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A quarterly publication for graduates and friends of Brock University
Surgite! /sur-gi-tay/ Latin for "Push on!" The inspiring last words of Maj.-Gen. Sir Isaac Brock

Brock grads lead province in employment rate

For the second year in a row, graduates from Brock University boast the highest employment rate among Ontario universities.

The latest provincial performance indicators show that 98.3 per cent of Brock graduates are employed two years after graduation. Employment rates six months after graduation are also high for Brock graduates, at 95.5 per cent.

"These outstanding employment rates reinforce the success of our graduates in the workforce and emphasize the fact that students are making the right choice when they choose Brock as their university," said Brock President David Atkinson. "The figures reflect the quality of our academic programs and the greater emphasis Brock is placing on preparing students for life and work."

The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and the Council of Ontario Universities co-sponsored the survey, which was conducted by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC). The survey examined the employment experiences of 1999 graduates of undergraduate degree programs in Ontario, six months and two years after graduation.

Brock Days celebrates past, present and future

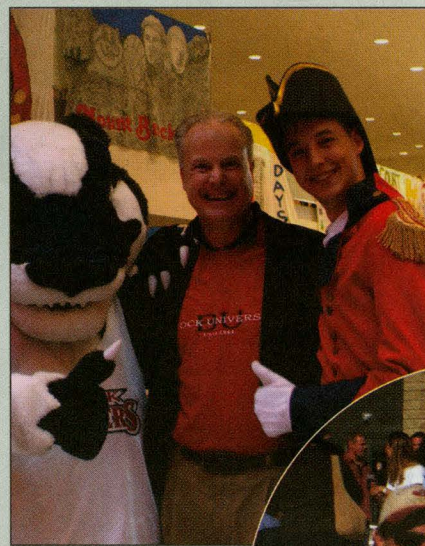
Brock Days: A Community and Homecoming celebration quickly has become a September tradition for Brock graduates, faculty, staff, students, and the broader community.

The spirit of Brock - its past, present and future - was truly reflected in the second annual Brock showcase held September 27 to 29.

Brock Days had something for everyone with fine wine events, the World's Largest Grape Stomp, graduate reunions, the alumni golf tournament, Homecoming Dinner, recreational and varsity athletic events, live entertainment, family programs, and a sold-out concert by eight-time Juno award winner Jann Arden.

Also, mark your calendar for the last weekend in September and be part of this year's Brock Days celebrations.

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Brock grad Bill Rickers, Brock Days Chair, was joined by Boomer the Badger and Sir Isaac Brock at the kickoff celebration, held in the Walker Complex Food Court.

Brock students put their best feet forward at the World's Largest Grape Stomp.



Brock grads who attended the Courtyard Festival couldn't have asked for a nicer day to spend an afternoon on campus.

New facilities opened for students

More than 300 people, including Dianne Cunningham, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, local politicians, donors, and Brock faculty, staff, students and graduates, celebrated the official opening and dedication of the University's \$26-million academic complex on September 6.

The new facilities will help to accommodate Brock's growing enrolment. The University boasts a record enrolment for the third year in a row with a total of 13,659 students, making the 2002-2003 academic year the University's highest enrolment in its 38-year history.

The University has invested \$90 million to expand the campus over the last few years with the construction of two new academic buildings, the \$12-million Walker Complex, Niagara's largest recreational facility, that opened in April 2002, and the Alan Earp Residence, opened in September 2001.

This fall, the University began construction of a \$16-million, 310-bed student residence on the campus to be



Brock student Trudy Stanfield escorts the Honourable Dianne Cunningham, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, on a tour of the new facilities.

completed for the 2003-04 academic year. As well, the University signed a 10-year lease with a private developer to manage a new residence complex under construction across the street from Brock which will open for September 2003.

The new Academic South Building and the Academic North Building provide about 80,000 square feet of space that will allow for 1,700 new student spaces as Brock prepares for the double cohort in 2003. Located at the west end of the campus, the facilities include the new Computer Commons, several multimedia

lecture halls, office space, a food court, general student meeting space and state-of-the-art labs.

"These impressive new facilities will advance teaching and research at the University for years to come," said Brock President David Atkinson during the opening ceremonies held in the Walker Complex Courtyard. "This project would never have been possible without the support of the SuperBuild program as well as the many donors who believe in Brock's plans for the future."

The Province of Ontario contributed \$15.57 million in capital funding for the academic expansion as part of the SuperBuild investment program. The academic complex also received financial support from Brock faculty, staff and retirees through the "Invest in Quality" campaign, while many Brock graduates and private donors have supported the new facilities through "Good, Better, Brock! The Campaign for Brock University." The final segment of the \$29.62-million campaign is now under way to complete financing for the capital expansion.

Champion Badgers

New national and provincial banners are hanging in the Brock gym.

The Brock Badgers men's soccer team was crowned the Canadian Interuniversity Sports 2002 National Champions and the men's rowing team earned their second national title in four years.

The men's rowing team also won their second straight OUA Championship - their fourth OUA men's rowing title in the past five years.

Brock had two other provincial titles this year as the men's lacrosse team was crowned 2002 OUFLA Champions - their 12th OUFLA title - and the men's baseball team won the 2002 OUA Championship.

For more Badger news go to: www.brocku.ca/athletics/

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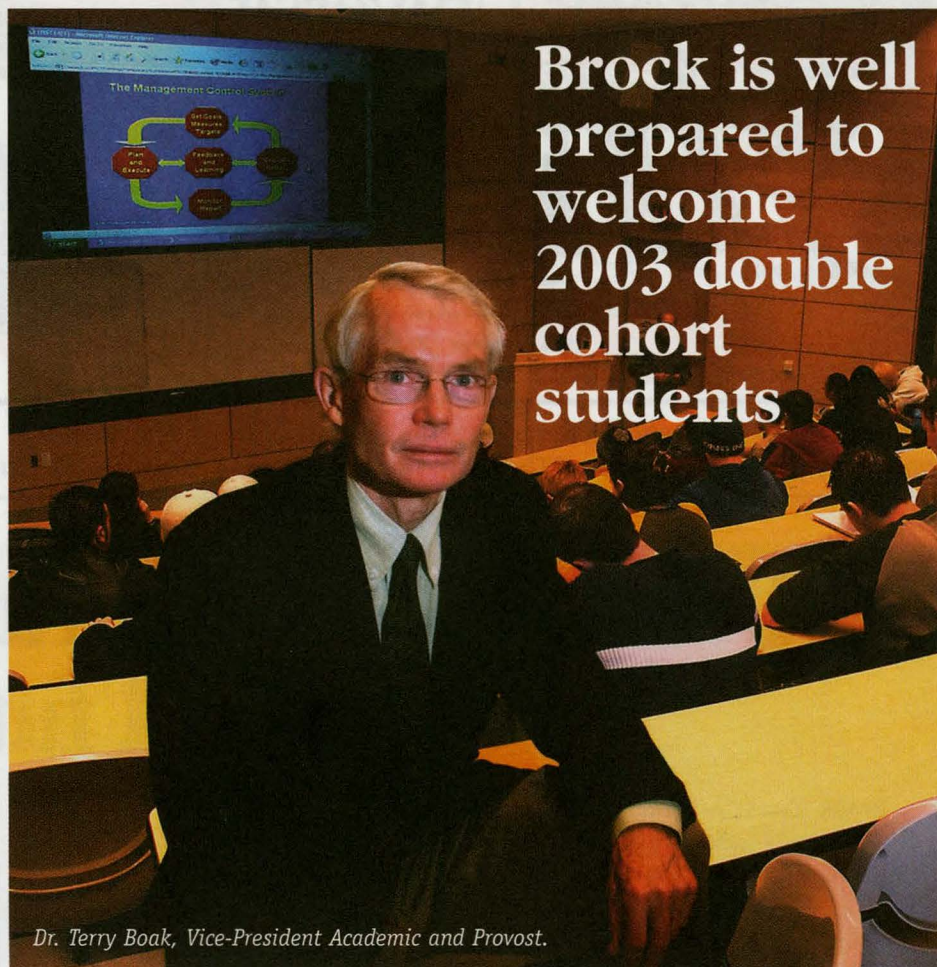
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Brock launches MBA program

In October, Brock's Faculty of Business launched the new MBA program, designed to give an opportunity for talented individuals to obtain the advanced professional business education that will help achieve their career goals. A Brock MBA will provide a strong foundation in management education and an opportunity to develop in-depth, functional business knowledge - carried out in the context of a global business environment.

The MBA program has been designed as a two year, four-term program if completed on a full-time basis. Part-time students are expected to complete the program in six years. If you have been considering furthering your education, here's your chance to take your career to a new level of success. The first MBA class will begin in September 2003. Contact the Faculty of Business at mba@brocku.ca or check out the Web site at www.bus.brocku.ca for more information.



Dr. Terry Boak, Vice-President Academic and Provost.

Brock is well prepared to welcome 2003 double cohort students

The countdown is on. The long-awaited double cohort, when the final year of the five-year high school program and the first class of the new four-year curriculum graduate at the same time in Ontario, will arrive in September.

Brock University has been planning for this significant increase in enrolment since 1998. It is committed to taking an additional 1,700 students beyond its 1998-1999 first-year intake level of 2,068 by September 2003, and plans to increase the number of first-year spaces from 2,315 in fall 2001 to 3,725 in fall 2003.

"Brock is well prepared for the double cohort," says Dr. Terry Boak, Vice-President Academic and Provost. "A lot of thought and consideration has gone into our plans on how to manage this kind of increase in student enrolment. There will be challenges and we will address them as they arrive. We are confident that we will provide double cohort students with a solid educational and student life experience."

Here is a Q and A with Boak.

Q: How is Brock addressing the need to create more space for the double cohort students?

A: We are addressing the need for new space in a number of ways. Most evident is our investment of \$90 million in campus expansion over the last few years. This expansion includes two new academic buildings which were opened last September to enhance teaching and research at Brock. These new facilities provide about 80,000 square feet of space and feature a Computer Commons, several multimedia lecture halls, office space, a food court, general student meeting space and state-of-the-art labs.

The University also opened the new Walker Complex, Niagara's largest recreational facility. The expansion and development of the Walker Complex

comprises the Student, Community Health and Fitness Centre, the state-of-the-art health club called The Zone, the Eleanor Misener Aquatic Centre, the Leo LeBlanc Rowing Centre and the original Physical Education facilities.

The University is also in the process of finalizing a seven-year agreement to utilize new space across from the Brock campus on Glenridge Avenue that will provide for additional seminar rooms and office space.

Another way in which we will address the need for classroom space is by better utilizing program timetables in the afternoon and evenings to maximize the use of facilities such as lecture halls and seminar rooms. As well, the University is exploring how technology can further enhance the overall academic experience and the seminar system.

Q: Will there be additional student residences?

A: Yes. Currently, there are two building projects under way. On campus, Brock is building a new 310-bed student residence that will open for the 2003-04 academic year. The residence will include a new dining hall.

The University also has signed a 10-year lease agreement with Lupine Properties Limited, of London to manage Quarry View Residence, a townhouse-style complex for 290 students, located across the street from the Brock campus. Quarry View Residence is scheduled to open for fall 2003. The University will manage the 80-unit complex of two-, three- and four-bedroom furnished units as part of its award-winning residence program.

Other recent residence projects include the 255-bed Earp Residence, which opened in September 2001, and renovations to the Village residence to convert 175 single rooms to double rooms for fall 2002.

Q: Will students graduating from both the new and old curricula be treated equally when applying for university?

A: Students graduating from the five-year program and the new four-year program will be treated the same for admission.

The universities and the provincial government have been working together for the past six years to plan for the double cohort. The universities participated in the validation of the Ontario Secondary School curriculum and are confident that students graduating from the new programs are as well prepared as their OAC counterparts for university studies.

Recent research indicates this is the case - we don't expect to see any significant differences in students graduating from either the four-year or five-year program.

Q: Does Brock intend to raise admission standards?

A: We have increased admission averages each year. Our admission average is currently 79.2 per cent. We don't expect a significant increase for September 2003 admissions, likely in the range of about 80 per cent. However, depending on the program, the average could fluctuate up or down.

Q: Will Brock continue to offer entrance scholarships and other means of financial aid?

A: It is very important to Brock that we continue to make scholarship and financial aid packages available to students. Students who have a demonstrated financial need are being accommodated quite well as Brock is considered to be one of the better institutions in providing students with assistance.

The availability of bursaries and scholarships at the University has been addressed over the past few years and we are in a good position.

Also, Brock has been sensitive to the financial pressures facing students and has kept residence rates reasonable and competitive. Our ancillary fees are among the lowest in the province.

Q: Will the increase in enrolment have an impact on Brock's ability to offer a quality student experience?

A: Brock has a strong tradition for providing our students with a quality experience. That will continue as double cohort students will experience the complete package - excellent academic programs, opportunities for experiential learning and co-op studies, an increasing selection of graduate programs, access to a full range of student services and student life programs.

We often talk about the value of the human quality at Brock. We are committed to this as we continue to place a great deal of importance on seminar and small-group learning with our programs.

We have dealt with the faculty staffing needs for this increase in enrolment and the Deans have told me that they have been very impressed by the quality of faculty candidates as a result of their searches.

As well, our staff departments, such as the Registrar's Office, will be able to manage the increased demand for student services.

I am encouraged by the commitment of faculty, staff and students at Brock University as the University prepares to welcome the largest intake of new students in its history.

Grads recognized

• Dr. Ian D. Beddis, of Calgary, Alta., is the first recipient of the Brock University Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award. Dr. Beddis is a graduate from Brock's first honours graduating class in 1968 and was awarded an honorary doctorate from Brock in 2000 to recognize his achievements. He has led a distinguished career in Canadian business in various executive positions over the last quarter century. Dr. Beddis is a Director and Branch Manager for ScotiaMcLeod in their Calgary office. The Brock University Alumni Association established the award to recognize a

graduate who has earned prominence as a result of their exceptional professional achievements and service to society.

• Doug Wilkinson, a Pickering, Ont., chartered accountant with Deloitte & Touche and one of the firm's youngest partners in its history, is the inaugural winner of the Faculty of Business Distinguished Graduate Award at Brock University. The annual award was established to recognize a Faculty of Business graduate who has earned prominence as a result of their exceptional professional achievements and service to society. Wilkinson graduated from the Faculty of Business in 1991 with a Bachelor of Business

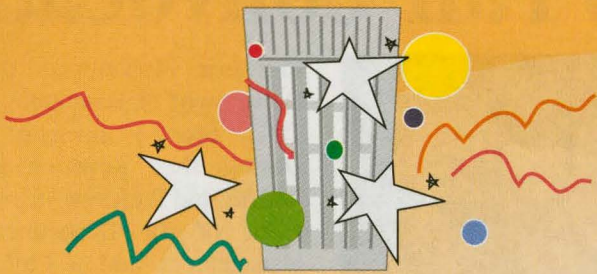
Administration in Co-op Accounting. He has had a distinguished career in a short period of time.



Doug Wilkinson, right, of Pickering, Ont., the inaugural recipient of the Faculty of Business Distinguished Graduate Award, receives congratulations from Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business during the Brock Days Faculty of Business Alumni Reception.



Dr. Ian D. Beddis, recipient of the inaugural Brock University Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award, front row left, joins fellow Silver Badgers from Brock's first graduating class of 1967 at last year's Homecoming Dinner. Next to Dr. Beddis, front row from left, are John Ingram, Philip Beaudoin, Richard Smythe, and Ted Squires; second row from left, are Don Chapman, Calvin Hayes, Allen Wright and John Auld.



BROCK DAYS!

A Community and Homecoming Celebration

September 27, 28, 29, 2002



1. It was a perfect day for the Brock Days Courtyard Festival.

2. Ron Gourlay, coach of the women's soccer team, and other members of Brock's coaching staff serve up hamburgers during the Athletes barbecue.

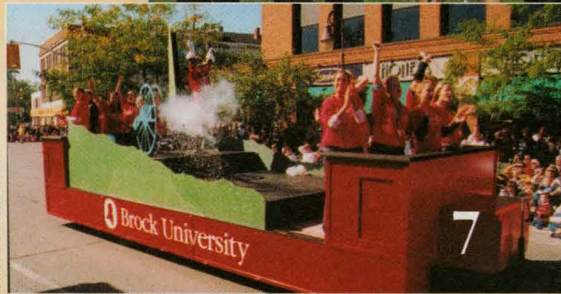
3. Angie Strauss and Brock President David Atkinson unveil her original painting, *The Pond Inlet*, during the Homecoming Dinner. Strauss donated the painting in support of the "Good, Better, Brock!" campaign.

4. Brock Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama, right, is greeted by a Theatre Beyond Words performer during the Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts! event.



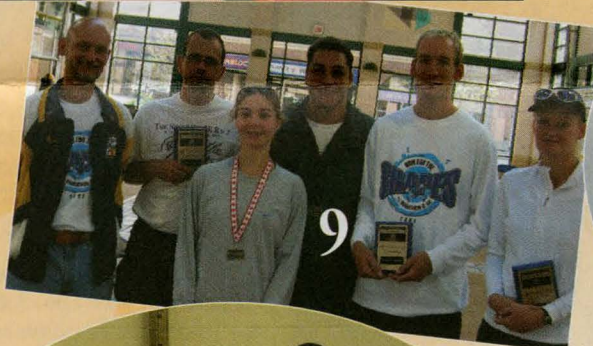
5. The winning team of the 7th annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament, from left, Richard Lum, Mike Farrell, Mike Boucher and Rob Cummings. The tournament was held at the Royal Niagara Golf Course with proceeds from the event donated to "Good, Better, Brock! The Campaign for Brock University." Special thanks to the numerous sponsors of the tournament. A complete list is available at: www.brockualumni.ca

6. With trophies from the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, from left, rower Adam Martin, Brock grad and coach Carlo Costantini, rower Mike Grifa and rower Ryan Schmidt.



7. Brock celebrates Niagara's Grape and Wine Festival during the Grand Parade in downtown St. Catharines.

8. In Sydney, Australia, the September 28 wedding of Brock grad Dom Ursino (BA Hons. History '94) was also an opportunity to hold a Brock Days reunion with family and friends. The happy groom is shown with his wife Elizabeth Powter while standing behind them are, from left, former Brock student John That, Donna (Ursino) McDonagh (BA Hons Psych '85), Anne Ursino (BA '93) and Brock Professor Emeritus Don Ursino. Dom and Elizabeth are both teachers in the Sydney area. Elizabeth is a high school teacher of Japanese. Dom has taught kindergarten for three years and will teach Grade 4 next year.



9. Celebrating Brock's participation in the Run for the Grapes half marathon are, from left, Brock grads Henri Ragetlie, Paul Stefanчук, Monique Landry, Mamdouh Abdel Maksoud (President - BUAA), David Jackson and Susan Black.



10. Brock students gave fencing lessons to youngsters during Family Fun in the Gym.

11. The Phys Ed Reunion, from left, Brock grads Dave Burt, Sheila Gayman and Sherry Altoft with Susie and Bob Davis, former Athletic Director, and Arnie Lowenberger, Brock's first Director of Physical Education and Recreation and also a former Dean of Students.



12. Shari Leitch, Graduate Programs Officer, left, with Brock Business grads Lisa Wilson, Amanda Hicks and Meaghan Stanton.



13. At the Homecoming dinner, retired faculty, from left, Jack Edds, Bill Hull and Bill Matheson.



14. From left, Brock Professor Derek Knight with Brock grads Al Côté, Diane Eaton, Chris McColeman, Lesley Bell (Brock's University Collections Co-ordinator), exhibit co-curator Brock student Dominika Kolodziejczyk, Brock Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama and exhibit co-curator Brock student Erin Bitner.



Mark your calendar for
Brock Days 2003!
September 26, 27 and 28

Brock ranked sixth in new *Globe and Mail* survey

A new survey conducted by the *Globe and Mail* in partnership with Uthink and the Strategic Counsel ranked Brock University sixth among 29 Canadian universities.

The results of the University Report Card were published by the *Globe and Mail* on Wednesday, October 23. This first-time survey was conducted to gauge students' satisfaction levels.

The poll involved online surveys that were completed by current undergraduate students of Canadian universities. Some 120,000 students from the studentawards.com online community were invited to complete the 100-question survey.

To be included in the ranking, universities had to have 250 or more student responses to the survey.

Brock placed in the top five in several categories including first-place rankings for faculty feedback, TA availability and quality, sports facilities and student residences. Brock also was second in teaching effectiveness, faculty availability, availability of financial assistance and merit-based scholarship; third in classrooms, locating part-time jobs, on-campus employment; fourth in class scheduling convenience and class sizes, and fifth in quality of teaching, university atmosphere, sense of community, and university as a training for employment.

Placing above Brock in the rankings were Queen's University, University of Western Ontario, Sherbrooke University, University of Guelph and McMaster University. Brock's score exceeded universities such as McGill, Simon Fraser and the University of Toronto.

It is anticipated that Canadian universities will meet with the *Globe and Mail* to gain a greater understanding of the survey methodology.

The survey results are posted at: www.universityreportcard.com

Maclean's ranking

In the latest *Maclean's* ranking, Brock continues to place 8th of 21 in the reputational survey.

The University is 14th of 21 in the Primarily Undergraduate category of the *Maclean's* ranking. Brock's overall ranking last year was 12th following a 2000 ranking of 15.

In the rankings, released on November 10, Brock made significant gains in the following: the University climbed from 19th to 11th over two years in average entering grade of students; and from 20th to 10th year to year in international students. Brock's most significant decline was in class size of 3rd and 4th year students, dropping from 7th to 18th year to year.

Brock celebrates Fall Convocation

Brock University conferred 308 undergraduate degrees, 112 graduate degrees and 38 education degrees during its Fall 2002 Convocation, held October 19. Eight certificates were awarded in various areas of study, including Public Administration and Adult Education.

This year, Brock took pride in awarding an honorary degree to Suzanne Rochon Burnett, the President of R.B. Communications Ltd., in Welland. Dr. Rochon Burnett was recognized for her outstanding contribution to Canadian cultural life and, in particular, her support and encouragement of aboriginal art in Canada.

Dr. Rochon Burnett is a Métis born in Ste. Adèle, Que. She became Canada's first aboriginal person licensed by the CRTC to operate a private radio station in Canada. She purchased CHOW-AM 1470, Niagara's country music station in 1994, which later became CHOW-FM - now Spirit 91.7 - in 1997.



Brock President David Atkinson, left, presents the President's Medal to Mark Poulin, of St. Catharines.



Dr. Suzanne Rochon Burnett delivers the Fall 2002 Convocation address.

Dr. Rochon Burnett served on Brock's Board of Trustees from 1995 to 2001 and is also a long-time member of the Faculty of Business Dean's Advisory Council. In the fall of 1996, she established a scholarship for aboriginal students in communications and business at the University.

Brock honoured and thanked Dr. James A. Gibson, the University's founding President, for a lifetime of dedication and commitment to Brock. Dr. Gibson, who retired from Brock in 1974, will be moving to Ottawa to be closer to his family.

As part of Fall Convocation, two faculty members were recognized for contributions to research and teaching.

Professor Mohammed Dore, of the Department of Economics, received the 2002 Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity and Professor Maureen Connolly, Chair of the Department of Sport Management and a Professor in the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, received the 2002 Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching.

The University also awarded Mark Poulin, of St. Catharines, with the President's Medal. The award recognizes the student who has the highest overall average in a first undergraduate degree and who is graduating at the Fall Convocation ceremony. A former taxi driver and Young Drivers of Canada teacher, Poulin, 39, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in French.



Brock Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama, right, makes a special presentation to Dr. James A. Gibson during Fall Convocation ceremonies.

News and events from the Brock University Alumni Association



The Brock University Alumni Association Board of Directors, front row from left, Steve Cino, Matthew Gerhard, Hanna Gibbons, Pat Gaetano, Dave Betzner. Second row from left, Peter Goulos, Scott Maxwell, Dan Yates, Mark Goveia, Norbert Kuebeck, Richard Knabenschuh, Brad Clarke. On the staircase from bottom, Rob Gottschalk, Mamdouh Abdel Maksoud, Sylvia Verde, Catherine Gerhard, Heather Cairnie. Absent was Kiron Ghosh, Andy Panko, Terence Scheltema.

Alumni Discount Card

The Alumni Association has partnered with ACE Brock to offer a discount card to members of the alumni community. This card, available for \$10, provides discounts to over 30 businesses and establishments in the Niagara area and can be ordered by contacting ACE Brock, at 905-688-5550, ext. 4412, or by e-mail at: ace_brock@hotmail.com

Check www.brockalumni.ca for a listing of businesses.

Alumni Business Event - May 2003

The Alumni Association will be coordinating a business event in Pond Inlet in May, 2003. The event will provide an opportunity for alumni-related businesses to profile their initiatives and business ventures. Alumni vendors who would like to participate should contact Richard Knabenschuh by phone at 905-682-7722 or e-mail: rknabenschuh@cogeco.ca. Information is available at: www.brockalumni.ca

Brocklink

Brocklink is an electronic newsletter created by the Alumni Association to inform graduates of news and events on a

bi-monthly basis. Self-registration must occur to receive this bulletin. Sign up at: www.brockalumni.ca

Nominations

Nominations for the 2002/2003 Distinguished Alumni Award will be accepted until April 15, 2003. Nomination packages are available at www.brockalumni.ca

Upcoming events

Detailed information for all events can be obtained at: www.brockalumni.ca

To register for events (except Beers of the World, Wine and Food Pairings), please contact Steve Cino at scino@brocku.ca or by phone at 905-688-5550, ext. 3029.

Beers of the World: Saturday, February 8, 8 to 11 p.m., Alphies Trough, Brock campus. Come sample different styles of beers from many countries of the world! Brock Chemistry Professor Mary Frances Richardson will lead an educational and informative guided tasting of beers from fine European lagers and pilsners, British bitter, Scottish "wee heavies," Belgium and Dutch strong Trappist ales, and world classics brewed with unusual ingredients such as wheat, spices, and fruits. Canadian craft breweries will also be featured. Tickets are \$20 and are available through the Centre for the Arts box office by contacting 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

Alumni Association Curling Bonspiel: Saturday, March 8, 1 to 7 p.m., Niagara Falls Curling Club, 5801 Morrison Street, Niagara Falls.

Enter a team and join the fun. The bonspiel will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. with food and awards to follow. Cost of the tournament is \$20 per person or \$70 per team. (Early-bird fee of \$60 per team until February 10). Teams must have a minimum of one Brock graduate, faculty or staff to enter. The registration deadline is February 28.

Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament: Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Walker Complex, Brock campus. The Alumni Association and the Department of Athletics will host a co-ed volleyball

tournament. Teams must have a minimum of one Brock graduate, faculty or staff to enter. Cost of registration is \$75 (Early-bird fee of \$60 until March 15). Registration deadline is April 4, 2003.

Wine and Food Pairings Event:

Friday, April 25, 2003, 7 to 9 p.m., Pond Inlet, Brock campus. Harmonize food and wine choices to ensure complimentary flavours. Linda Bramble, Co-ordinator of Experiential Learning, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, will facilitate an enjoyable and educational evening to help participants achieve optimum results and avoid conflicting pairings. Organize a group of friends to join us for this event. Tickets are \$20 and are available through the Centre for the Arts box office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

Networks

• Ottawa Network Event

Ottawa area graduates are invited to attend a reception and tour of Parliament Hill hosted by the Hon. Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House, on Feb 17, 2003. Tickets are \$20. E-mail terence@scheltema.ca or call Terence at (613) 237-1214 for details.

• Toronto Network Event

Join fellow alumni in a gondola box at the Air Canada Centre on Jan. 24, 2003 to cheer the Toronto Rock Lacrosse team as they play the Buffalo Bandits. Contact scino@brocku.ca to reserve a spot.

Tickets are \$30 and include admittance and some refreshments

• Montreal Network Event

Montreal graduates are invited to their first Brock University Network event. Peter Vietgen will be hosting a fun evening at Sir Winston Churchill Pub, Crescent St., Thursday, March 6, 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, contact Peter Vietgen at (514) 522-3072 or pvietgen@hotmail.com, or Lynne Irion, in the Alumni Office, at 905-688-5550, ext. 3251 or lynirion@brocku.ca

1975

Catherine (Archer) Feldman (BA, soci) took on a new position in December 2001. She is heading a multidisciplinary team consisting of public health nurses, occupational therapists and homemakers who provide various home care services in Geneva, Switzerland.

1977

John Learn (BSc, geol) and wife Roseline were married on March 3, 2001. They find living in West Africa quite the experience. John has many stories about snakes, scorpions and African black magic. John is very proud to announce that his oldest son, Jesse, is entering his 2nd year at Brock University. **Elizabeth (Sherwood) Tayti** (BA, phil/soci) is retired, but does some casual writing. Elizabeth is still involved with the Girls Vocational School that she and her late husband established in Dormaa-Ahenkro, Ghana.

1981

Paul A. Johnson (BA, psyc) is a Professor and General Arts and Sciences program co-ordinator at Confederation College in Thunder Bay, Ontario. He co-authored the first ever Canadian lifespan development psychology textbook: Bee, H., Boyd, D., & Johnson, P. (2003). *Lifespan Development Canadian Edition*. Toronto: Pearson Education Canada. **Allan Menezes** (BA, admi/poli) after leaving Brock with a back injury while captain of the rugby team, Allan went to the University of Surrey, UK where he graduated with a Masters in Tourism Planning & Development. While working in London on his thesis, he began going to a Pilates studio and, in a mere six weeks, he was relieved of his nagging back pain of two years. He then decided to change careers and study Pilates full-time for the next two years. Allan moved to Australia in 1985, pioneered the Pilates Method in 1986 and now the company is the largest in the Asia Pacific region, selling equipment, books, videos and training courses in the Pilates method. Allan wrote *"The Complete Guide to the Pilates Method"* in 1988 and the book was also published in the USA in 2000. Allan lives in Australia with wife Sonya, daughters Jessica 10, Analiese 3, Monique 21 months, and Isabelle the dog. If anyone would like to contact Allan, please visit: www.pilates.net or e-mail: allan@pilates.net

1982

Hugh Woolley (BA, Engl; BEd, '83) is currently the head of the English department at the Shajah American International School in the United Arab Emirates. He may be reached at: hughwoolley@yahoo.com.

1983

Karen (Choudry) Kaija (BA, Engl/phil) enjoys the experience of teaching English at a Girl's Middle School in South Korea. **Bonnie MacLeod** (BA, chld) currently teaches Grades 2-3 at Gladstone Public School in Cornwall, Ontario. She still enjoys playing soccer every summer.

1990

Wing-Chuen Frankie Tam (BA, econ) was granted his MBA with a major in E-commerce in the United Kingdom last year. He would like to say hello to all '90 graduates.

1991

Elizabeth (MacLeod) Nutt (BA/BEd) currently teaches Kindergarten at a Whitby school while husband **Christopher Nutt** (BACC, '94) joined the Chartered Accounting firm of Smith Nixon & Company, LLP. Friends may contact them by e-mail: e.nutt@rogers.com **Ann (MacLeod) Reid** (BA, chld) husband Jonathan and children, Madison, 3, and Callum, 8 months, reside in Simcoe, Ontario. Ann is an elementary teacher with the Grand Erie Board of Education. She would love to hear from alumni. You may contact her at: jonandann@kwic.com

1992

Melissa (Vadacchino) Heil (BA, Engl/hist; BEd, '93) would like to say hi to all the Ambassadors and G.O.D.'s out there, as well as to all my past fellow members of the Alumni Board of Directors! A special hello to Lynne Irion!

1994

Jennifer Henderson (BA, hist/phed) was married at her parent's cottage in the summer of 2001. She gave birth to her son Jaden in April, 2002. Jennifer says hello and best wishes to all her cheerleading friends.

1995

Darcy (Scheers) Mottier (BA, Fren/soci) says hello to the cheerleading squad of 1991-1993 from Switzerland. She may be reached at: dpm@bluewin.ch

1996

Lori Heisler-Vink (BA, ling) is one of four Bamford-Lahey Scholars for 2002. She is a doctoral student in Speech Language Pathology at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. Lori is interested in studying how motor and prosodic factors are related to speech and language development and disorders. Her current work examines the accuracy and stability of speech production under different linguistic conditions for children, both normally developing and with specific language impairment.

1997

Russ Hamel (BA, soci) after graduation in the spring of 1997, he accepted a position with Correctional Services of Canada and worked as an Intake Assessment Parole Officer at Stony Mountain Institution in Manitoba. During the spring of 2000, he was offered and accepted a position as the rural Parole Supervisor for the North Western Ontario area. Since September 2001, Russ has been the community

parole officer for Thunder Bay, Ontario. A warm hello to all his former classmates, friends, professors and especially lunch buddy, Kirsty. He may be reached at: hamelr@csc-scc.gc.ca **Jonathan LePera** (BA, hist) currently employed with the Niagara Catholic District School Board for the past five years, also is serving his first term as a Councillor with the City of Thorold. He would like to hear from friends, so drop him a line at: www.edgeguiding.com **Jeff Pelletier** (BBE) joined Cingular Wireless as the Regional Manager of Sales Compensation for the central USA. Cingular Wireless is the second largest wireless company in the U.S. serving more than 22 million voice and data customers. Jeff would love to hear from his fellow Economics and Business friends. You may contact Jeff at: jeffpelletier@yahoo.com

1999

Susan (Denisko) Pisan (BA, poli), husband Lorenzo and their two children have relocated to Wisconsin, US. She is enjoying her time as a domestic engineer. Susan would like friends to contact her at: saviam2@yahoo.com

2000

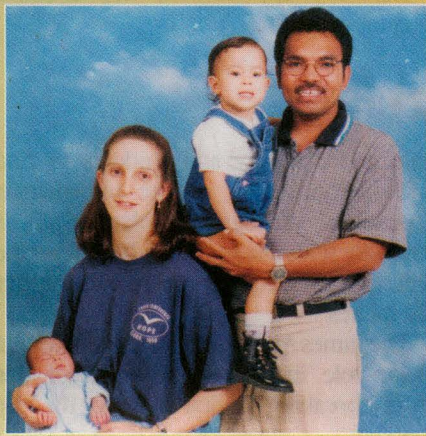
Natasha (Hatch) Kellerman (BPhEd) after graduating from Brock, continued her education in Australia. She attended Griffith University in Surfer's Paradise where she completed her teaching certificate and Masters. Natasha met her soul mate Darren and they were married in Oakville, Ontario. Both now reside in Australia.

2001

Gina Goldenberg (BA, csbc) is currently enrolled in the Teacher's Education program at Daemen College in Amherst, New York.

2002

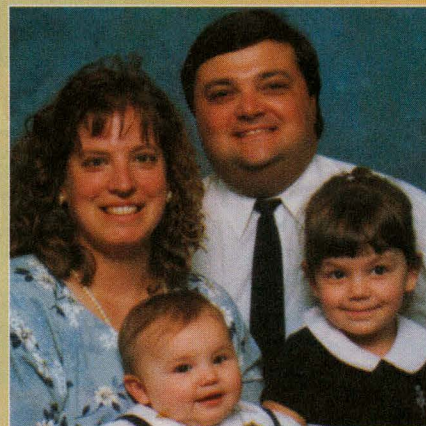
Shilo Fraser (BSc, biol/Engl) will be attending the University of Wollongong in Australia to receive her Graduate Diploma in Education. The program starts in January 2003 and ends in November 2003.



Mary-Lynn (DeBoer) Dethan (BA, chld/soci, '98) with husband Yonson and children David and Rebekah.

Births

Nives (Gazzola) Bakker (BEd, '96), a daughter, Zoe, May 16, 2002.
Leah Champagne-Guitard (BA/BEd, '95), a son, William Alexander, March 5, 2002.
Ben Cupello (BEd, '92), a daughter, Sophia Francesca, October 16, 2001.
Janet (Wensink) Daniel (BRLS, '91), a third son, Ryan Edward, July 15, 2002.
Holly de Bray-Bernard (BSc, biol/uest, '96), a daughter, Jocelyn Eva, September 7, 2002.
Kim (Chittick) Elliott (BA/BEd, '91), a daughter, Hannah Marie, November 1, 2001.
Christine (MacEachern) Gaetz (BA, uest/soci, '96) and **Noah Gaetz** (BSc, biol/envp, '97), a son, Owen William, March 15, 2002.
Katherine (Hanson) Gallagher (BA/BEd, '99), a son, Jacob William James, May 1, 2002.
Melissa (Vadacchino) Heil (BA, Engl/hist, '92; BEd, '93), two sons, Zachary, October 14, 1999 and Parker, October 24, 2001.
Jennifer Henderson (BA, hist/phed, '94), a son, Jaden Brent, April 21, 2002.
Shannon (Hinnegan) Johnston (BPhEd, '90), a daughter, Carly Lynn, August 21, 2002.
Karen (Toews) Logan (BPhEd, '88), a son, Evan, October 6, 2001.
Patti (Mason) Lott (BSc, '94) and **Christian Lott** (BA, admi/econ, '90), a daughter, Christina Morgan, August 17, 2001.
Darcy (Scheers) Mottier (BA, Fren/soci, '95), a daughter, Lise Mary Georgette, August 31, 2002.
Elizabeth (MacLeod) Nutt (BA/BEd, '91) and **Christopher Nutt** (BACC, '94), two sons, Andrew, April 24, 1998, and Kyle August 14, 2001.
Jennifer (Maybee) Ohrling (BA, psyc, '94), a daughter, Grace, July 14, 2001.



Kathleen (Hallyburton) Zavarise (BA, psyc/admi, '90), husband Rocco and daughters Corina and Madalena.



Andrea Pozniak (BRLS, '98) and **Dave Forsyth**, October 13, 2001.



Agnes Grochot (BSc, biol, '96) and **Peter Dim**, August 17, 2002.



Tracy Hitchcock (BA, csbc, '98; BA, csbc, '99) and **David Winders**, June 23, 2001.

Jennifer (Raes) Plater (BA, hist, '93), a daughter, Grace Felicity, January 26, 2002.
Rose Ann (Russell) Punnett (BA, chld, '88), a son, Cole Daytona, May 21, 2002.
Janet (Peterson) Scott (BA, Fren, '90; BEd, '91), a son, Hayden MacLean, July 21, 2002.
Cheryl (Watters) Scruton (BA, chld, '92; BEd, '93) and **Edward Scruton** (BA, geoh, '91), sons, Ethan Edward, April 26, 1999 and Brady Richard, September 7, 2001.
Richard Stark (BSc, geog, '97), a son, Ryan John David, September 12, 2002.
Susan (McCracken) Stayzer (BACC, '95), a daughter, Sarah Ellen, July 9, 2002.
Rebecca (Forsythe) Webster (BEd, '94), a daughter, Julian Sara, March 6, 2002.

Marriages

Stephen Arbeau (BBA, '00) and **Diana**, September 1, 2001.
Andrea Birdsey (BBA, '96) and **Ben Lawton**, July 13, 2002.
Karoline Capp (BA, cana/hist, '97) and **Todd Johnson** (BA, poli, '99), April 14, 2001.
Lisa Carson (BBA, '98) and **Jeff Skillings** (BBA, '99), September 7, 2002.
Patricia Cusack (BA, psyc, '98) and **Dan Martel**, August 10, 2002.
Holly de Bray (BSc, biol/uest, '96) and **Shawn Bernard**, September 14, 2001.
Deanna Finlayson (BA/BEd, '95) and **Graham Morris**, July 27, 2002.
Agnes Grochot (BSc, biol, '96) and **Peter Dim**, August 17, 2002.
Natasha Hatch (BPhEd, '00) and **Darren Kellerman**, May 11, 2002.
Tracy Hitchcock (BA, csbc, '98; BA, csbc, '99) and **David Winders**, June 23, 2001.
Carrie Ilola (BSc/BEd, '97) and **Keith Rouselle**, August 24, 2002.
Bonnie MacLeod (BA, chld, '89) and **Christopher McPerson**, May 18, 2002.
Elizabeth MacLeod (BA/BEd, '91) and **Christopher Nutt** (BACC, '94), July 1, 1994.
Dustin Mate (BRLS, '98) and **Krysta Wannan**, June 15, 2002.
Vanessa Mead (BA, chld, '97) and **Barry Williams**, August 11, 2001.
Shane Nixon (BBA, '98) and **Heather Gregory**, August 16, 2002.
Tracy Panagapko (BA, chld, '98; BEd, '99) and **Dean Sali**, August 10, 2002.
Stephanie Pieterse (BA/BEd, '00) and **Mark Infusini**, July 6, 2002.
Barbara Potvin (BA, chld, '95; BEd, '96) and **Vernon Heeneman**, June 23, 2001.
Andrea Pozniak (BRLS, '98) and **Dave Forsyth**, October 13, 2001.
Katherine Ryan (BRLS, '97) and **Jason Boose**, September 29, 2001.
Brett Taylor (BA, poli, '94) and **Shelley Ann Ramsay**, September 29, 2001.
Robin Tonnies (BACC, '97) and **Nick Fraraccio** (BA, psyc, '97; BEd, '00), July 6, 2002.
Melissa Vadacchino (BA, Engl/hist, '92; BEd, '93) and **Scott James Heil**, July 18, 1998.



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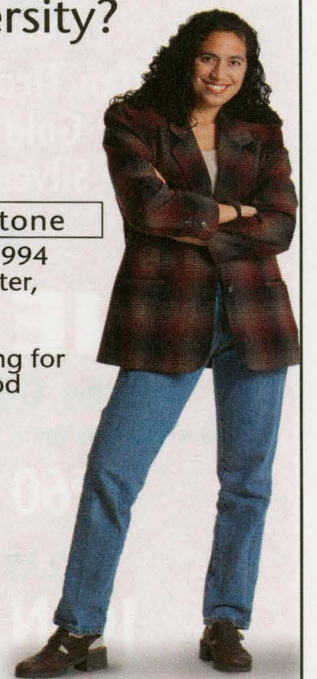
In Memoriam

Danielle Falkowski (BA, admi/psyc, '81) passed away suddenly September, 1, 2002.
Anna Stavina (BA, admi/poli, '77) passed away Nov. 10, 2002.

Thinking about someone you miss from university?

Susan Stone
 Class of 1994
 Sportswriter,
 Toronto

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Graduate shares inspiring story

Tricia Pokorny has a vivid memory of a day in 1988 during her second year of studying arts at Brock University.

The Brock graduate remembers sitting in the corridor of the Thistle Complex between classes. It was like any other day – a busy hallway with people coming and going. But something did stand out for the Welland, Ont., native. She watched as a gentleman, accompanied by a seeing-eye dog, walked past her and continued down the hall.

"I distinctly remember seeing how this man, with so much ease, made his way along the hallway," Pokorny recalled during a recent presentation she made at the 2002 Inspiring Life Stories Luncheon, hosted by The Niagara Employment Alliance Corporate Leadership Team, and held at Château des Charmes Winery, in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

There is a twist of irony to her story. A year later, after spending months in the hospital and having several operations,



Tricia Pokorny

Pokorny was blind as a result of complications from diabetes. One year after losing her site, she returned to Brock to pursue a degree in Applied Language Studies. At her side was her seeing-eye dog Bogey.

With support from her family, doctors and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), and many others, as well as her own spirit of determination, Pokorny has overcome many obstacles in her life.

"I had to realize that I was still the same person that I was before losing my sight," she said. "I had to realize that basically it was OK to be blind."

Pokorny graduated from Brock in June

1995 and for the past five years, she has been the Special Needs Coordinator at Casino Niagara.

"The resources that Brock made available to me through their special needs department were outstanding," she said. "Graduation day was a very special moment. It was a big achievement for me – I could get an education, go to school and function like any other student."

Pokorny actually approached the Casino with the idea of becoming the first gaming facility in Canada to create a Special Needs department. She made such an impression on casino executives that she was hired to be their Special Needs Coordinator. Pokorny is responsible for the recruitment of employees with special needs and also for the development of customer services for patrons with special needs.

In 1999, Pokorny was invited to the United Nations to discuss the recruitment of people with special needs in the gaming industry as well as the groundbreaking

special needs programs that have been implemented at Casino Niagara.

"One of my favourite quotes is by W.O. Mitchell who said: "It doesn't matter what happens; it's about what you do with it," said Pokorny.

Brock grad is new Director of Finance/Controller



Brock grad **Joanne McKee** is the University's new Director of Finance/Controller.

McKee comes to Brock from Niagara College where she has

worked since 1993 and has had responsibility as Director, Financial Services since 1996.

McKee received a degree in Business Administration, with honours and is a graduate of Brock University's Co-op Accounting program. She holds a

Chartered Accountant designation, and a Master's of Business Administration from Niagara University. McKee has also taught courses at Brock as a part-time instructor in the Accounting and Finance Department.

Her new appointment was effective December 9, 2002.

New technology transforms library research

The James A. Gibson Library is part of an ambitious and exciting project that will ultimately result in the creation of a provincial gateway to electronic resources. The Ontario Information Infrastructure Project (OII) is a collaborative initiative involving all Ontario university libraries. It is designed to promote scholarly innovation, to support higher productivity for faculty, students and researchers, and to create equal and reliable access to scholarly resources with the Ontario university

system. The Library has recently implemented the first phase of Scholarsportal, one of the most important pieces in the OII Project. Scholarsportal will ultimately transform the way research is conducted at Brock.

Scholarsportal is designed to simplify and streamline the research process. It reduces the need to conduct separate searches in different databases by integrating scholarly digital resources under one interface, thus making it easier and

quicker for faculty and students to find information. Much of the information accessible through Scholarsportal is currently scientific in nature, but the scope will quickly expand to include other disciplines.

The James A. Gibson Library is playing a major role in the development of this groundbreaking digital service for the province's academic libraries through its membership on the province-wide planning task group for Scholarsportal.

Lost touch with your classmates?

Rick Mercier

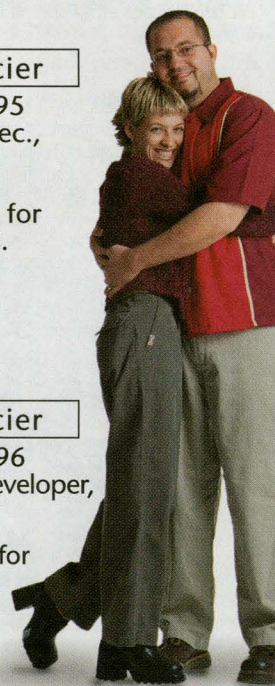
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Calgary

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Survey shows strong support for *Surgite!*

Thank you to everyone who responded to the *Surgite!* Readers' Survey conducted through the Summer 2002 issue of this publication. The survey resulted in 291 responses with alumni from all but two graduating years giving us feedback. What you have told us will make this a better publication. Here is what you said:

- *Surgite!* was rated highly with most respondents giving the publication a four out of five or better.
- Most people spend more than 10 minutes reading *Surgite!* and particularly enjoy *Alumnews*, University news, alumni achievements, upcoming events, Snapshot and feature columns.
- The majority of respondents want *Surgite!* to continue to be published four times a year and in its current tabloid format.
- Respondents prefer to read a combination of brief articles and longer stories. Overall, shorter articles are preferred.

- Readers want more information about Brock graduates. People want to read alumni profiles, Brock events, *Alumnews*, campus updates, event listings, faculty profiles, and grads on the move.

- Respondents want to read about their friends and classmates, where they are and how they are doing.

- Respondents agreed that *Surgite!* provides them with an important link to the University.

- Graduates want to know more about each other and developments at Brock.

- There is a sense of pride in Brock and keeping connected is important.

We will use this input to improve *Surgite!* and to keep you better connected to Brock. We encourage you to stay in touch by continuing to give us feedback and story ideas. Let's keep working together to make this the best publication possible for all of our readers.

Brock grads teach Continuing Education courses

Brock grad Bert Murphy is one of a number of alumni now teaching Continuing Education, non-credit courses at the University.

In addition to his part-time teaching at Brock, Murphy will be instructing a course on Continental Glaciation in March 2003. Join him for this fascinating course on the impact of continental glaciations on the North American continent and specifically the Niagara Peninsula.

Many of the 40 non-credit courses

offered this winter focus on the Niagara region. Also new this winter is the expanded Brock Edutrapel program. Following the successful inaugural trip to Tuscany in June 2002, six new "learning vacations" are planned for 2003, with more trips planned for 2004 and 2005.

For more information on Continuing Education winter courses, or for more details on the Edutrapel program, contact Wendy Laslo, at 905-688-5550, ext. 4775, or visit www.brocku.ca/conted

Snapshot



Our snapshot profile features Brock grad **Helen Pat Hansen**, of Nepean, Ont., who was honoured recently with a 2001-2002 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence. The award was presented to her by Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

The awards recognize the efforts of outstanding teachers in all disciplines who provide students with the tools to become good citizens, to develop and grow as individuals, and to contribute to Canada's growth, prosperity and well-being.

In sharing her good news with Brock's Alumni Office, Hansen wrote: "Brock is a wonderful university and it gave to me many wonderful lessons. I have always been grateful to Brock for the 'humanity' that is present there."

Hansen is also the proud parent of a Brock student - her daughter Sarah.

Name: Helen Patricia Hansen (nee Grobb)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts (Brock); Bachelor of Education (Brock); Masters of Education (University of Ottawa)

Place of Residence: Nepean, Ontario

Career: Secondary School Teacher; Co-owner of a travel agency, Algonquin Travel, in Nepean, Ontario

Most recent jobs: Secondary School Teacher - Sacred Heart Catholic High School (Stittsville, Ontario - Ottawa Carleton Catholic School Board)

Favourite memories of Brock: There are a few: entering the Grade 12 program for exceptional students and being given the chance to get a university education; walking the campus and meeting friends and sharing dreams, disappointments and hopes; the kindness and humanity of the professors such as Dr. Peter Peach; Dr. Don Ursino; Dr. Victor Fic; Dr. Patricia Dirks and her husband Dr. Gerry Dirks; Dr. Mary Jane Miller and so many others who have touched my life with their insight and perspectives.

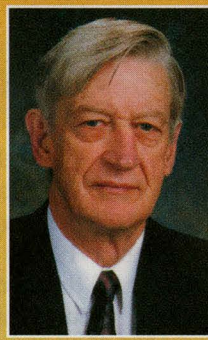
Greatest source of pride: My daughter, Sarah Patricia Hansen.

Childhood career goal: There were so many - lawyer, novelist - to be somebody who might make a difference.

Future goals: To get my novel published; to write; to teach with dignity; to work with my business partner; to sit by the lake at the cottage with my family and friends and be able to know that I have done my best to treat all people with dignity and respect.

Source of Inspiration: My family - my husband, Ralph and my daughter, Sarah. My sisters (all Brock grads) - Linda Grobb Buschmann, Joan Grobb Augustino, Marion Grobb Finkelstein. My business partner, Carmen Wood. The people with whom I work at Sacred Heart Catholic High School and various others throughout the Ottawa Carleton Catholic School Board. My students - they share their dreams and perspectives and these things keep me young in my heart and I recognize their promise and their future. I don't have one "source of inspiration" - I have the privilege of knowing so many wonderful people and being able to learn from them and to share with them.

New facilities will be named after University 'builders'



Bob Davis

Brock University is pleased to announce that two of its facilities will be named after individuals who made substantial contributions to the

"building" of the University.

Gymnasium One, located in the original Physical Education Building, now the Walker Complex, is to be named the Bob Davis Gymnasium. Residence Six, which is currently under construction at the southwest corner of the Brock campus, is to be named the Arnie Lowenberger Residence.

"We are extremely proud to name these facilities after two men who provided such exemplary leadership to Brock," said Brock President David Atkinson.

Davis, a Physical Education



Arnie Lowenberger

Professor who recently retired from Brock after 33 years of service, was for many years Director of Athletics and Recreation Services. He guided the

Department through a period of unprecedented growth and has long been an advocate for student-athletes at Brock.

Lowenberger, also a former Brock faculty member, retired in 1992. He was responsible for the design and building of Brock's original Physical Education Building and was for a time the first Director of Residences.

Lowenberger was the first Director of Physical Education and Recreation, prior to its becoming a Faculty, and he also served as Dean of Students.

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BROCK Briefs

Students achievement: The Brock University Alumni Association recently recognized three outstanding students for their achievements and contributions to the University and the community.



Tracey Swift

Tracey Swift, of London, Ontario, received the Alumni Association Student Award; Genille Clifford, of Thorold, Ontario, received the Silver Badger Alumni Award, presented in memory of Barrie-Ann Bergsma, and Rebecca Bell, of St. Catharines, Ontario, received the Badger Award, presented in memory of Vicky Hull.



Genille Clifford

Swift graduated from the Concurrent Physical Education program in 2001, completed her Master's degree in Integrated Studies from the Faculty of Education at Brock, and is currently in her first year of teaching in London.

Clifford recently entered her fifth year at Brock and is a dedicated student athlete and active member of the Brock community.



Rebecca Bell

Rebecca Bell graduated from Brock in 2002 with First Class Honours in Physical Education. This year, Bell is attending the Faculty of Education at Brock and continues to coordinate the Children's Movement Program.

Academic distinction: The French Consul General presented Professor Leonard Rosmarin, with the highest academic distinction that France can offer, at a ceremony on October 1. The award is in recognition of Rosmarin's outstanding contribution to French culture and Letters. Rosmarin, who is



Dedication to late Chancellor: Family and friends of the Welch family gathered in the Walker Complex Courtyard on October 19 for the dedication of a bust of the late Dr. Robert S.K. Welch, Chancellor of Brock University, 1985-2000. The bust was created by artist Kenneth Jarvis. The Welch family, at front from left, Matthew Mete and Emily Mete; at back from left, Dr. Brian Kerley, Beth Kerley, Rob Welch, Kathie Welch, Peter Mete, Katherine Kerley, William Kerley and Mary-Jayne Mete.

chair of Brock's Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, was inducted into the Ordre des Palmes Académiques - an award as grand as the Order of Canada - as a Chevalier, or knight, in 1993. With this latest recognition, approved by the Prime Minister of France, Rosmarin has been promoted to Officier.

Award of honour: Professor Nancy Murray, of the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, was recently awarded the R. Tait McKenzie Award of Honour at the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAPHERD) conference in Banff. The Award of Honour is named after the distinguished Canadian physician, sculptor and physical educator, Dr Robert Tait McKenzie, and epitomizes his professional ideals, his service to humanity and his

dedication to the advancement of knowledge and understanding of the related fields of health, physical education, recreation and dance.

Outstanding contributions: Professor Eric Muller, Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Director of the Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Education program at Brock, was honoured by the federal government for his outstanding contribution to the promotion of science in Canada as one of five winners of the 2002 Michael Smith Awards. The awards are named after Canadian Michael Smith, who won a Nobel Prize in 1993 for his breakthrough contribution to genetic research. The award recipients were announced in October by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

Innovative teaching: Professor Bill Ralph, who created an interactive CD that is in use at universities around the world to teach calculus, was the recipient of a new provincial award for his innovative use of technology in the classroom. Ralph was one of the first two recipients of the new Office for Partnerships of Advanced Skills (OPAS) Awards for Excellence in Teaching with Technology. The awards recognize faculty at Ontario universities who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in using technology to enhance and improve their teaching.

Recognition: Professor Tony Mollica, of Brock's Faculty of Education, received two recent honours. The American Association of Teachers of Italian (AATI) presented him with its prestigious Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his contributions to teaching Italian in North America. Mollica also was recognized by the Ontario March of Dimes for his four decades of commitment and dedication to language education, and in particular he was honoured for the second-language learning methods which have become vanguard practices for language education by teaching associations throughout North America.

Canadian team: Five members of ACE Brock, a student-run entrepreneurship organization at Brock University, represented Canada at the SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) World Cup 2002, an international competition held in September 2002, in Amsterdam, Netherlands. The Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship (ACE) Brock team won the right to compete with 24 other teams from around the world after winning the prestigious CIBC Most Enterprising Campus in Canada award at the ACE Edge of Opportunity Entrepreneurship Conference last March in Toronto.

Career Fair 2003: Brock graduates are invited to attend Career Fair 2003 - "Hot Prospects," to be held on Thursday, February 13, at the Glendale Campus of Niagara College, 135 Taylor Rd., Niagara-on-the-Lake. The fair, held in partnership with Brock University and Niagara College, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information at: www.brocku.ca/career

Spring Open House: Everyone is invited to attend Brock's Open House, on Sunday, March 23, from noon to 4:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Recruitment and Liaison Services, at 905-688-5550, ext. 4293, or e-mail: liaison@brocku.ca

Community outreach: Winning at Life with the Badgers is a community outreach program offered by Brock's Department of Athletics. The program involves Brock student-athletes visiting schools in the Niagara area and sharing their experiences as well as the five principles for "winning at life": believe in yourself, set and develop goals, overcome obstacles, commit and challenge yourself, and realize the importance of positive role models. To find out more about the program or to arrange a Winning at Life visit, please contact Chris Critelli, 905-688-5550, ext. 3380, or e-mail [Matt Osborne, Program Co-ordinator, at: winning_at_life_brock@hotmail.com](mailto:winning_at_life_brock@hotmail.com)

Team of the year: The Brock University Rowing Club's lightweight men's program was named the Ontario Team of the Year by RowOntario, the provincial sport governing body for rowing. The honour comes after the Badger Lightweight team completed their undefeated 2002 summer season with five gold medals at the Canadian Henley Regatta. Brock's Jeff Dunbrack also was honoured as RowOntario's athlete of the year.

Top coaches: The coaching staff of the Brock University Rowing team received awards for Coach of the Year for Men's and Women's crews by Ontario University Athletics (OUA). Joe Dowd and Winston Cook received the award for the work they had done with the Brock Men's Rowing Program. On the women's side, Brock coaches, Pat Cody and Kirk Henderson, were honoured for the impressive job they had done in bringing together the Brock Heavy Women's Program.

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For more information go to:
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