36 community organizations and train future generations of health researchers and practitioners.

Funding from the project will come from its several components including bookstore revenues, grants from the CFI and OIT and donations from the private sector. It is expected the facility will be completed by September 2006.

With this new facility, more than \$160 million has been invested in construction projects over the last few years to expand the Brock campus.

Brock Chancellor to lead tour of new Ottawa war museum

Ottawa-area graduates are invited to a special presentation and reception at the new Canadian War Museum, the national capital's newest landmark.

The Office of University Advancement, Brock University, will host a special evening with Brock Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama, the lead architect of the new museum. He will present his grand concepts for the design of the museum on Thursday, June 2, at 6 p.m. to be followed by tours.

Admission is free; however, graduates must reserve tickets for themselves and a guest as soon as possible as space is limited (RSVP deadline is May 13). For more information, or to reserve tickets, contact Terence Scheltema at terence@scheltema.ca or call (613) 521-9101. Encourage your Brock friends to take advantage of this very special evening with Dr. Moriyama and be among the first visitors to this new and exciting museum overlooking the Ottawa River.

Details will be posted on brockpeople.ca followed by an invitation mailing.

The new Canadian War Museum will hold its official opening in early May.

Dr. Moriyama describes the theme of the building's design concept as that of "regeneration."

"Nature may be ravaged by human acts of war, but inevitably it hybridizes, regenerates and prevails," says Dr. Moriyama. "And in human terms, it offers hope."

"The Museum is a tribute to our military past and to the tremendous sacrifices and contributions made by all Canadians in times of war, a remembrance to those who have served this country and to thoughts of our future and to hope yet unfulfilled."

The opening of the new museum coincides with the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the 125th anniversary of the Canadian War Museum.

New Logo for the Alumni Association



• In an effort to increase its profile among graduates, Brock students, staff and faculty, and in the broader community, the Brock University Alumni Association has revamped its look with a new logo designed by Brock graduate and graphic designer, Steve Brooks (BRLS '97). First unveiled at the Alumni Association Annual General Meeting during Brock Days, the logo will be emblazoned upon all Alumni Association initiatives.

Alumni Café

• On Wednesday, February 9, a group of Brock grads took time out of their busy schedules to serve as informal mentors at Brock's annual Career Fair put on by Career Services. The grads took part in the Alumni Café, a hospitality suite for senior students attending the fair. The Alumni Association played host to more than 100 students who were treated to refreshments and informal career advice. Alumni mentors were encouraged to share their work experience with students while chatting over coffee.

"This initiative is a great fit for the Alumni Association," said Alumni Association President, Mamdouh Abdel Maksoud (BBE, '98). "As graduates, we have been working to make the most of our Brock degree. Our experience is a valuable asset to these students. In return, from the graduates' point of view, it's a great chance to stay connected to the University and meet current students."

Alumni mentors came from a wide variety of backgrounds, including

several members from the newly formed Corporate Alumni Network at Canadian Tire Financial Services. Graduates who volunteered their time included: Rob Gottschalk (BBA, admin, '98), Sunnybrook and Women's Foundation; Ian Freeman (BAcc '98), Ministry of Transportation; Gail Grimaldi (BA, admin, '81) OCAPT Business Books; Rob Iachetta (BBA, mktg, '00), Innivity Marketing Group; Ildi Murray (BA, soci, '92), Brock University Career Services; Gregory Craig (BBA, fnce, '91), Rob Hall (BBA, mktg, '94), James Stockford (BBA, fnce, '04), Sandra Maxwell (BA, admin/poli, '87) and Ed Wall (BAcc, '99), all from Canadian Tire Financial Services.

Cuvée Gala 2005

• The Cuvée wine gala has become one of Canada's premier wine events. The Alumni Association was honoured to once again participate in the March 5 event by hosting a silent auction. As in previous years, all proceeds will be donated toward the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture program.

Upcoming Alumni Association Events.

- **Curling Bonspiel**
Saturday, April 2, 2005 St. Catharines Golf and Country Club
- **Renaissance at Rodman Lecture Series**
Thursday, April 21, 10 a.m. to 11a.m.
Thursday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 11a.m.
Thursday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Thursday, May 12, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Thursday, May 19, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
(All lectures are at Rodman Hall
Lectures are \$10 each or \$45 for all five)

For further information on Alumni Association events and initiatives, please visit www.brockalumni.ca or contact Terry Cockerline, Executive Director, at 905-688-5550, ext. 4502 alumniassociation@brocku.ca.

Three Brock graduates named to national honour roll

The Faculty of Business at Brock University is pleased to announce that three of its graduates have been named to the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants Uniform Evaluation (UFE) National Honour Roll.

Bradden Cox (BAcc '03; MAcc '04), with BDO Dunwoody LLP in Uxbridge, Ont., G. Jeremy Doan (BAcc '04) with Crawford, Smith and Swallow Chartered Accountants LLP in Niagara Falls, Ont., and Lacy L. Trussell (BAcc, '04) of KPMG LLP in St. Catharines

were all named to this prestigious list. The Honour Roll is comprised of the top 58 out of over 2,500 writers of the UFE exam in Canada.

All three are graduates of the Faculty's Bachelor of Accounting program with Cox and Doan also graduates of the Master of Accountancy program. The Faculty is extremely proud of all of its graduates who passed this year's UFE and especially congratulate Lacy, Bradden and Jeremy for this outstanding achievement.

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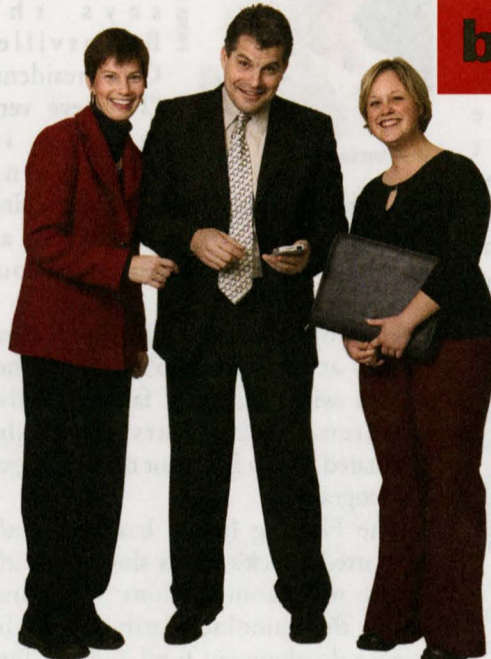
Brockpeople.ca is giving away an Apple iPod Mini every month until the end of June 2005. To enter, simply visit brockpeople.ca and update your alumni profile.

Congratulations to our winners!

January's winner - Lesley Kennedy (BA, hlst, '98)
 February's winner - Michael Sinclair (BA, engl, '97)

Brockpeople.ca is an online community for Brock graduates. Visit brockpeople.ca to change your address information, post AlumNews, look up friends, send and receive internal messages, set up e-mail forwarding for life and keep up to date on Brock alumni events.

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Faculty of Business honours graduate



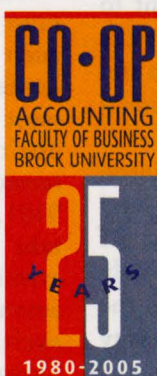
Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business, right, congratulates Paul Ingram (BBA, '90) and presents him with the 2004 Distinguished Graduate Award from Brock University's Faculty of Business. Ingram, a native of Toronto, and faculty member at Columbia Business School, was recognized during a special reception held last November at Château des Charmes in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The award recognizes a graduate who has earned prominence as a result of their exceptional professional achievements and service to society.
 "My degree from Brock has been the foundation for all of my subsequent academic work," said Ingram, during the award presentation. "Besides a great education, Brock gave me a love of learning that persists today. Because Brock has meant so much to me, being recognized as a Distinguished Graduate of the Faculty of Business is a very special

Calling all Co-op Accounting graduates! This year, the Faculty of Business celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Co-op Accounting program at Brock University.

Since its inception in 1980, 632 people have graduated from this flagship program at Brock.

A number of events are planned to recognize the students, graduates, faculty and employers who have made this program such a success. The celebration will culminate in a dinner dance to be held September 30.

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Please check the website at www.bus.brocku/alumni.ca for event details. Check back often as things will change as the year progresses.

Do you have interesting stories about your co-op experience or photos from years past that you would like to share? If so, please contact the Faculty of Business at 905-688-5550, ext. 4688 or sleblanc@brocku.ca. We would like to share them in a special commemorative booklet to celebrate this important milestone in the accounting program.

1978

Victor Worona (BA, hist; MEd, '82) teaches at Fitch Street school in Welland, Ont., and is the author of *The Tribune's* new weekly feature, Beaver Tales, a new column that highlights Canadian history.

1983

Sharon (Romagnoli) Macdonald (BA, visa) is the founder of Hinterland Children's House. To learn more, contact Sharon at hinterlandchildrenshouse@yahoo.ca or call 905-682-4001.

1990

Maureen (Doyle) Piercy (MEd) was appointed president of Loyalist College of Applied Arts and Technology in Belleville, Ont.

1992

Sheri (Keeling) Mooney (BBA) has joined Damon & Morey LLP in Buffalo, N.Y., as a partner in the firm's litigation department. She focuses her practice on the defence of insured and self-insured corporations in a wide variety of personal injury matters at the trial and appellate level.

1993

Paul Wiebe (BA, musi; BEd, '02) graduated with a PhD in Historical Musicology from the University of Michigan in December 2004. Paul and wife **Lori Reimer-Wiebe** (BA, chld, '93; BEd, '94) are both elementary teachers in Niagara.

1998

Salvatore Basilone (BA, csbc) became the Media Relations Officer for the Niagara Regional Police Service on January 2, 2005. He has been a uniform patrol officer in Fort Erie, Ont., and St. Catharines for the past five years.

1999

Janice Coates-Steedman (BA, hlst; BA, chsc, '00) "gives back" to Burford, Ont., where she grew up. She started her chiropractor practice on October 1, 2004. Janice invites anybody who has questions about chiropractic in general, to give her a call at her office 519-449-2235.

Bryce Honsinger (BA, hist; BEd, '00) was one of the 25 finalists nominated for the Canada's History - Governor General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History in June of 2004.

Michael Koabel (BPhEd) graduated from the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto. He has started his practice with **Dr. Jim Cousineau** (BPhEd, '93) at the King Street Family Chiropractic office in Port Colborne, Ont.

2000

Dan Angelini (BAcc) has been appointed manager at Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP Hamilton office. He is on the board of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, a member of the Sons of Italy charitable organization and volunteers at the annual CA tax clinics.

Chris Roehrig (MEd) made the switch from vice-principal of St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School in Clinton, Ont., to an elementary school principal at St. Mary's in Goderich, Ont.

2001

Jerry Burlington (BPhEd; BEd, '02), following graduation, spent two years living in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum. He was responsible for distilling soap and emptying newly installed septic systems for local residents. Jerry also had an opportunity to practice with the Sudanese National Soccer team on a number of occasions. In Kenya he met Leanne. Jerry and Leanne recently became engaged, and returned to Canada, where Jerry has accepted a teaching position with the Halton School Board, and is a travelling scout for the Owen Sound Greys Junior B Hockey Club.

2002

Donna Lucia (BA, chys/soci) graduated from Griffin University of Queensland, Australia with a Master of Teaching Degree (Primary). **Briar Thompson** (BSc) graduated from McGill University with a Master of Science Applied, in Communication and Language Disorders. She has accepted a position with Hamilton Community Rehab to pursue her career in speech and language pathology and swallowing disorders.

2003

Drew Osborne (BSM) and his friend Clare Cayley are planning to canoe and portage the same rugged 5,200-kilometre route taken by fur traders in the 18th century from Rocky Mountain House, Alberta to Montreal, Que. They have teamed up with the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada and will be raising funds on their behalf for the duration of the trip. The team plans to leave in April and arrive in Montreal in late August or early September. This particular route has not been completed since 1967 and has never been completed by only two paddlers. Full trip details can be found at www.daretodream2005.com. They plan to keep the website updated with trip journals and photos so that their friends and fellow grads can follow along while they achieve their goal.

Ryan Vandenberg (BEd/BSc; BSc, '04) is delighted to be teaching Grade 10, 11, and 12 mathematics at his hometown school. Ryan was a past student of North Lambton Secondary School in Forest, Ont. **Heather (Hutchison) Whitty** (BA/BEd; BA, chys, '04) and **Brett Whitty** (BSc, cosd, '02) were married on August 19, 2004 at Westfield Heritage Village in Rockton, Ont. Brock graduates who attended were **David Hutchison** (BA, geog, '75), **Patrick Whitty** (BSc, biol, '88), **Loretta (Franceschini) Whitty** (BA, psyc, '85; BEdTSL, '94), **Scott Whitty** (BACC, '95), **Abby Hammond** (BA/BEd, '03), **Mayleen Ewers** (BA/BEd, '03; BA, chys, '04), **Liz Penic** (BA/BEd, '03; BA, chys/hist, '04), **Liza Granja** (BA, chys, '03; BEd, '04), **Rebecca Casey** (BA, soci, '03), and **Karen Nowacki** (BSc, geog/ersc, '96).

2004

Robyn Balanuik (BA, csbc) and **Joy Kelly** (BA, csbc), using their skills they achieved at Brock, took on a team project as part of their fundraising and volunteer management post-grad program at Humber College. They developed a strategic plan for the Canadian Professional Sales Association (CPSA). They raised \$100,000 within six weeks after starting their courses.

Births

James Arbour (BBA, '95), a son, Gordon John, July 24, 2004.
Laura (Topley) Bauman (BA/BEd, '98), a son, Curtis, October 14, 2004.
Chad Brownlee (BPhEd, '94) and **Susan Sproul** (BA, chld, '93; BRLS, '94), a son, London, May 17, 2004.
Robert Cookson (BRLS, '95), triplets, Clark, Faith, and Hope, October 18, 2004.
Terry Crosskill (BA, admi/poli, '93), a son, Evan, May 20, 2004.
Alanna (Decker) Crowder (BRLS, '01), a son, Evan, May 6, 2004.
Jacqueline (Olsen) Curry (BBA, '00), a daughter, Carmen, August 9, 2002 and a son, Cole Allan, September 17, 2004.
John Delgaty (BSc, geop, '95) and **Tracy (Lafleur) Delgaty** (BA, Fren, '94), a daughter, Allison Michelle, November 21, 2004.
Jean (Macri) Dennis (BBA, '91), a son, Maxwell, June 19, 2004.
Barbara (Daly) Depew (BA/BEd, '01), a son, Alex, April 20, 2004.
Justin Di Francesco (BA, psyc, '03), a daughter, Olivia, July 3, 2004.
Cheryl (Atcheson) Dix (BRLS, '97), a son, Matthew John William, June 30, 2004.
Gordon Donaldson (BSc/BEd, '00), a son, Cole, August 16, 2004.
Cliff Endicott (BA, admi/hist, '93) twins, Jackson and Riley, June 21, 2004.
Charleen (Dandy) Ferron (BSCN, '04), a son, Gabriel, May 26, 2004.
Andy Fitzhenry (BRLS, '91) and **Marylana (Fumo) Fitzhenry** (BA, chld/psyc, '92), two sons, Drew, January 18, 2002 and Adam, June 3, 2004.
Suzie Goudreau-Lupa (BA, psyc, '95), a son, Brenden Antonio, April 5, 2004.
Santo Guarasci (BBA, '94), twin girls, Alexa and Kendra, April 5, 2004.
Mark Harley (BAdmin, '89), a son, Noah, April 8, 2004.
Jeremy Heil (BA, hist/visa, '97) and **Nathalie Soini** (BA, Germ/Span, '98), a son, Finn, December 15, 2004.
Melanie (Renfrew) Hovland (BSc, '97), a daughter, Mackenzie Faith, January 3, 2005.
Yvonne (Treffers) Hutton (BRLS, '86), a son, William Treffers, August 29, 2004.
Lesley (Young) Kennedy (BA, hlst, '98), a daughter, Ella Grace, January 31, 2004.

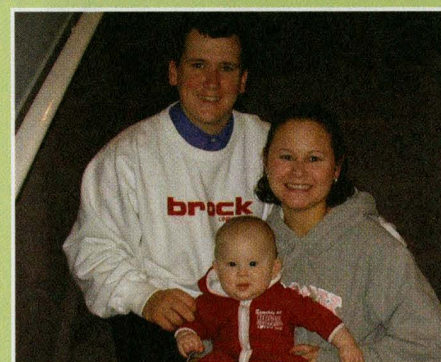
Simon Kennedy (BBA, '91), a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, July 17, 2004.
Mathew King (BBA, '97), a son, Dawson Malcolm Thomas, September 20, 2004.
Vanessa (de Jong) Luce (BBE, '88), triplets, Nicholas, Marjka, Sebastian, December 16, 1999, and daughter Gabrielle, November 2, 2002.
Katherine (McKay) Matyjas (BA, visa, '96), a daughter, Taylor, March 19, 2004.
Stephen McKetsy (BSM, '99) and **Robyn McComb** (BRLS, '90), a daughter, Chayse, July 27, 2004.
Timothy Morrison (BBA, '95) and **Vanessa (Rocca) Morrison** (BBA, '96), a daughter, Kyla, June 20, 2004.
Cindy (Vanderlaan) Nicolaou (BPhEd, '92), a son, Corson James, May 3, 2004.
Kimberly Steenson Pankratz (BA, admi/poli, '90), a daughter, Jessica Danielle, born August 12, 2004.
Jennifer (Stacey) Perlock (BBE, '96), a son, Michael Bryce, September 26, 2004.
Debbie (Snider) Raymond (BA, psyc, '94; BEd, '95), a daughter, Sara Alison, June 29, 2004.
Tracey Reynolds (BA, soci/labr, '90), a son, Jack Ryan, March 22, 2004.
George Sawatsky (BACC, '00; MACC, '02) and **Yelena Kuznetsova** (MACC, '02), a daughter, Natalia Brooke, October 30, 2004.
Richard Seagrave (BA, poli, '97), a daughter, Eliote, September 14, 2004.
Jay Stukel (BA, psyc/uest, '92; BEdTSL, '94), a daughter, Tiana Ashley, May 11, 2004.
Shashank Upadhye (BSc, biol, '91; BA, admi/Fren, '92), a son, Sacheen, January 16, 2004.
John Valiquette (BA, psyc, '92), a son, Graham, March 12, 2004.
Jennifer (Barons) Weinman (BACC, '98) and **Michael Weinman** (BACC, '99), daughter, Miranda born on June 30, 2004.
Paul Wiebe (BA, musi, '93; BEd, '02) and **Lori Reimer-Wiebe** (BA, chld, '93; BEd, '94), three boys, Jacob, January 10, 2001, Benjamin, March 26, 2002, and Adam, May 16, 2004.
Mark Woodfield (BA, chld, '94; BEd, '95) and **Christina Turner** (BA, wise/soci, '95), a daughter, Chloe Turner, July 27, 2004.

Marriage

Tanya Blizzard (BA, csmc, '02) and **Sean Carden** (BBA, '01), May 7, 2004.
April Nelson (BSc, geop, '92) and **Philip Wachel** (BA, chld, '96; BEdTSL, '97) July 10, 2004.
Stephanie Osip (BSc, neur, '02) and **Sterling Strong**, September 25, 2004.
Terence Scheltema (BBE, '96) and **Lisa Carnahan**, October 16, 2004.

In Memoriam

Sabrina Ford (BA, geog, '03), January 2, 2005.
John Gaynor (BA, geog, '71), August 29, 2004.
Vahida Inglis-Ishkhanian (BA, psyc, '74), October 31, 2004.
Gary Mannell (BSc, cosc, '92), February 1, 2002.
George McGloin (BA, psyc/admi, '95), January 1, 2005.
Grant Moran (BA, phil/poli, '78), July 8, 2003.
Hassan Sayed (BBA, '96), August 28, 2004.
Ralph Serravalle (BA, rest, '85; BEd, '86), May 31, 2003.
Carrie Storms (BA, hist, '75), February 2, 2004.
Donald Wright (BA, geog, '76), November 30, 2004.



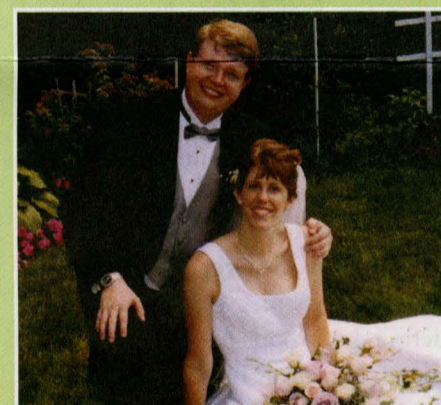
Brian Mino (BACC, '00), wife Laura Toal-Mino (BBA, '99), a son Christopher, January 16, 2004, in Kapuskasing, Ont.



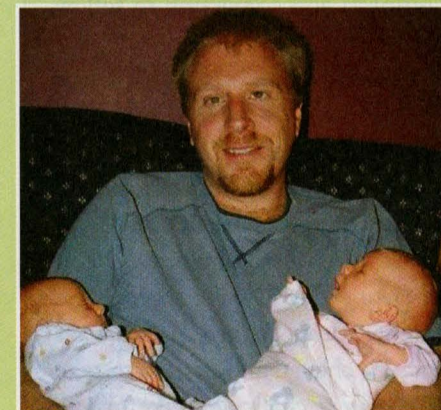
Adrian Shelley (BPhEd, '97), wife Rebecca and daughter Sophia born on September 4, 2003.



Heather (Hutchison) Whitty (BA/BEd; BA, chys, '04) and Brett Whitty (BSc, cosd, '02) married August 19, 2004.



Karen Forgrave (BA/BEd, '00; MEd, '03) and Steven Truelove, married August 14, 2004



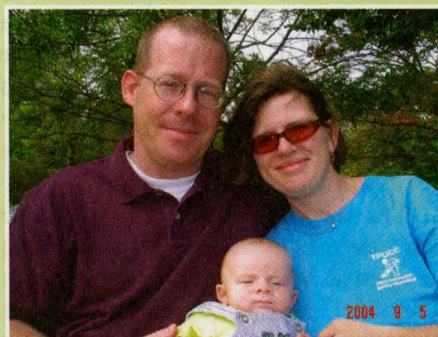
Cliff Endicott (BA, admi/hist, '93) with twins, Jackson and Riley, born June 21, 2004.

AlumNews photos

Brock graduates are invited to submit photos for publication in the AlumNews section of *Surgite!*

Electronic photos are preferable. High quality print reproduction requires that electronic photos be 300 dpi and submitted in JPEG format. Please e-mail photos to vterpak@brocku.ca

Photos will be published in *Surgite!* based on the quality of print reproduction and if space is available due to the number of submissions received. Photos that are not published can be posted by visiting www.brockpeople.ca/submitnews.php



Jennifer Walker-Pottinger (BA, cssp, '91), husband David with son, Miller David born June 14, 2004.

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SNAPSHOT



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NAME: Karen Sealy (BA, psyc, '91)
Degree: Psychology and Business
Place of Residence: Beaches (Toronto)

Successful Career: Interior Designer, with my own business and a HGTV show (it began Jan. 31) called "Design Superstar Challenge." You can read about the show at www.hgtv.ca/superstar/

Most Recent Jobs: Running my own interior design and renovation consulting company.

Favourite Memory of Brock: Only one...? That's not possible. How about... parties on King Street with my roommates and our pseudo roommates and our many other fun friends (you know who you are!). Lining up on the bridge at Alfie's at 6 p.m. for Pat Hewitt nights; rowing; Grape and Wine (mostly wine)... I could go on and on and anyone who knows me would attest to this.

Greatest Source of Pride: Again, I can't pick only one. I am definitely proud of the lifelong friends I made at Brock. I wouldn't be who I am today without them. And I am proud of my perpetual optimism and conviction to follow my heart.

Childhood Career Goal: To be an Interior Designer. It just took me a while to finally get here.

Future Goals: To continue to work with great clients and love what I do. If designing ever gets to be "work" I will have to consider another career change. I am always open to change and excited to take on the next challenge. Like maybe my own TV show?

Source of Inspiration and Why: I am inspired by great thinkers like Frank Lloyd Wright, Ayn Rand and Sigmund Freud, who introduced what were considered radical thoughts. Yet often these ideas go on to become not only understood but usually accepted. These are the building blocks of our society. It is easy to be accepted if you always do what is expected, but great achievements come from having the confidence and faith to step outside restrictive boundaries.

Jada Isn't Concerned About University Funding... Yet.

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The Honourable Bob Rae,
 Advisor to the Premier and the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities
 Postsecondary Review report,
 Ontario: A Leader in Learning, February 2005

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If you think university funding doesn't affect Jada today, think again. Each and every day the lives of Jada and thousands of children in Ontario are being improved through our universities. From pediatric specialists, teachers, and special needs' therapists, to medications and technologies that save and improve children's lives, you don't have to look far to see our universities at work in Ontario.

Think about all the people with university degrees on whom you and your family rely every day: engineers, doctors, nurses, business owners, teachers, cultural arts professionals, and more. Our universities influence all aspects of the quality of life we've come to enjoy in Ontario. Yet this very standard is now at risk for all of us.

Operating grants to Ontario universities have dropped by 25% per student over the past decade and are the lowest in Canada.*

*Source: Council of Ontario Universities

There is an urgent need for our government to increase funding for Ontario universities. Why? We need more trained medical and community service professionals, more business leaders, and more skilled specialists and generalists. We need to increase our universities' capacity for research. Government funding of our universities directly affects everyone working and living in Ontario. It's a fact we cannot ignore.

What can be done?

The Ontario government recently commissioned a review on the design and funding of Ontario's postsecondary education system. The report is now available at www.raereview.on.ca. Budget allocations will be determined in the coming weeks.

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Funding of Ontario universities affects all of us.

Innovative Brock professor awarded prestigious honour



Professor John Mitterer

Association (CPA).

Brock University Professor John Mitterer from the Department of Psychology has been selected to receive the CPA's 2005 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training. This is the only education and training award the discipline confers in Canada.

"I'm especially delighted to receive this award because I am being recognized by colleagues from my own discipline," notes Mitterer. "It's great to see that people are starting to embrace the potential of new technologies in the classroom. We academics need to rethink how we look at post-secondary education in today's digital age, and I

A Brock professor's innovative contributions to education and training in psychology are being recognized with a prestigious award from the Canadian Psychological

think that psychology is well poised to lead the way."

Mitterer is a highly regarded member of Brock University's faculty. He was the recipient of the 2003 Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching, a 2003 Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) Teaching Award and was also recently presented with a 2004 3M Teaching Fellowship from 3M Canada and the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE).

Having co-taught Brock's first-year Psychology course for over 20 years, Mitterer's work centres on the psychology of media, particularly as applied to teaching and learning. His interest in the use of digital media in education has led him to develop several educational applications such as CD-ROMs, videodiscs, websites and interactive online seminars.

The CPA award will be presented at the Welcoming Ceremony of the Association's Annual Convention being held in June in Montreal, Que. Mitterer has been invited to formally address the convention.

Appointments

• Dr. Rodger J. Beatty was appointed Associate Dean, Faculty of Education for a three-year term from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007. Beatty previously served the Faculty of Education as Chair, Pre-service Department for the last two years. Beatty, Associate Professor, Music Education, joined Brock University in 1994, following 17 years of successful teaching in Ontario elementary schools.

• Dr. Anna Lathrop was recently named the new Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences. Lathrop, whose term runs from January 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008, is a former chair of the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology and former chair of the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. She is also a recipient of a 3M Teaching Fellowship, Canada's most prestigious honour for university teachers.

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In memoriam

Victor Fic, Professor in the Department of Political Science at Brock for over 15 years, was born in Damborice, Czech Republic, on January 5, 1922. He passed away in St. Catharines on February 2.

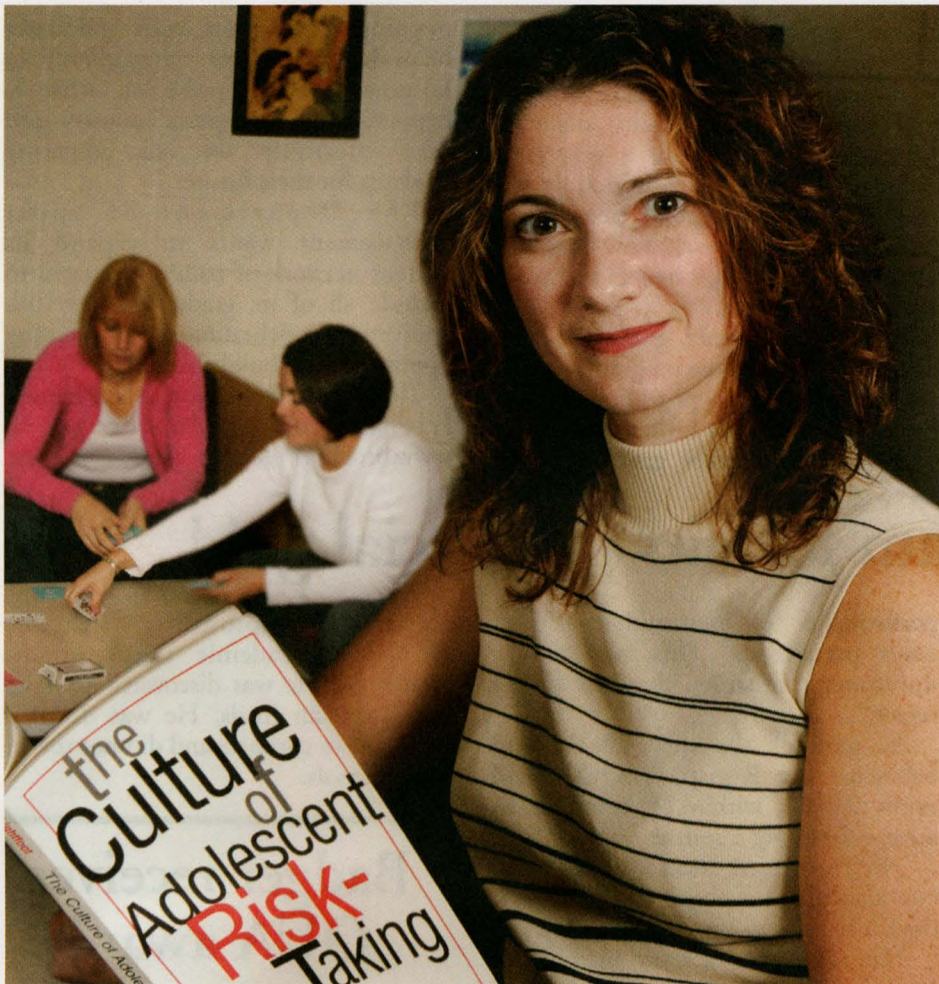
Before joining Brock University in 1971, he taught for two years at the University of Rangoon, Burma; eight years at Nanyang University, Singapore; and at the University of Singapore. In 1999, Victor was decorated with the Masaryk Medal by President Havel of the Czech Republic for his academic work and his work in human rights.

Victor lived an epic life stretching across the continents and the great civilizations. He unremittently fought for justice and for understanding and reconciliation between peoples through his teaching and writing on Asian political culture. He touched the lives of thousands of students in his legendary first-year Politics course with his enormous breadth of knowledge, combined with great generosity of spirit, dignity and humour. He lived his life with panache and style. After his retirement he continued to be a prominent presence on campus. He was indeed a true scholar and gentleman.

Charles Burton, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science at Brock

Donations are being accepted by the University to establish an award in memory of Dr. Fic and which will benefit students of IF90 in perpetuity.

Adolescent gambling is no child's play



Heather Chalmers was Brock's first PhD graduate in Psychology.

Heather Chalmers (BPhEd, '88; BBA, '92; MEd, '01; PhD '04) knows the dangers of addictive and risky behaviours. As an Assistant Professor in Brock's Department of Child and Youth Studies, Chalmers' primary research interest is youth risk-taking behaviour, with a specific focus on adolescent gambling.

What is disconcerting to Chalmers is that the rate of adolescent problem-gamblers is two to four times higher than the rate of adult problem-gamblers. It may be, she explained, that society actually encourages games of chance and gambling tendencies as early as the grade school level.

"Fun fairs, draws and raffles are frequently found within communities, and the organizers may not realize that the undertones to these activities include the promotion of gambling with wagering money for a chance to win," explained Chalmers. "Teens may then move into more advanced games like card-playing and sports wagering."

She identified other areas such as "Nevada" tickets and online gambling as increasing temptations for youth who might be susceptible to gambling addictions. "The opportunities for adolescent gambling continue to increase, rather than decrease," she added.

Chalmers' research has extended to other areas of adolescent behaviour and the factors that influence lifestyle choices; for example, exploring which factors protect youth from engaging in risk-behaviours and what factors place youth at higher risk of engaging in risk-behaviours. Because the topic of adolescent gambling is an emerging area of focus for addiction researchers, there is little information currently available.

As a result, Chalmers has worked diligently to better understand factors which influence youth's participation in gambling. "I am interested in understanding the role gambling plays in the lives of adolescents, but also to find out which factors predict participation in gambling at both non-problematic and problematic levels," said Chalmers.

"Through various studies, I am also

seeking to determine if higher rates of problematic gambling that are reported during the adolescent years will continue into adulthood."

Chalmers also utilizes community resources for her research, acting as the Community Co-director of the Youth Lifestyle Choices: Community University Research Alliance (YLC-CURA). The YLC-CURA initiative involves a multi-disciplinary team of Brock faculty and Niagara community agencies that study adolescents' abilities to resist problem behaviours such as substance abuse, gambling, aggression, sexual activity, harmful physical activity and poor academic achievement. The goal of the research group is to identify developmental pathways and protective factors that promote and strengthen resilience.

In her role as Community Co-director, she acts as a liaison between the nearly 20 researchers at Brock and over 30 community agencies in the Niagara region that are part of the YLC-CURA partnership. The Niagara Alcohol and Drug Assessment Service, District School Board of Niagara, and Boys and Girls Club of Niagara are just a few of the organizations involved with the project.

In 2001, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) awarded the project a \$600,000 grant over three years. Last year, the project was awarded an extension grant of \$400,000 from SSHRC, for a total of \$1 million over five years.

In 2004 when Chalmers received her doctorate in Psychology, she joined Candace Panagabko as the first students to graduate with a PhD from Brock.

Having completed her undergraduate degree, her Master's and her doctorate at Brock, and now working as a Professor, Chalmers feels she has come full circle. "I feel very fortunate to have studied, and now work at a great place like Brock," said Chalmers. "To be surrounded by, and working with the great researchers that I have built relationships with over the years is very rewarding."

Brock graduate awarded Canada's top science medal

Few people can correctly pronounce "paleolimnology" on the first try. That's okay with Brock grad John Smol (MSc, '79), who was recently awarded the prestigious Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal — Canada's top scientific prize — plus \$1 million to continue his groundbreaking environmental studies.



John Smol

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"I initially came to Brock because it was one of the only schools in Canada that provided courses in the area of paleolimnology," said Smol. "(The late) Professor Jaan Terasmae of the Geology Department (now known as the Department of Earth Sciences) was a big influence on my studies, and helped set my

research on the right course."

Smol, 49, was thrilled over winning the coveted prize. The award is named after the late Nobel Laureate Gerhard Herzberg, and is the highest honour awarded to a Canadian by the Science and Engineering Research Council, the new name for the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

One of the world's leading environmental scientists, Smol is renowned for his pioneering work in the field of paleolimnology, the reconstruction of lake histories based on sediment cores taken from the lake bottoms.

Using tools and techniques he and his colleagues have developed over the past 22 years, the history of Canada's environment can be uncovered by looking at the layers of sediments deposited in lake beds. These sediments contain a history of the life in the lakes over time and can reveal vital information about pollution, climate change and the productivity of ecosystems, as humans have modified our environment. Smol's work has been significant in the debates over acid rain, over-fertilization of water systems, and climate change.

Brock grad named Director of Campus Security Services

The former chief of the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) has been named the new Director of Campus Security Services at Brock University.

Gary Nicholls (BA, genl, '00), who served as Chief of the Niagara Regional Police Service from 2000 to 2004, will assume the position of Director on April 1. Scott McLean, Interim Director, Campus Security Services, returned to his position with the NRPS at the end of January. McLean joined Brock in November 2003 in a secondment arrangement with the NRPS to assist the University with the transition of the unit to a community-based policing model. Over the last 15 months, Brock has progressed significantly towards this goal, with McLean having played an integral part in leadership through that transition.

"We are thrilled to welcome someone with the outstanding reputation of Gary Nicholls to Brock University," said David Atkinson, President and Vice-Chancellor of Brock. "The quality of leadership that he brings to this position will build on the solid foundation that Scott (McLean) has helped establish over the past year."

Nicholls, 57, has 36 years of dedicated and progressive experience with the Niagara Regional Police Service, which culminated with his term as Chief of Police.

Upon being named the new Director of Campus Security Services at Brock, Nicholls stated, "As a graduate of Brock, I am excited to have this opportunity, and to be a part of the very positive growth I see taking place at this outstanding university."

From his start with the former City of Welland Police Department in 1968, Nicholls has served in every major municipality in the Region. He has been a champion in recognizing and developing community oriented policing within the Niagara Region.

For more information, go to www.brocku.ca and click on "News."

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To make a gift, please refer to our website at www.brocku.ca/library/gifts/honour.htm or contact Michèle Black, Advancement Officer, James A. Gibson Library at 905-688-5550, ext. 4976.

Update and WIN!



Charlotte Sheridan (BA, '02)

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At the time of publication, Brock was competing for national honours in men's and women's wrestling and in men's basketball. Please visit www.brocku.ca/athletics for further results.

- Brock captured both the men's and women's Ontario University Athletics (OUA) Wrestling Championship titles in February. This marked the 11th consecutive year for the men and the eighth in a row for the women. Brock hosted the CIS finals in early March.

- Kevin Stienstra, centre with the men's basketball team, was named OUA Most Valuable Player, in addition to being named OUA West MVP and First Team All-Star. Brock head coach Ken Murray (BPhEd, '76) received OUA West Coach of the Year honours. Including Stienstra, Brock also had Kevin French and Brad Rootes receiving All-Star recognitions.

- Charles Ivanov recently was named the new head coach of the Brock women's soccer program. Ivanov replaces Ron Gourlay who retired at the end of the 2004 season. Ivanov brings over 25 years of soccer knowledge and experience to Brock.

- Women's basketball star guard Jodie Ebeling was named the 2004-05 OUA West Player of the Year. Joining Ebeling on the OUA West All-Star team is third-year forward Erin Allan.

- The OUA named Brock's men's rugby player Jarod Selby, as the 2004 East Most Valuable Player and second-year head coach Les Gilson, as 2004 East Coach of the Year. The Badgers also received six OUA All-Stars; Selby, Ryan Luffman, Dan Kennedy, Martin Clancy, Pat Boyle, and Mark Shisler.

Sport Management grads invited to 10th birthday bash

Sport Management graduates — take a deep breath and get ready to blow out some candles!

In the fall of 2006, all graduates from the Sport Management program at Brock University are invited to celebrate the program's 10th anniversary. As with any celebration, planning is crucial; assistance from any SPMA alumni would be appreciated.

Anniversary information will be updated regularly, starting in the spring, on the Sport Management website www.brocku.ca/spma, and through various graduate communications,

including *Surgite!*

Brock introduced the Sport Management degree program in 1996 and hired its first faculty member, Professor Cheri Bradish, a year later. Thirty students were admitted in the first year. The program, one of the fastest-growing at Brock, now boasts 12 faculty members, 500 majors and more than 500 graduates.

Sport Management graduates have also contributed to the program's success by guest lecturing, providing student internships and even hiring some of the program's more recent graduates. This

ongoing connection with graduates helps the Department tremendously in keeping a direct pulse on what is happening in the sports industry and how effectively we are preparing students for their future.

The Department of Sport Management wants to expand its current network of communications to include all of its graduates; the 10th anniversary celebration is an exciting opportunity to build this link!

To connect with Sport Management friends and graduates go to www.brockpeople.ca

Rowing team forfeits provincial gold

Brock University has established a new set of checks and balances to track the academic status of student-athletes.

The changes were made in response to an undetected error in the academic records of a student-athlete that cost the men's rowing team its 2004 provincial rowing title.

The team was stripped of its gold medal by Ontario University Athletics (OUA) in December after Brock reported to the OUA that one of its rowers did not fulfill the academic requirements to compete in the finals.

Prior to the OUA finals, the student-athlete dropped a course and, by doing so, no longer fulfilled the academic course requirements.

"When we discovered shortly after the provincial finals that a mistake had been made, we immediately reported this to the OUA," said Athletics Director Lorne Adams. "The academic

performance of our student-athletes takes precedence. This was a very unfortunate situation that we deeply regret."

As part of the new checks and balances, the Registrar's Office will notify Adams, within 24 hours, of an athlete dropping a course.

"We've learned from this and I'm confident that the changes will ensure it doesn't happen again," adds Adams.

The rower was a crew member of Brock's gold-medal winning heavyweight eight and silver-medal winning lightweight eight at the provincial championships. Ontario University Athletics announced on December 21 that Brock would forfeit its results for both of the races. The change dropped Brock to third place overall and gave Queen's the OUA title.

The OUA's decision has no impact on the team's 2004 Canadian University

Rowing Championship title. The change in academic status of the student-athlete was discovered prior to the Canadian finals. He was declared ineligible to compete and did not row at the nationals.

Badger receives OUA award



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Brock student Sherri-Leigh Vervaeke was one of 18 female scholar-athletes honoured by the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) in December, at

the Chatelaine Women of Influence Luncheon, held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto.

The OUA recognized an outstanding young woman from each of the Ontario universities who has excelled both in academics and athletics this past year.

Congratulating them on their accomplishments was Charmaine Crooks, a five-time Olympian and one of Canada's most celebrated international athletes.

Vervaeke, of Grimsby, Ont., is a member of the Brock Badgers women's soccer team. For the past four years, she has been working towards her Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Studies.

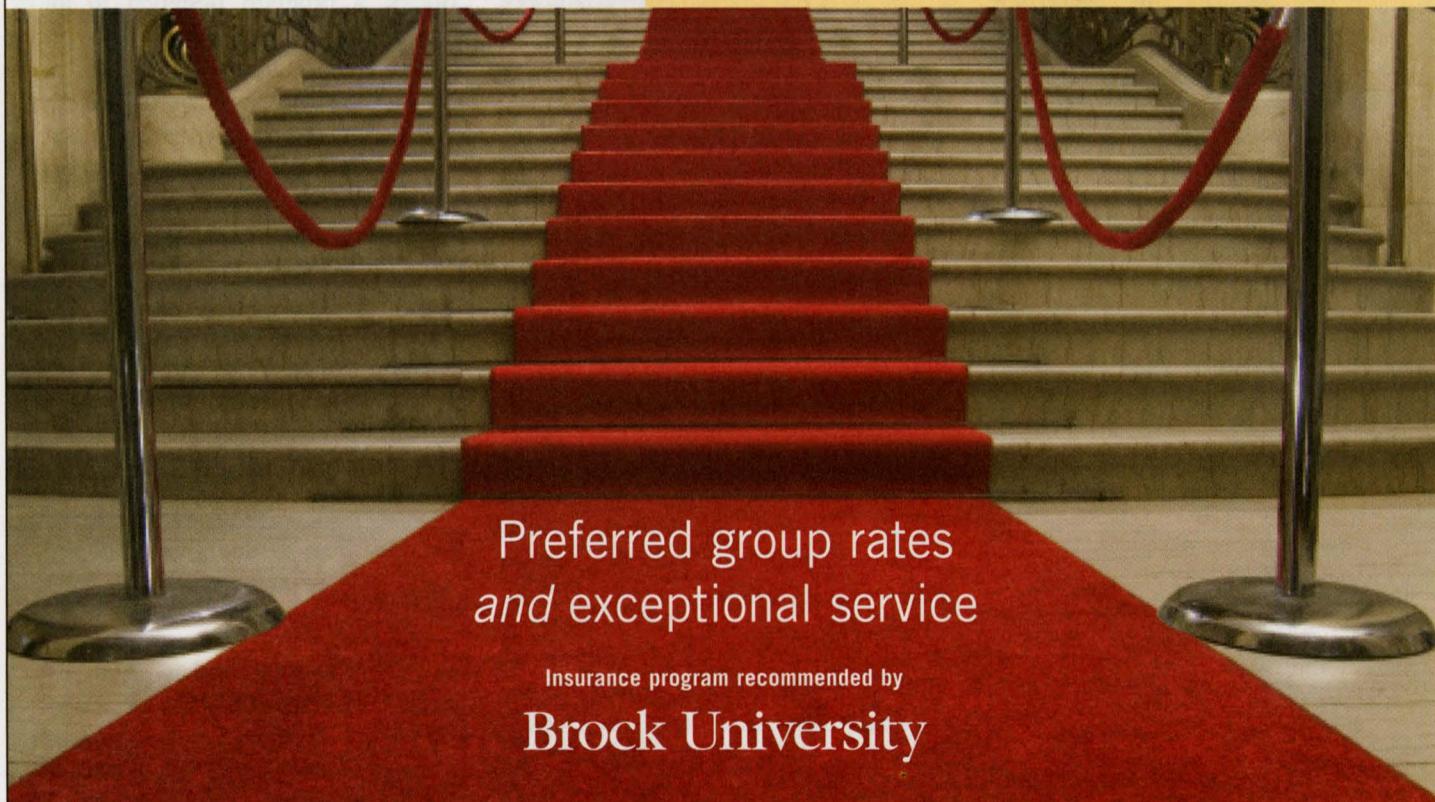
Currently, Vervaeke is a Research Assistant with the Youth Lifestyle Choices - Community/University Research Alliance (YLC-CURA), a partnership between Brock and the Niagara community to examine risk-taking behaviours in Niagara youth. She has also served as a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Child and Youth Studies, and has served as a tutor for the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Vervaeke has received numerous accolades in recent years, including the R.M. Davis Surgite Award, which recognizes the highest academic average of all student-athletes at Brock, and the President's Surgite Award, for outstanding contributions to the Brock community and positive advancement of Brock's reputation.

Vervaeke has also parlayed her playing experience into coaching, as she co-coaches an Under 15 competitive girls' travel soccer team, and is captain/coach of a Niagara women's soccer team (comprised primarily of Brock players) which competes in a highly competitive indoor soccer league in Grimsby.

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