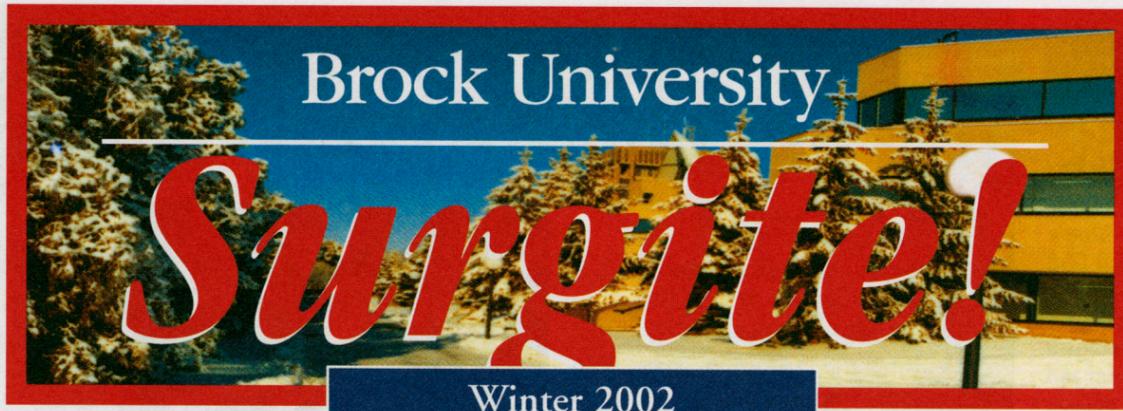




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A quarterly publication for graduates and friends of Brock University
Surgite! /sur-gi-tay/ Latin for "Push on!" The inspiring last words of Maj.-Gen. Sir Isaac Brock

Enrolment hits all-time high

For the second year in a row, Brock University is boasting a record enrolment with 12,025 full- and part-time students — the University's highest enrolment in its 37-year history.

Enrolment increased by 609 students, or almost 5.3 per cent over the same time last year, when 11,416 students were enrolled at the University.

Student admission averages also continue to climb at Brock — 79.5 per cent this year.

Last spring's application figures for the 2001-2002 academic year showed a 12.9 per cent increase in students making Brock their first choice. This was the highest percentage increase for universities in Ontario and was almost six times higher than the system average.

Here are just a few of the reasons why more and more students are choosing a Brock experience.

• New programs

The University introduced a number of new academic programs. The new Master's degree in Popular Culture, the first of its kind in Canada, is only one example of the expanding selection of graduate programs at the University.

At the undergraduate level, Brock introduced innovative new programs such as its new Honours degree in Sociology with concentrations in Criminology and Moral Regulation or in Social Justice and Equity. This is also the first year of Brock's new a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, offered jointly by Brock and Loyalist College in Belleville.

• More co-op

Brock's co-op offerings are the second largest in the province. In the past two years, Brock has introduced more than 20 new co-ops, with more new and exciting options to come. See story on page 6.

• Careers begin here!

Provincial performance indicators show that Brock graduates boast the highest employment rates among Ontario universities. Two years after graduation, 98.3 per cent of Brock graduates are employed. Brock University is also ranked among the top five in the province for employment rates six months after graduation, at 95.2 per cent. The University is particularly pleased that its performance indicators from the latest provincial survey topped last year's stellar results.

Grads celebrate Brock Days

To borrow a line from the film *Field of Dreams* — "If you build it, they will come."

And they did — Brock graduates, students, faculty, staff, and the Niagara community came together to make the first-ever Brock Days 2001: A Community and Homecoming Celebration a great success.

Brock Days warm-up events began Saturday, September 22, with the Alumni Association's Sixth Annual Golf Tournament, held at Royal Niagara Golf Club, Niagara's newest premier golf courses.

Proceeds from the event were raised to support "Good, Better, Brock! The Campaign for Brock University." About 50 golfers enjoyed 18 holes of golf, hors d'oeuvres, a delicious dinner, silent auction, raffle, and the comedy play "The Foursome," by Norm Foster.

Brock Days, which was held in partnership with Niagara's Grape and



Brock grads, from left, Tabatha Smith, Jennifer Turner, Sarah Fleming and Vince Candellino, came back to the campus for Brock Days.



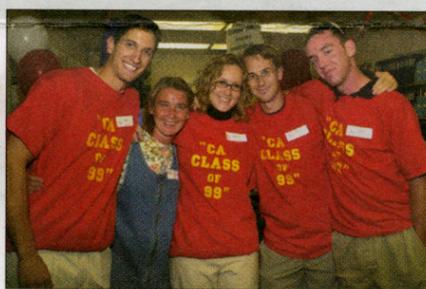
Isaac Brock and Mr. Grape officially announce Brock Days as a partnership with the University and the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival.

Wine Festival, also featured a number of fine wine events leading up to the official kick-off on Friday, September 28.

Graduates gathered for Homecoming reunions throughout Saturday afternoon with most reunions held under sunny skies in Jubilee Courtyard. There was fun for the whole family with a number of children's workshops and programs on the go as well as campus tours and interest seminars.

A line-up of musical entertainment, featuring a number of Brock graduates, performed in the Courtyard from noon to 1 a.m.

About the only break in the performances came at 3 p.m. for the World's Largest Grape Stomp. Hundreds of people had a stompin' good time as they crushed bushels and bushels of grapes spread throughout a



Cindy Nogradi, Director, Career Services, second from left, greets some of the many Brock graduates who attended the Career Assistants reunion, held on September 29. From left are Tony Catallo, Cindy Nogradi, Natalie Quesnelle, Mike Cameron and Chris Robertson.

section of Jubilee Courtyard.

Across campus in the Physical Education Complex, Brock's Department of Athletics unveiled eight new plaques at the Brock Badgers Sports Hall of Fame (for more details see page 8).

During the reception for the 25th and 30th Anniversary Classes (1971 and 1976), the Alumni Association recognized three Brock students for their achievements and contributions to the University and to the community.

Laurie Mertens, of St. Catharines, Ont., received the Alumni Association Student Award, Rhonda Sutton, of St. Catharines, was the Silver Badger Alumni Award winner, and Melissa O'Neil, of Lakefield, Ont., received

the Badger Award.

Mertens has an Honours degree in Physical Education and is currently completing her Faculty of Education Pre-Service degree at Brock in the junior/intermediate level.

Sutton, who is on the Dean's Honours list, is completing her degree in Political Science and plans on pursuing a Masters degree in international relations with a focus on Western European Politics.

O'Neil graduated from Brock's concurrent Physical Education/Education program and is a junior and senior kindergarten teacher at Havelock-Belmont Public School, of the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board.

For more coverage on Brock Days, please see pages 3 and 8.

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Brock focuses on student experience as it prepares for growing enrolment

By Brock President David Atkinson

For the first time in history, full- and part-time enrolment at Brock this year is over 12,000 students, as the institution experienced a substantial (nine per cent) increase in full-time students alone. This growth, however, pales in comparison to what Brock expects over the next few years, as we anticipate growth of at least a further 1,700 students, the result in large part of what has come to be known as the "double cohort."

As everyone knows, Ontario has been the only jurisdiction in Canada to require 13 years of schooling. Several years ago, Premier Harris' government introduced a series of far-reaching measures to reform the Ontario secondary school curriculum. The most immediate result of this reform was the elimination of Grade 13 (OAC). At present, we have two high school classes, the first cohort of the new curriculum and the last OAC cohort, both of which will graduate in 2003. The result will be an additional 88,000 graduates in Ontario, of whom 58,000 are expected to go on to university. It goes without saying that this constitutes an enormous challenge for Ontario's universities.

This growth is not, moreover, a one-time event. By the time the "double cohort" graduates from university, general demand for university education is expected to equal (if not exceed) that created by the double cohort in the first place. This increased demand results from increased participation rates, the so-called "echo boom" (as the children of the baby boomers reach university



Brock President David Atkinson.

age), and an anticipated population increase in Ontario, especially in the 905 belt.

Needless to say, we are expending considerable time and energy in planning for this growth, although like any planning of this sort, it is an inexact exercise, and must accommodate a whole range of possible adjustments and variations.

The most obvious indication of Brock's preparation is the major capital expansion currently under way on campus. Our Brock 2000 Project is adding two major academic buildings, along with the Walker Family Student/Community Health and Fitness Centre. This past summer, we completed the Alan Earp Residence, and we anticipate beginning construction of an additional residence complex next summer.

The biggest challenge will be to find new faculty to teach our additional

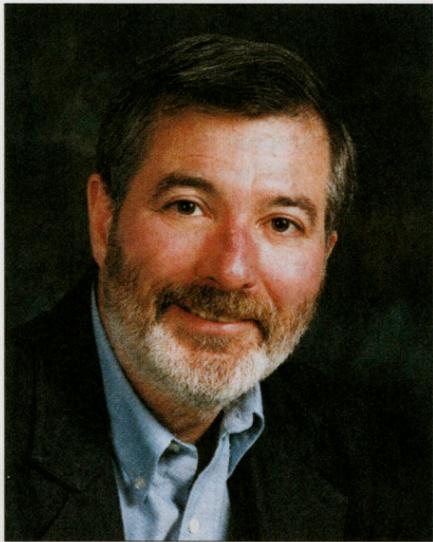
students, a situation further complicated by substantial turnover in our current faculty as a result of retirement. Virtually every university in Ontario is in the same situation. The Ontario government has provided three-year funding totalling \$300 million by 2003-04 which is allowing us to plan ahead. We are in the final stages of developing a staffing plan and we have already begun the search for new faculty. As well, we will need to add substantial numbers of staff in our support and service areas, in everything from admissions to physical plant, from the library to custodial services.

This growth comes at a good time, as Brock accelerates its transformation into a comprehensive institution. Because of this growth, however, we must work hard to maintain the special quality of the Brock student experience, and be especially vigilant in maintaining the human dimension of our campus. We must always place the quality of our programs first. We are enormously pleased by Brock's growing academic reputation, which has made Brock into an institution of first choice in Ontario. For the second year in a row, Brock has led all 17 Ontario universities in percentage increase in first-choice applications.

It is an enormously exciting time at Brock. We have come a long way from the institution that graduated 34 students in 1967. We must ensure, however, that this new and bigger Brock remains true to the vision of our original founders, even as it becomes a university very much focused on the future.

FORUM

Terrorism and the madness of moral certitude



By Dr. Terrance Carroll

Because I know something about terrorism and political violence, I have been asked to speak on this subject a number of times since September 11. The editors of *Surgite!* suggested that it might be interesting if I reflected on these issues in a more personal way, so what follows are some of my own reactions to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the deliberate spread of anthrax, and related events.

First, I should make it clear that I am not a "terrorism expert." I did research on causes of political violence, including terrorism, in Northern

Ireland in the 1970s, and in Lebanon and other parts of the Middle East in the 1980s, and I've read most of the academic literature in this area. My current research and writing, however, focus on successful multi-ethnic states in the developing world.

Like most people, I suppose, my strongest personal reactions while watching the television coverage of the attacks on September 11 were a mixture of horror at the slaughter, astonishment that such a difficult, complex attack had been successful, and a desire to know more about how and why this happened.

I also shook my head at the moral certitude of those involved. I twice have had the misfortune to have been close to the scene of terrorist bombs that have killed a number of people. (I equally have twice had the good fortune to have been far enough away from those terrorist bombs not to have been injured myself.)

I would expect that anyone who has witnessed the human carnage created by such attacks at least would have doubts about their morality, even if inclined to support the political goals of the terrorists. But this has not been true of the actual terrorists I have met. This is a small sample, admittedly, but I find it striking that not one person who has claimed to me to be an active

member of an organization that engages in the type of actions usually called terrorism, has expressed the slightest doubt about the morality of such killing. They have invariably viewed the resulting deaths as justified by the rightness of their cause, and by the intractability of their opponents.

This moral certitude does come in differing degrees. The African National Congress had a policy of not attacking civilian targets during its struggle to overthrow the apartheid regime in South Africa. There were isolated exceptions to this policy, and civilians were killed, but in general the ANC limited its attacks to military targets and physical infrastructure like electricity towers.

In the United Kingdom, the IRA usually, but not always, gave warnings of their attacks on civilian targets, so that there was at least a chance that the target area might be evacuated before the bomb exploded. While there were far too many exceptions, and far too many cases in which no warning was given, it is clear that thousands of people in Britain and Northern Ireland escaped death or injury as a result of this practice.

What is striking about the attacks this autumn is that there has been no desire to minimize civilian deaths. To the contrary, death on a massive scale seems to have been a central goal of the attacks.

The people who carried out these attacks must have been absolutely convinced that their cause is just; that the attacks will bring about a morally desirable outcome. They must have held these convictions with such certainty that they themselves were willing to join their victims in death.

Moral certitude, carried to this degree, is a form of madness. It suggests that those involved view themselves, but not others, as superhuman. They know the truth and others do not. They understand God's will, and others do not.

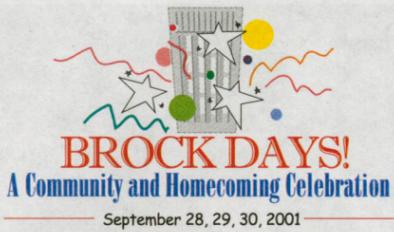
This sort of moral certitude sometimes has a religious basis, although often it does not. It recently has been associated with Islamist extremists, but it also is found with some frequency among Christian, Hindu and Jewish fundamentalists.

There is no room for rational debate when faced with such moral certitude. There is no room for compromise. All that we can do is to fight back, and to try to isolate such groups to the point that they constitute no threat to the rest of us.

And we need to do so while continuing to question our own motives and goals, our own strategies and tactics. We must not ourselves fall prey to the madness of moral certitude.

Dr. Terrance Carroll is a Professor of Political Science at Brock University.

Showcasing the best of Brock



Brock graduates joined students, faculty, staff, and the community to celebrate the best of Brock during the first-ever Brock Days: A Community and Homecoming Celebration, held September 28 to 30. Hundreds of people participated in more than 60 on-campus activities —

Homecoming reunions, wine events, interest seminars, live entertainment, family programs, recreational and varsity athletic events, and the World's Largest Grape Stomp, to name a few.

Earp dedication

One of the highlights of the celebration was the official opening and dedication, on September 28, of the new student residence, named in honour of Dr. Alan Earp, the University's second and longest-serving President.

The \$12.3-million, five-storey building, located at the east end of the campus, includes 255 furnished, single rooms with all the standard amenities.

The Earp Residence is part of a

\$51-million campus expansion now under way at Brock. Graduates who returned to campus for Brock Days also had the opportunity to see the construction progress of two new academic buildings and the Walker Family Student/Community Health and Fitness Centre.

More than 120 people, including Brock Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama and Dr. James Gibson, the University's first President, attended the dedication ceremony held at the main entrance of the new residence.

Earp told the crowd he never dreamed that he would spend his working life in universities or that "in 2001 my name

would be attached to as handsome a building as this."

He congratulated Brock's current President, David Atkinson, for the unparalleled advances the University has taken on so many fronts during the course of his tenure. Earp also congratulated the many people who have contributed to Brock's success.

"You have all developed Brock to a point far beyond what we could have imagined," said Earp.

Sarah Veihbeck, head resident at the Alan Earp Residence, told the crowd the building is "no longer just bricks and mortar. Life and spirit have been infused into it by the 250 students who now call Earp home."



Students joined with Dr. Alan Earp to celebrate the official dedication of the Alan Earp Residence, front row centre from left, Jeanette Earp, Dr. Earp, Sarah Veihbeck, Brock Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama and Brock President David Atkinson.



Future Brock grads were ankle deep in crushed grapes during the World's Largest Grape Stomp. Hundreds of people joined in the fun, stomping bushels and bushels of grapes spread throughout a section of Jubilee Courtyard.



The Canadian Snowbirds' fly-by was an added attraction to the Brock Days events on September 28.



Kids of all ages enjoyed themselves with the younger visitors, such as seven-year-old Mikayla, getting into the spirit of the celebration at the face-painting booth.



The Glenridge Boys were one of several bands featuring Brock graduates who entertained at Jubilee Courtyard during Brock Days.



Scott Maxwell, President, Brock University Alumni Association, congratulates the winners of this year's Alumni Awards, from left, Rhonda Sutton, Melissa O'Neil and Laurie Mertens.



The Faculty of Business hosted a Homecoming reunion that provided current students the opportunity to meet Brock graduates. Inset photo: Dr. Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business, left, talks with Brock student Carry Pratt. Above: Together for a group photo were from left, Brock grads Bob Sauer, Tony Catallos, Scott Jarvis and Michael Cameron.

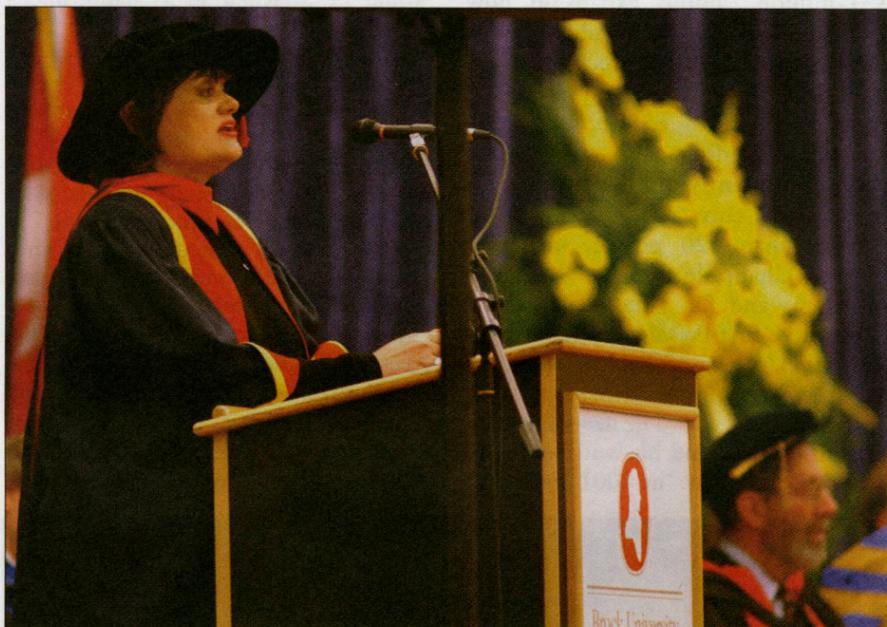


The Brock University Alumni Association held its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament on September 22 as a Brock Days warm-up event. Gary Enskat, left, and Scott Maxwell, holding the trophy, congratulate the winning foursome of Trevor Brennan, Grant Muzzell, Tim Vandolder, and Martin Kyte.

Mark your calendar for Brock Days 2002!

Brock Days 2002 will be held September 27, 28 and 29, 2002, at the Brock campus. Plan to be part of this new tradition as we hold the second Community and Homecoming Celebration. Watch for details of the exciting events planned for Brock Days 2002 in upcoming editions of *Surgite!*

Brock celebrates achievements of students at Fall Convocation



Dr. Diane Dupuy addresses Convocation.

Brock conferred 338 undergraduate degrees, 94 graduate degrees, 27 education degrees and 15 certificates at Fall 2001 Convocation, held October 20.

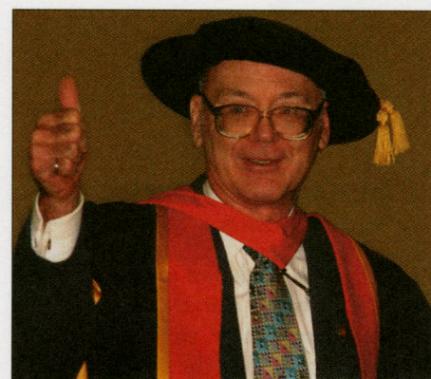
The University also presented honorary degrees to two distinguished Canadians. Norris Walker, Director of Walker Industries Holdings Limited in Thorold and Vice-Chair of the University's Board of Trustees, was recognized for his impressive record of community leadership in Ontario and especially in the Niagara region. Diane Dupuy, a recipient of the Order of Canada, was recognized for her outstanding contribution to public service. Dr. Dupuy is the President and Founder of the internationally renowned Famous PEOPLE Players, a professional black-light theatre troupe consisting mainly of people who are developmentally challenged.

In the morning ceremony, Dr. Dupuy encouraged the new graduates to pursue their dreams.

"With the power of the human spirit we can overcome any obstacle and achieve the greatest of dreams," she said. "All of us are born with a very special core and if we unlock it, we can accomplish great things."

She asked each graduate to stand, raise their hand and take an oath: "I have a dream and I'm going to make my dream come true. No matter how difficult, I will promise to myself that I will never give up."

"Congratulations, you are now dream makers."



Dr. Norris Walker.

Norris Walker impressed upon the students who received their degrees at the afternoon ceremony the important philanthropic role they will have in their lifetime.

Norris and his brother John are the fourth generation of Walkers to own and operate Walker Industries, one of Niagara's largest and most successful companies. John Walker received his honorary degree from Brock at Spring Convocation in June.

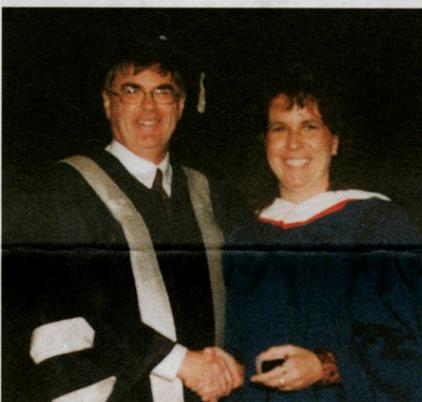
The Walker brothers' generosity and community leadership continues to be demonstrated throughout Niagara with the support of many recreational, cultural, charitable, environmental and educational organizations, including Brock.

"The number of opportunities to make a contribution outside of your careers is limitless," said Dr. Walker. "The philanthropy of our students is outstanding. I hope you will show this much generosity after graduation."

"Perhaps in your lifetime, this giving experience will mean more."

Also during the afternoon ceremony, Amy Joy McGrath, a sociology student from Crystal Beach, Ontario, was honoured with the President's Medal. The award recognizes the student who has the highest overall average in a first honours degree and who is graduating at the Fall Convocation ceremony.

Brock also congratulated its first group of nursing students to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing honours degree. The 25 students began their full-time studies in 2000 and completed the degree in August.



President David Atkinson presents Amy Joy McGrath, a sociology student from Crystal Beach, Ontario, with the President's Medal.

Faculty recognized for teaching and research contributions

As part of Fall Convocation ceremonies on October 20, Brock University honoured two faculty members for their contributions to teaching and research. Professor Sandra Beckett, of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, received the 2001 Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity. This award recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates outstanding research achievements, contributions toward the training of future researchers and consistency in scholarly or creative performance.

Professor Stefan Brudzynski, of the Department of Psychology, received the 2001 Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching. This award recognizes a significant commitment to providing and developing quality learning experiences for students in

addition to valuable contributions in curriculum development and mentoring of colleagues.

Beckett, who joined Brock in 1990, is known around the world as an expert on Henri Bosco, having published more critical studies on the 20th-century French novelist than any other person in her field. Beckett has also brought a much-needed international perspective to the study of children's literature and is on the cutting-edge of research in this domain.

Brudzynski has earned a well-deserved reputation in the Department of Psychology as an exceptionally talented and dedicated teacher who has made many invaluable contributions to the intellectual development of his students. His areas of expertise are neuroscience and neuropsychopharmacology (the scientific study of medicinal drugs and their effects on the brain).

New credit card program offered

The Office of External Relations-Alumni Affairs is excited to announce the launch of the new Brock University MasterCard® credit card program with MBNA Canada Bank®.

Since 1989, many Brock graduates have shown their support and pride in the University by carrying the Brock University MasterCard®. Over the years, card holders have generated income for the University by using their card. This income supports scholarships, bursaries, and various graduate programs and services.

As part of Brock's continuing efforts to negotiate the best products and services for its graduates and students, Alumni Affairs has selected MBNA Canada Bank® as the official issuer of the new Brock University credit cards.

"We are confident that our partnership with MBNA will increase revenue to not only support past projects but to also create new ones," says Christine Jones, Director, Development and Alumni Affairs.

MBNA Canada, the card's issuing bank, has committed to provide a contribution to

Brock University for each new account that is opened and used to make a purchase.

When graduates sign up for the Brock University MasterCard® not only will they be supporting the University, they will also be carrying a credit card with exceptional benefits, customer service, all with a low introductory Annual Interest Rate on cash advance checks and balance transfers.

The University would like to thank the many graduates who hold one of Brock's original cards.

Original card holders should note that purchases on their cards will no longer result in contributions to Brock. Alumni Affairs hopes graduates will continue their support to the University by applying for the new Brock University MasterCard®. Information about this great new offer will be mailed out soon. Details are also available on the Brock Web site at: www.brocku.ca/extrel/alumni/

Anyone with questions regarding the new partnership with MBNA Canada Bank® or the original Brock MasterCard®, please contact Lynne Irion in the Alumni Office, at 905-688-5550, ext. 3251, or e-mail: lynirion@spartan.ac.brocku.ca



Brock continues to climb in Maclean's ranking

Brock University has made substantial gains in the annual Maclean's universities ranking for the second year in a row, which better reflects Brock's strong reputation, commitment to its students, and high quality of its faculty and academic programs.

The University climbed another three positions in the 2001 ranking for Primarily Undergraduate universities, now placing 12th out of 21, and third among Ontario universities in this category. This year's jump is on top of the four positions the University rose in the rankings last year.

There are 21 different categories in the Primarily Undergraduate section for 2001 and Brock showed improvement in 10 of them, including faculty with PhDs (2nd), reputation (8th), library acquisitions

(7th), and faculty grants for medical and science research (4th).

"There is no question that Brock University is finding its own unique place among Canada's universities," said University President David Atkinson. "We are moving up in the Maclean's rankings quickly, and the annual poll is just one indicator of Brock's ongoing success and growing reputation. We continue to believe that there are many other "outcome" indicators which matter so much more to prospective students."

For example, Brock graduates boast the highest employment rates among Ontario universities. Brock also experienced the highest percentage increase among Ontario universities for first-choice applicants for the 2001-2002 academic year, which is almost six times higher than the system average.

WANTED: Composite Graduation Photographs

The composite graduation photographs on display at Brock University are a valuable part of the University's history. Some of the composites are beginning to age and need to be replaced. In an effort to replace the images, the University needs assistance from Brock graduates. The University is hoping to assemble a library of all composites that can be digitally reproduced and enhanced.

A list of composite photographs that are on file in the Library archives can be found at <http://www.brocku.ca/extrel/alumni/>.

Unfortunately, some composites are missing from the archives and the Office of External Relations-Alumni Affairs would like to ask graduates, who have composites not listed, if they would be willing to loan them to the University. If you think you can help, please see our Web site or contact Lynne Irion, at 905-688-5550, ext. 3251, or e-mail: lynirion@spartan.ac.brocku.ca

Alumni Affairs appreciates your assistance in preserving Brock's proud display of graduates.

Due to difficulties at the mailing house, some graduates may have received their Fall edition of *Surgite!* later than scheduled. Steps have been taken to prevent any future problems with delivery. We apologize for any inconvenience.

ALUM News

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1971

Mary Eleanor Hill (BA, hist/pol) successfully defended her doctoral dissertation titled, "John Henry Newman: The Theology of the Christian Life in the Parochial and Plan Sermons." This dissertation was the first to make a systematic analysis of the content of the sermons, preached between 1824-1845. The degree was conferred at the Convocation of the Faculty of Divinity of the University of Trinity College on May 8, 2000. She teaches as a member of the Adjunct Faculty of the Faculty of Divinity, Trinity College, Toronto. In the past several years, she has suffered from severe osteo-arthritis which has required a number of surgeries, but she still manages to enjoy her life and last winter she actually went skating once. Her passion remains in her Chesapeake Bay Retrievers.

1972

Bonnie Saveall (BA, Fren/Germ; DIPLED, '73; MEd, '87) is an elementary school teacher for the District School Board of Niagara. She is also Vice President of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario.

1975

Reginald Grandis (BA, poli; BPhEd, '77) and Maureen (Houlton) Grandis (BPhEd, '77) met and wed at Brock and recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. At the party, 400 people attended along with their children, Jesse 21 and Cassandra 19. Reg and Maureen own and operate Grandis Jewellers in Petrolia, Ontario. Last year they were named the 2000 Canadian Retail Jeweller of the year by *Canadian Jeweller Magazine* and were honoured by the Sarnia Lambton Chamber of Commerce with a Business Excellence award. Find out more of what they have been up to at www.grandisjewellers.com or e-mail grandis@xcelco.on.ca.

1977

Maria Rocca Martin (BA, Engl/Ital) and husband Leon welcome home their baby daughter Antonia Genevieve Elizabeth on March 31, 2001. Antonia was born in Solola, Guatemala, December 9, 1999.

1978

Andrew Macrae (BA, Engl) is Managing Editor of *Pagitica* in Toronto, which celebrated its second anniversary in November. Voted as "Favourite Literary Magazine" in *Write Magazine's* 2000 National Readers' Poll. More information and online subscription can be found at www.pagitica.com.

1981

Rita Marie Cimprich (BSc, cosc) and husband Bob Gilchrist were married in February 1998 in Barbados. Rita has four stepchildren and is soon to be a grandmother. After a successful 20-year technical and sales career with NCR Canada, she is now semi-retired and is starting a small business as a wildlife and nature artist. Rita will be running her business and spending most of her time at their cottage near Gilmour, Ontario.

Diane (Leith) O'Reilly (BAdmin) is living in Waterloo with her two children, Matthew, 7, and Katie, 11. She has been working for Manulife Financial in the information systems department for the past 12 years and is currently Project Director for the Canadian Group Insurance E-Commerce initiatives. Diane would love to hear from old Brock acquaintances.

1982

John McDermott (BA, dram) has been the Artistic Director for Lightning Strikes Theatre Company in New York City for the last six years and in that time the company has won three Off Broadway Review Awards for Play of the Year (the prestigious OOB - the Off Broadway equivalent of the Tony and the OBIE). He has acted in or directed over 20 productions over the last six artistic seasons. You can see what the Company is presently up to at <http://www.lightningstrikes.org> and reach John at john.mcdermott@lightningstrikes.org. He presently lives in Manhattan with his wife, actress Rochelle Stempel, his 14-year-old son Sam, his 13-year-old dog Quince, and his year-and-a-half-old daughter Annie, who recently arrived from China.

1984

Cathern (Fournie) Lethbridge (BA, psyc; BEd, '85) was recently promoted to Vice-Principal at W.H. Day Elementary School in Bradford, Ontario. Since graduation, she has taught at Angus Public School and is looking forward to new challenges and adventures. Cathy lives north of Barrie with husband Jay and son Michael, 14. She can be reached via e-mail at jlcth@drlogick.com.

1986

Vicky Minich (BEd) graduated with a Master of Arts in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University in October 2000. She continues to teach French Immersion/FSL and is currently employed at West Island College, a private 7-12 school. After graduating from Brock, she began teaching for the Durham Board of Education in Oshawa. After six years, she headed west and worked briefly for the RockyView School Div. and Calgary Board of Education before heading out to Golden, B.C., where she taught for seven years with Rocky Mountain School Div. Vicky was married in August of 1998 to a man she met on the Internet. She is delighted to be back in Calgary, playing hockey and cycling. Hello to '86 classmates wherever you may be!

Percita Theodore-Auguste (BA, chld) and husband Bryan have launched their new Web site www.tamaribooks.com. Her personal e-mail address is icita@yahoo.com.

1987

Jeffrey Pfeifer (BA, psyc) has been promoted to full Professor of Psychology at the University of Regina. In addition, he has also been appointed Director of the Canadian Institute for Peace, Justice and Security as well as an Adjunct Associate Professor at Edith Cowan University in Perth, Western Australia. He is currently working on a number of research projects examining various areas of policing and prisons in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

1988

Sandra Haynes (BA, adm/pol) currently moved from Manitoba back to Ontario where she has started in her new position as a Salary Administration Specialist, Human Resources with St. Joseph's Healthcare in London, Ontario.

Ellen (Youngs) Ritchie (BA/BEd) would like to hear from any former "Fitz" girls from 1983 - 1985.

1990

Samuel Charles Esposto (BEd), as of Sept. 1, 2001, he has been promoted to Department Head in Business/Computer Studies and is a night school principal at St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic Secondary School in Hamilton.

1991

Connie (Lafleur) Bailey (BBA) after working almost eight years for Revenue Canada, she is now a full-time mom. Connie and husband Trevor bought a 66-acre farm in March 2000 near Sault Ste Marie, her home town.

1993

Derek Kraliz (BSc, biol) received his MSc in Bio chemical pharmacology at the University of Buffalo in 1996.

Fani (Pyrgos) Madill (BA, chld/psyc) was married in September 1990 to Ryan Madill. Since graduating in 1993, she earned her post-graduate certificate in education (primary) at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland in 1996. She has two girls, Riley, born in December 1997 and Fiona, born in October 1999. In December 1999, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Since then she has written a children's book on breast cancer called *My Mummy Is Sick*. The book costs \$10 with all proceeds to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, Ontario Chapter, for breast cancer research, education, diagnosis and treatment. It is available at CBCF, 1-800-387-9816 ext. 230.

Jim Reitzel (MEd), wife Sharon and other family members are running a real estate company and have purchased their own building at 140 Highland Rd., W., Kitchener, Ontario. You may check out the virtual tours at www.jimreitzel.com. His e-mail address is sold@jimreitzel.com.

1994

Luigi Celli (BACC) has joined the MacGillivray Partners, LLP on October 1, 2000. MacGillivray Partners, LLP was his co-op placement in first year for the Brock Co-op Accounting Program.

Kathryn (Ebel) Ellis (BRLS) is currently in teacher's college at the University of Windsor. She completed her NCCP Level Three Coaching Certification and is currently enrolled in the National Coaching Institute in Toronto working on her Level Four and Five. Kathryn was manager/coach for the winning team of the 2000 Ontario Winter Games last March and is treasurer for the Ontario Swim Coaches Association.

Paul Farquharson (BACC) and Cheryl Simmonds (BACC, '97), after earning their CA designations they moved to the Cayman Islands in 1999. Paul works as Mutual Fund Administrator and Cheryl works as an Audit Manager for PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

Janet McGrath (BA, thea/Russ) after graduating from Brock, she went to Ottawa to establish a consulting firm Tamalik & Associates. Being established for six years now, Janet provides research into cross-cultural issues (Inuit) as well as training and language development (Inuktitut). She teaches the Inuktitut language and culture at the School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies, Carleton University.

Debra Satchell-McCarthy (BA/BEd) and husband Michael are enjoying their lives in their new home with infant son Clayton. Debra is currently on a maternity leave from the Avon Maitland District School Board where she teaches special education classes.

1995

Wayne Byrd (BACC) and Corey (Kelley) Byrd (BRLS, '94) reside in Elora, Ontario. Wayne completed his CMA designation in 1998 and Corey is attending post-graduate courses in the field of Rec and Leisure; both are working in their fields of education.

Gabriella Christina (Latz) Bell (BEd) received her Master of Education from the University of Windsor at the June 9, 2001 convocation ceremony. She is currently teaching half time at the Wallaceburg District Secondary School and has accepted a full-time position at Tilbury Secondary School.

April Moon (BA, labr/soci) has recently been promoted to Assistant Ticketing Services Manager at The Corporation of Massey Hall and Roy Thompson Hall. April lives in Toronto with husband Dickon and daughter Ruby.

1996

Elita Alves (BA, adm/econ), sends congratulations to **Arlyn O'Driscoll (BA, soci, '95)** and Timothy Newbery on their wedding.

Marlene (Neufeld) Augerman (BEd) and Jim Augerman (BEd), Marlene will enjoy the year off from teaching with the Greater Essex County School Board, as Jim enters year six as a Certified Financial Planner and Branch Training Manager with Clarica in Windsor. They are curious as to what their former counselling group friends are up to. Send them an update at: jim.augerman@clarica.com.

J. Carlos Oliveira (BPhEd; BEdTSL, '97) has been in North Carolina since 1998 with the Visiting International Faculty (VIF) organization. They recruit international teachers to serve as cultural exchange ambassadors/teachers. J. Carlos and wife Sheila plan to live in North Carolina permanently. His e-mail address is carlos.oliveira@abs.k12.nc.us.

Amanda Oosterveer (BA, soci) received her Master of Science in Mental Health Counselling at Niagara University, New York 1996-1999.

1997

Rob Axiak (BRLS) after graduating began working for the City of Burlington. His current position is Aquatic Coordinator.

1999

Sam Kirkland (BSM) after graduating, worked for Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment on a contract basis. Then he briefly worked for the Toronto Argonauts before going to the Toronto St. Michael's Majors, of the Canadian Hockey League, as Director, Ticket Sales and Game Operations in July 2000.

Michael Piovesana (BA, soci) would like to thank all the friends he met while attending Brock University. Between his classes and working at Isaac's, he was awarded the opportunity to meet some fantastic people. Some of his peers are the reason he is teaching now.

Jason Michael Vokey (BBE) is working as a Financial Planner with Palomar Financial Group in St. Catharines. He is currently continuing his education through the Canadian Securities Institute in hopes of one day achieving the designation of CFP.

Jennifer (Little) Yarnell (BBA) completed the Canadian Securities course in December 1999. She is now the Trust Accountant for the Region of Niagara.

2000

Joseph Fletcher (BACC) passed the Uniform Final Examination (UFE) and is now a Chartered Accountant. He is now working at Jefferson Wormald Masse & Partners LLP in St. Catharines.

Births

Heather (Graham) Abra (BA, hist, '00) and William Abra (BCB, '01), a daughter, Kiley Anneliese Elizabeth, May 9, 1999 and a son, William Ethan Stewart, July 31, 2001.

Marlene (Neufeld) Augerman (BEd, '96) and Jim Augerman (BEd, '96), a daughter, Marissa Julia Rachelle, September 25, 2001.

Rob Axiak (BRLS, '97), a son, Michael Paul, April 25, 2001.

Connie (Lafleur) Bailey (BBA, '91), a son, Michael Joseph, October 29, 2000.

Heather (Oke) Baker (BA, hist/soci, '94), a son, Matthew Railton, April 20, 2000.

Alexandra (Sandy) (Williams) Bishop (BA, chld, '88; BPhEd, '89), sons, Brendan Leslie Howard, July 14, 1998, and Scott Mackenzie Franklin, April 14, 2001.

Lee (Horley) Blue (BA, psyc/soci, '85) and Matthew Blue (BA, poli/psyc, '83), a daughter, Grace Angela, August 23, 2001.

Tracey (Scafe) Bradshaw (BA, chld, '87), a daughter, Katelyn Grace, May 23, 2001.

Wayne Byrd (BACC, '95) and Corey (Kelley) Byrd (BRLS, '94), daughters, Rhiana, July 7, 1999 and Teagan, October 2, 2001.

Tammy (Nolan) Caldwell (BRLS, '92), a daughter, Harper, June 19, 2001.

Mark Carignan (BA, adm/math, '91) and Jackie (De Groot) Carignan (BA, adm/pol, '91), twin boys, Ryan Michael and Brandon Joshua, January 9, 1999.

Nancy Cherwaty (BA, geog/psyc, '92), a daughter, Parker Camryn, March 16, 2000.

Christopher Dingman (BEd, '00), a daughter, Reina, January 18, 2001.

Lynn Easson-Irvine (BA, clas, '93) and Desmond Irvine (BSc, cosc, '92), a daughter, Shannon Catherine Easson, November 11, 1999.

Tracy (Masse) Hart (BA, soci, '95), a daughter, Jocelyn Kalista, August 1, 2001.

Catherine (Worrall) Homeniuk (BA, chld, '95), a daughter, Meghan Marie, August 9, 2000.

Valeria Horvath (BSc, geog/geol, '83), a daughter, Niamh Margaret, June 22, 1999.

Melanie Hubert-Kraliz (BSc, envp/biol, '96) and Derek Kraliz (BSc, biol, '93), a daughter, Hannah Katherine, July 18, 2001.

Barbara (Brodhurst) Janzen (BA, adm/econ, '88), a daughter, Justina Elisabeth, May 27, 2001.

Shelly (Hull) Jeffrey (BBA, '98), a daughter, Caitlyn April, November 9, 2000.

Frances (Ross) Lainson (BA/BEd, '91), a daughter, Brooke Danielle, May 8, 2001.

Tina (Dwyer) Meissner (BA, csbc, '94), a daughter, Emily Megan, June 28, 2001.

Jodi (Ashbaugh) Murdock (BA/BEd, '94) and Glenn Murdock (BA, adm/pol, '92), a daughter, Dorie-Lynn Helena, January 31, 2001.

Beth (Zollenkopf) Neufeld (BA, chld, '91), a daughter, Sophia Rose, September 7, 2001.

Lynda (Janes) Pikkert (BA, adm/pol, '94), a daughter, Elizabeth Shannon, September 11, 2000.

Heather (Lafferty) Preiner (BBA, '91) and Norbert Preiner (MEd, '01), a son, Liam Charles Alexander, October 3, 2001.

Ellen (Youngs) Ritchie (BA/BEd, '88), a daughter, Erin Victoria, February 9, 2001.

Debra Satchell-McCarthy (BA/BEd, '94), a son, Clayton, June 11, 2001.

Tawnya (McCulloch) Schlosser (BA/BEd, '95), a daughter, Olivia Grace, September 18, 2001.

Cheryl (MacDonald) Sherwood (BA, psyc, '90), a son, Ethan Myles Robert, November 10, 2000.

Gillian (Smith) Snider (BA, soci, '94), a son, Griffen Douglas, September 12, 2001.

Percita Theodore-Auguste (BA, chld, '86), a daughter, Charran Idacita, February 20, 2001.

Corinna (te Sligte) Visser (BRLS, '95), a son, Daniel Luke, November 16, 2000.

Jennifer (Barons) Weinman (BACC, '98) and Michael Weinman (BACC, '99), a daughter, Rebekah Claire, May 12, 2001.

Heather Wilson (BA, psyc, '91), a daughter, Sarah Jewell, April 5, 1998 and a son, Luke Wilson, June 8, 2001.

Vicky (Pogoda) Woolridge (BA, adm/econ, '87), a son, Frank Randall, October 4, 2001.

Marriages

Rob Axiak (BRLS, '97) and Laura, September 11, 1999.

Wayne Byrd (BACC, '95) and Corey Kelley (BRLS, '94), July 1997.

Rita Marie Cimprich (BSc, cosc, '81) and Robert (Bob) Gilchrist, February 1998.

Paul Farquharson (BACC, '94) and Cheryl Simmonds (BACC, '97), October 28, 2000.

Deron Fletcher (BA, econ, '97) and Cheryl Stephens (BA, econ/labr, '98), September 15, 2001.

Maria Giesen (BA/BEd, '99) and Greg Tremeer (BACC, '00), July 14, 2001.

Vanessa Gill (BA, poli, '97) and Matt Stahlbrand, June 2, 2001.

Erica Graham (BRLS, '96) and Alberto Alexander, December 31, 2000.

Cisca Haak (BPhEd, '95) and Vince Campolongo, October 13, 2001.

Tanya Handsor (BA, apli, '94) and Kevin Maynard, August 12, 2000.

Melanie Hubert (BSc, envp/biol, '96) and Derek Kraliz (BSc, biol, '93), August 22, 1998.

Michelle Janssens (BA, ling, '97) and Sergio Ferreira (BA, adm/econ, '97), June 9, 2001.

Jennifer Little (BBA, '99) and Keith Yarnell, October 16, 1999.

Janet McGrath (BA, thea/Russ, '94) and Kevin Douglas, July 8, 2000.

Patricia McIlroy (BA, Engl/hist, '93) and Brian Penner, December 9, 2000.

Arlyn O'Driscoll (BA, soci, '95) and Timothy Newbery, March 11, 2000.

J. Carlos Oliveira (BPhEd, '96; BEdTSL, '97) and Sheila Boswell, April 20, 2001.

Olaf Poulsen (BA, clas/hist, '77) and Valerie Wynowsky, June 29, 2001.

In Memoriam

Elwood Wallace "Spike" Hill (BA, geog/geol, '71) passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Thursday July 19, 2001 at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, St. Catharines at the age of 59 years. He is survived by his wife, Monique, son, Sean and daughter Jennifer.

Michelle (Sorbara) Mazziotti (BEd, '82) passed away December 20, 1998.



J. Carlos Oliveira (BPhEd, '96; BEdTSL, '97) and Sheila Boswell, April 20, 2001.



Maria Giesen (BA/BEd, '99) and Greg Tremeer (BACC, '00), July 14, 2001.



Maria Rocca Martin (BA, Engl/Ital, '77), a daughter, Antonia Genevieve Elizabeth, December 9, 1999.



Rita Marie Cimprich (BSc, cosc, '81) and Robert (Bob) Gilchrist, February 1998.



Dayna Watford-Morrison (BA/BEd, '98) and Travis Watford-Morrison (BA Soci, '98; BEd, '00) and son Carson, born December 30, 2000.



Glenn Murdock (BA, adm/pol, '92) and Jodi (Ashbaugh) Murdock (BA/BEd, '94) with children Tayner, Keslen and Dorie-Lynn.

Brock grad leads project to support Library technology centre

Brock graduate Dr. Daniel Livermore (BA hist/poli '69) is taking a leadership role in a \$500,000 fundraising initiative to develop and strengthen the technological facilities of Brock's James A. Gibson Library.

Livermore, who is Canada's Ambassador for Mine Action, agreed recently to serve as the Honorary Campaign Chair, Information and Learning Technology Centre.

"The University Library played a significant part in my undergraduate education, and I continue to value its importance," says Livermore. "Its role in today's technological environment is more critical than ever. The students and faculty of Brock University will be very well served by the planned Information and Learning Technology Centre, which will provide space, technology and expertise to support the scholarly use of information resources."

The project is off to a strong beginning thanks to a commitment of



Brock graduate Dr. Daniel Livermore, Canada's Ambassador for Mine Action, and Margaret Grove, University Librarian, look over plans for the Library's Information and Learning Technology Centre.

\$100,000 by the University and \$35,000 in support that was received from a recent faculty and staff campaign

that focused on several needs at the University. That leaves \$365,000 to be raised toward the \$500,000 goal.

The Technology Centre, a joint project with Brock's Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET), will include: a fully equipped electronic classroom to support instruction in the digital environment; study space for students with individual and group areas for learning, reflection and discussion; facilities for faculty members to experiment with new technology to enhance the classroom experience; and office space for staff from CTLET.

"The Centre will provide facilities that are essential for the fulfillment of the Library's service mission, thus enabling it to play a more direct role in the education of students," says Margaret Grove, University Librarian.

For more information about the Centre, or to make a donation, contact: Margaret Grove, University Librarian, 905-688-5550, ext. 3226, e-mail: mgrove@spartan.ac.brocku.ca or Susan LeBlanc, Library Advancement Officer, ext. 4688, e-mail: sleblanc@spartan.ac.brocku.ca

BROCK Briefs

Recruiting success continues:

Brock continues to have success recruiting more high achieving students to its University programs. The Student Awards Office reports that from September 1998 to September 2001, Brock's overall award winners (80 per cent and over on their OACs) increased from 536 to 853 — a 59 per cent increase.

The students coming in with 85 per cent or more rose by 30 per cent. And within that, the 90 per cent and over group increased by 39 per cent.



LYL a hit with area grads:

Brock grads Frances Brodhurst (BA, psyc '80, BEd '89), left, and Lynne Roach (BA, chld '82) share the light-hearted tips they picked up through a course titled "Humour as Survival Training," offered through Brock's LYL (Live Younger Longer) Continuing Education Program. These unique, general interest courses are taught by Brock faculty members or area experts. The courses are proving to be popular with Niagara area Brock graduates. Enrolment has more than doubled since LYL started in January 2001. Many local graduates will receive the new Winter 2002 LYL brochure mailed directly to them. Brochures are also available at local public libraries in the Niagara Region or by calling the Continuing Education office, at 905-688-5550, ext. 4775.

Business Citizen of the Year:

Dr. Linda Bramble, of Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI), is the first woman to win the Royal Bank Ontario Awards 2001 Business Citizen of the Year, presented in conjunction with the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival held in September. Bramble is CCOVI's Industry Liaison and also teaches Wine Appreciation and Wine Sales and Service Training at CCOVI. She has been writing about the Ontario wine industry since the early 1980s.

Grads can help Co-op expand into the GTA!

"Careers begin here" is not just a statement, it's a reality for Brock students — and for Co-op students, their careers begin as early as Year 2 of their program.

Brock has the second highest Co-op selection among Ontario's universities with 25 programs across all faculties and plans for more Co-op opportunities in the 2002-2003 academic year.

While many students are placed each year with businesses and organizations across the Niagara area, Brock is looking to expand its Co-op placements in the Greater Toronto Area. As the Toronto-based Co-op Coordinator, Kerry Lazenby is focusing on new employer development in the GTA.

"A number of Brock students have worked in the GTA with companies such as RBC Dominion Securities, Visteon, PriceWaterhouseCoopers,

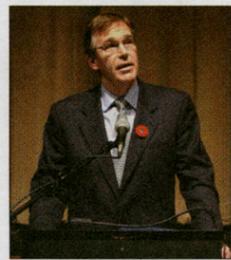
Hydro One, the Ministry of Transportation, SkyDome, Harbourfront, and CIBC, just to name a few," says Lazenby. "My job is to further develop our employer partnerships in the GTA so that we can offer Brock students a wide variety of work experiences."

"Co-op placements give students hands-on experience in their field of study while providing employers with top notch temporary hires which quite often result in full-time hires upon graduation."

If Brock graduates are interested in hiring a Co-op student or would like to find out how businesses can get involved in the program, please contact the Co-op office at 905-688-5550, ext. 4325, or visit: www.co-op.brocku.ca

Graduates working in the GTA can also contact Kerry Lazenby at 905-728-0702 or e-mail: klazenby@spartan.ac.brocku.ca

Canada has ability to meet economic challenges



Gordon M. Nixon

Gordon M. Nixon, President and CEO of RBC Financial Group, Canada's largest financial institution.

Speaking at the D.G. Willmot Distinguished Lecture Series at Brock University on November 8, Nixon said Canada has to put the strength of its past economic record to work and make difficult choices in order to see its way through this "turbulent time."

"Our country has made major strides in certain areas over the last decade," said Nixon in his first address at a university since being named, in August 2001, President and CEO of RBC Financial Group. "However, the prosperity we have enjoyed does not come with a long-term warranty and we must address our weaknesses."

Canadians should feel confident about the country's ability to overcome challenges to ensure its economic prosperity in today's global environment said

He said the economic slow down, exacerbated by the events of September 11, calls for a severe restructuring of many industries, as well as a shift in human behaviour.

"We will eventually recover," he said. "However, there is no doubt in my mind that the next decade will be quite different from the past."

He outlined four challenges that he believes are critical to Canada's future competitiveness. These include addressing the slowdown in trade due to border concerns, building national strategies and industrial policies that address our competitive issues, reversing the high level of foreign takeovers of Canadian companies, and the need for much greater levels of innovation in the Canadian private sector.

"These four challenges are totally interrelated and all directly impact Canada's relative competitive position in a continental and global marketplace," he said.

The next speaker in the Willmot Distinguished Lecture Series will be the Hon. Edward Broadbent, on March 7, 2002, at 7:30 p.m., in the David S. Howes Theatre.

Co-op at Brock

- Accounting
- Biotechnology
- Business Administration
- Business Economics
- Chemistry
- Communications: Business, Information Technology, Writing, Communication Policy, Media and Culture
- Computer Science
- Computing and Business and Computing and Mathematics
- Computing and Solid-State Device Technology
- Applied Environmental Science and Technology
- Film Studies
- French Teaching Specialization
- Neuroscience
- Oenology and Viticulture
- Physics
- Popular Culture
- Psychology
- Sport Management
- Theatre, Dramatic Literature and Drama and Theatre in Education
- Workplace Health

In memoriam

Dr. Allan C. Bennett died on Monday, May 7, 2001, after a heroic fight with a neuro-degenerative disease.

Dr. Bennett had retired from Brock in August, 1993, after being with the Faculty of Education, St. Catharines, since 1965. He served in many



Dr. Allan C. Bennett

capacities during his years at Brock. He was Chairman of Graduate Studies at the College of Education for many years. He also served as Chairman of Senate of the University as well as Associate Vice-President, Academic.

Former Brock President, Dr. Terry White, described Dr. Bennett as "a hard-working member of the Brock family ... an optimist who looked on the positive side. I always left Al feeling refreshed and good about the day. I admired his steadiness, sense of perspective and wit."

Dr. Bennett is survived by his wife, Muriel and children, Michael and Jennifer.

New research directions for Niagara's agriculture



Professor Vincenzo De Luca is a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair.

Professor Vincenzo De Luca may still be getting familiar with his new Niagara home, yet he is quickly getting up to speed on the needs of the region's agricultural industry.

The expert in plant biotechnology joined Brock's Department of Biological Sciences in August. His background includes research with the National Research Council of Canada Plant Biotechnology Institute, and research and teaching in the Biology department

at the Université de Montréal.

Most recently, De Luca was a Principal Scientist, at Syngenta, a leading global provider of innovative agribusiness products and solutions. While at Syngenta, De Luca's research focused on the use of metabolic engineering for producing more useful, healthier vegetables.

De Luca is eager to expand and improve Niagara's existing grape growing industry. As well, he hopes his

Dr. Vincenzo De Luca is a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Plant Biotechnology. His research also has received support from the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

continued research into plant-based medicinal products may lead to new agriculture and industry opportunities for Niagara.

"My overall research focus is on the use of genetic engineering to improve crops that are of value to the Niagara region," explains De Luca.

He says that 30 to 40 per cent of his research effort will be spent investigating how grape plants produce the necessary chemistry for the production of high quality wine. His objective is to develop practical tools to be used by grape growers in predicting the most appropriate time for harvesting grapes when they have the best chemical properties for the production of high quality wine.

"The lab focus will be on metabolic pathways and the modifications required to consistently produce a final higher quality wine product," he explains.

His other major project involves ongoing research into the biochemical

pathways that occur in various medicinal plants.

"The objective in these projects will be to find new and interesting approaches to enhance the production of commercially relevant plant-based medicinal products," he says. "When you consider that 25 to 30 per cent of all drugs used by pharmaceutical companies are derived from plants – I think it shows you the relevance of focusing on this."

For the past 12 to 13 years, De Luca has received funding to research the Madagascar periwinkle, a plant that produces anti-cancer agents. It is currently being used in the treatment of various cancers.

"I have spent many years elucidating how these plants produce such useful and interesting natural products and we are now ready to modify the chemistry of the plant to enhance the production of these useful compounds," he says.

De Luca says his projects present valuable student training opportunities in state-of-the-art techniques such as genomics, proteomics, metabolic profiling, which are now extensively used for product discovery in industry.

"This kind of training should allow students to obtain jobs in both the pharmaceutical and chemical industries and for some, it will allow them to initiate enterprises that may benefit the Niagara region," he says.

'New Opportunities' for sleep research

Dr. Kimberly Cote, of the Department of Psychology, and Director of the Brock University Sleep Research Laboratory, is the recipient of a \$92,773 New Opportunities grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI).

The CFI New Opportunities Grant provides funding for new state-of-the-art computer hardware and software as well as renovations to the Sleep Research Laboratory.

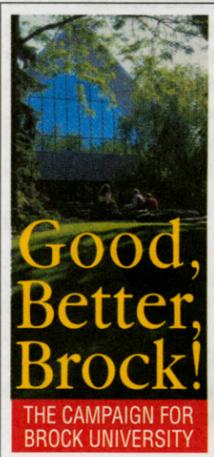
"The purchase of this new equipment will further our lab's world-class

reputation in the area of sleep research," says Cote. "Our facilities provide excellent training for Canadian students and scientists and will attract international students and fellows."

Cote is a Brock graduate who joined the Department of Psychology in 2000. Her investigations of changes in arousal and attention as a consequence of sleep deprivation will contribute to the health and well-being of Canadians by enhancing the understanding of fatigue, brain regulation and the consequences of sleep loss.

Campaign passes \$21 million

Brock University's \$29-million campaign has raised \$21,841,500, or 74 per cent of its goal. This final phase of the "Good, Better, Brock!" campaign will complete financing for the \$51 million in construction under way on the campus.



"Clearly we have come a long way, but we still have a long way to reach \$29 million," according to Brock President David Atkinson, who has been actively involved with the campaign. "Our co-chairs Norris Walker and

George Grant have done great work with their volunteer team. As the campaign progresses, they continue to be inspired by Isaac Brock's final words: 'Surgite! – Press on!'"

Author, Author!

Richard MacFarlane (BA geog/soci, '77) is the author of a biography about his father, J. Douglas MacFarlane. His book, *Canada's Newspaper Legend: The*

Brock graduates have supported the campaign in a number of ways. Fully two-thirds of our campaign volunteers are Brock graduates, a number of whom have made leadership gifts.

The University is also proud to report that this campaign has realized a 21 per cent increase in the total value of graduate gifts through TeleGrad, our annual phone-mail campaign. Equally important is the graduate participation rate through TeleGrad which has increased from 14.9 per cent to 21.9 per cent year to year, due to this campaign.

Other highlights of Brock's campaign:

- Inspired by our students who voted through a referendum to tax themselves \$5 million for our campaign, faculty and staff participation increased to an unprecedented 53 per cent, which certainly compares favourably with other Canadian institutions;

- We continue to broaden the base of our support, attracting to date 314 new donors;

- Past donors have provided generous new levels of support, averaging 2.5 times their last gift.

Story of J. Douglas MacFarlane, ECW Press of Toronto, was launched on September 19, 2000, at the Toronto Press Club.

ALUMNI: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Surname at Graduation: _____

ID# _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel # () _____

E-mail: _____

Employer name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Employer Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel # () _____

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Spouse's name: _____

Spouse a Brock Grad? Yes No

If yes, ID# _____

Surname at Graduation: _____

Employer Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Employer Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel # () _____

E-mail: _____

Contact (parent/friend/etc.): _____

Relationship: _____

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IF YOU PREFER TO SUBMIT UPDATED INFORMATION ONLINE, PLEASE SEE OUR WEB SITE AT: www.brocku.ca/extrel/alumni/

AlumNews:
Do you have some news that you'd like to share in the next AlumNews section? Enter it below and we'll do our best to include it in the next *Surgite!* (Attach a separate sheet if you need more space.)

Clip this form and return it to the Alumni Office, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario L2S 3A1 or fax to: 905-641-5216 or e-mail: alumni@spartan.ac.brocku.ca

Ceremonies recognize contributions to student health, athletics



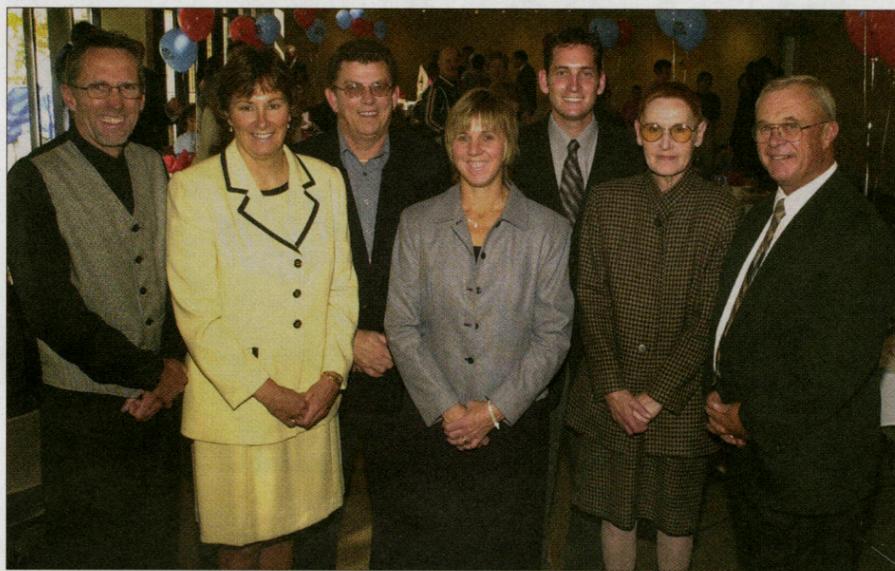
At the official dedication of the Don Lorimer Athletic Therapy Clinic, from left, Joe Kenny, Head Athletic Therapist and Clinic Manager, Andrea Lorimer, Michael Lorimer, Mary Lorimer, Brock President David Atkinson, Athletics Director Lorne Adams and BUSU President Duncan Small.

Brock University named its Athletic Therapy Clinic in memory of Dr. Don Lorimer to recognize his commitment to student health and athletics at Brock over more than 20 years.

On September 28, as part of the Brock Days celebrations, the Lorimer family gathered with friends, faculty, staff and students to dedicate the Don Lorimer Athletic Therapy Clinic.

Dr. Lorimer, who died in March 2001, was co-founder of the clinic in

1983 and a team physician and mentor of varsity athletes and staff for many years. He also helped to establish Student Health Services and was its Medical Director for more than 20 years. Dr. Lorimer inspired affection and dedication among the nurses, physicians, athletic therapists and staff who work together to deliver health care to the Brock community. He also provided sports medicine care to many Niagara athletes through his private practice.



Honoured for their contributions to athletics at Brock, from left, Bryan Stride, Diane Hilko, Chuck Shafley, accepting on behalf of Brian Wasylowich, Tammy Balkwill (Eboral), Dave Picton, Mary Lorimer, accepting on behalf of her late husband Don Lorimer, and Paul Jackson. Also honoured was Joe Domarchuk who was not present for the photo.

Brock Director of Athletics Lorne Adams spoke of Dr. Lorimer's gift for relating to athletes. Adams said Dr. Lorimer was also well known for his sense of humour, love of life and commitment to Brock.

"Now ... nobody can ever forget the tremendous contributions of this wonderful man to this institution," Adams said.

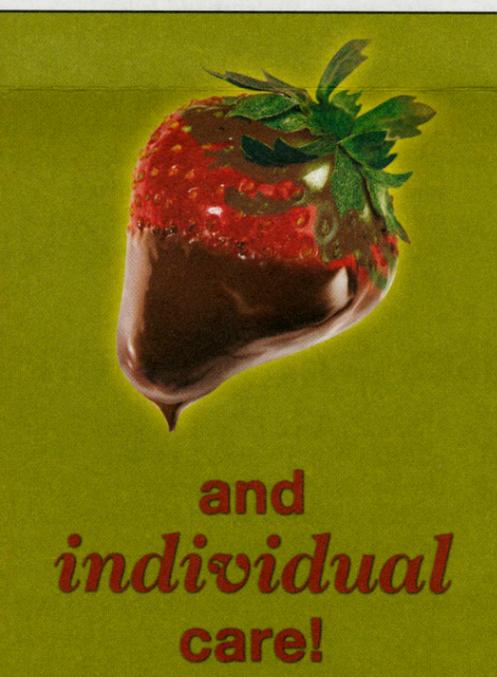
Hall of Fame honours

Dr. Lorimer was further honoured on September 29 as one of eight people to be inducted into the Brock Badgers Sports Hall of Fame.

Brock recognized Lorimer in the builders category along with Paul Jackson, former Brock

Hockey Coach. Also honoured were six former Brock athletes: Bryan Stride (1973-77), Men's Track and Field/Cross Country; Diane Hilko (1978-84), Women's Basketball; Joe Domarchuk (1983-87), Men's Wrestling; Tammy Balkwill (Eboral) (1983-86), Women's Swimming; Brian Wasylowich (1983-88), Men's Swimming; and Dave Picton (1991-96), Men's Basketball.

"The people being inducted today have made a major contribution to this institution," said Terry Boak, Vice-President, Academic, during the Hall of Fame luncheon.



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Ottawa-area graduates should watch Brock's Web site for details of an upcoming event. Graduates will be invited to attend a spring reception to meet Brock Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama, who was recently appointed the lead architect for the new Canadian War Museum. For more information, go to: www.brocku.ca/extrel/alumni and click on Alumni networks.